NEWS ITEMS

Nationalities of homesteaders for the month of September in Manitoba, Al-berta, Saskatchewan, and British Colum-bia were. Canadian, 962; Newfound-land, 1; English, 309; Irish, 39; Scotch, 98; French, 26; Belgians, 12; Swiss, 1; Americans, 651.

The strike of the machinists of the Grand Trunk Railway, which commenced on March 18th, is still on.

As aiready mentioned, the strike has been in existence since March 18. Since that time a number of machinists have received either permanent or temperary employment with other companies or in other establishments. The numbers that had not been provided for in this way and were still without employment in consequence of the strike at the end of the month were, so far as could be ascertained, approximately as follows: At Stratford about 100 machinists and 60 approximates: at Port Huran, Mich, be prentices; at Port Huren, Mich., be-cen 60 and 75 machinists at Toronto, out 20 machinists; at St. Thomas and London together between 10 and 15. Of the machinists who came out at Montreal originally practically all have since returned to work. Taking all the points together, the total number of machinists out of employment in consequence of the strike at the end of the month was ut 200. Of this number fully oneof were in the City of Stratford, and bout three fourths of the remainder at bort Huron in the United States. The prentices at Stratford should be add-d in estimating the total number of ersons affected.

This does not represent the numbers that would be affected by a settlement, or the numbers who claim to be on strike but are at present employed elsowhere. It represents only the number of those who came out on strike originally and base neither returned to work nor secured other employment since.

Failures in Canada

Insolvencies in the Dominion of Canda were 118 in number and \$728,418 n amount of liabilities. This is a moderate increase, both in number and amount; as compared with either of the two years immediately preceding. In November, 1904, there were 99 failures, for \$649,757, and in 1903 the showing was still better—89 suspensions, invovement \$620,513. This year's manufacturing disasters were 30 in number and 1340,485 in amount, against 25 failures ast year for \$198,484. Most of the nerease was due to two large defaults cies in the Dominion of Can increase was due to two large defaults of a pork packer and a power company. Trading failures numbered 84, with

debts of \$370,433, against 74 for \$451,-273 a year ago. There were four other commercial insolvencies in Canada that owed \$17,500, whereas no failures oc-curred in this third division in Novem-

It is stated that six or more responsible Salvation Army officers will be ap-pointed for the distribution of emigrants coming to Canada under the auspices of the Army.

A serious accident that might have proved fatal occurred last week on the Traders' Building. Jno. Norman, of 343 Albany avenue, an iron worker, was on the eighth storey, attending one of the derricks, when he fell backward. In falling he grasped a scantling that was across the joists on the next floor, where he hung until rescued. He was found to have sustained a compound fracture of the leg. Anticipating accidents on this same building, the Building Trades Council sent a deputation to the Board of Control to lay before them the fact that prover implestion was not affected. that proper protection was not afforded, and that the most insanitary condition prevailed. The Board of Control promised they would give the matter consideration. When?

CHURCH CHOIR STRIKE.

On Sunday night the choir connected with Saint John the Baptist Church, Hul-Top, Walkerton, owing to certain griev-ances, refused to go into the choir stalls, and came out on strike,

THEIR POLICY IN STRIKE INCI-DENT CAUSED FRICTION.

St. John, N.B., Dec. 2.—The announcement was made in the Telegraph this morning that the resignation of John Russell, Jr., president of the Telegraph and Times Publishing Companies, and F. W. McCready and A. M. Belding, editors of the Telegraph and Times, respectively, had been placed in the hands of David Russell, owner.

The action was taken because it had become apparent and was admitted that an error had been made in upholding Mayor White in his refusal to preside

Mayor White in his refusal to preside at a public meeting in connection with the longshoremen's strike.

The Telegraph commended the Mayor for not presiding, and yesterday David hussell had published in the Telegraph a letter severely criticizing the Mayor for not doing so.

Gains Made by Moulders

A report for the third quarter just ending has been sent out from the head-quarters of the Iron Molders' Union of North America in Cincinnati, and shows remarkable gains made by the union. The membership record for the quarter shows 1.644 initiations, 1,798 reinstatements, and one by old honorar ard. A total for the quarter of 3,443. Only 4,530 out-of-work stamps were used during the quarter. The smallest number used in any quarter during the last two years. The general health of the membership has been normal, and for the first number when the first number was a second of the first numbership has been normal, and for the first quarter during the year the balance for the sick benefit fund

appeared on the right side of the ledger.

During the last six months the excess of disbursements over receipts in the sick benefit fund amounted to \$8,050.10. For the third quarter there was a net gain to the credit of this fund of \$7,453.09, reducing the deficit for the first nine

months of the year to \$597.01.

During the third quarter there was paid out from the fund \$38,276.25, which when added to the amount already paid out since the fund was established in 1896, makes the enormous sum of \$1,

THE LABOR PRESS

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The labor press gives constant evidence of its improving service to the cause of labor's interests, and a clearer perception of the attitude and position it occupies to the trades union move-ment. There is perceptible improvement ment. There is perceptible improvement and efficiency, as time goes on. There are published now 185 officials journals issued monthly or oftener by American international unions, and 179 weekly fabor papers, all devoted to the defence and advocacy of labor's interests, nearly all of which are stoutly espousing the trade union movement and the American Federation of Labor. Though better support is now given to the labor press than heretofore, it is still of an unsatisfactory character. The service which factory character. The service which the labor press renders our fellow-work-ers is incalculable in dollars and cents. In saying the right word at the right time to place labor's side before the world upon any given controversy or point at issue, many advantages are gained as well as the best possible showing made for the cause and the movement which, despite their nobility and gran-deur yet, have too few friends and advocates. We cannot too strongly urge our fellow-workers and friends to give the labor press loyal and tangible sup-port.—President Gompers' Report to the American Federation of Labor Conven-

As a result of the strike of the print ers at the plant of the General Electric Company, Schenectady, N.Y., which has been on for the past five weeks, the company has decided to abandon its

printing department and have its work done outside the works. This is one of the concerns that started out to break up the International Typographical Union, and the result is that its own plant is put out of business.

JEWS SATURATED WITH OIL AND BURNED ALIVE.

Jews at Ismail in Bessarabia. Here the mob arranged an "auto da fe," burning alive eleven Jews, who hid from purenit in a hayrick. The Village of Kaarasch has been devastated and burn-ed. Fifty-nise Jews perished in the flames, and 200 fled to the next villages: but some were caught by the peasants. Seven were bludgeoned to death, and three soaked with petroleum and burned.

INTERNATIONAL RELIEF FUND. A mass meeting of Jews was held in New York, at which it was decided to form a committee for the relief of the sufferers in the recent massacres in Russia. Contributions totalling \$56,800 were received. English leaders of the Jews are also considering the situation, with a view to helping their brethren who have suffered in the terrible upheams.

QUARRYMEN'S WAGES REDUCED. Evidence of the present great depres-sion in the Welsh slate trade is found in the decision of Lord Penrhyn to re duce the wages at Christmas of the 4,000 quarrymen employed at the Penrhyn quarries by 10 per cent. The news has been received with dismay in Banger and Bethesda, where the bulk of the men reside. Foreign competition is at the root of the depression. It is impossible, quarrymen sible, quarrymen say, to compete with French slates, the importation of which is increasing by leaps and bounds. Lord Penrhyn's chief quarry manager has in-formed the men that he will have a conference with their representatives over

Germany is again threatened with a gigantic war between labor and capital, which may seriously affect hundreds of thousands of families in the Saxon and Thuringian textile districts. 40,000 workmen have been locked out. The worst flews comes from the Westphalian coal district, where masters and men are preparing for another gigantic battle, which will cause untold misery among the millions of factory workers.

Two of General Booth's granddaugh ters are becoming successful evangelists in the ranks of the Salvation Army, and have recently conducted services at Croy don in the Theatre Royal.

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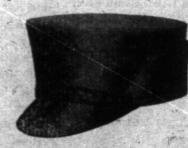




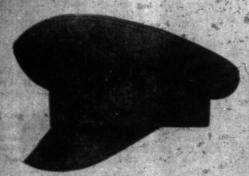
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