

NEWS ITEMS

Nationalities of homesteaders for the month of September in Manitoba, Alberta, Saskatchewan, and British Columbia were: Canadian, 962; Newfoundland, 1; English, 309; Irish, 39; Scotch, 98; French, 26; Belgian, 12; Swiss, 1; Americans, 951.

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

As already mentioned, the strike has been in existence since March 18. Since that time a number of machinists have received either permanent or temporary 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 109 machinists and 60 apprentices; at Port Huron, Mich., between 60 and 75 machinists, at Toronto, about 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 about 200. Of this number fully one-half were in the City of Stratford, and about three-fourths of the remainder at Port Huron in the United States. The apprentices at Stratford should be added in estimating the total number of persons 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 elsewhere. It represents only the number of those who came out on strike originally and have neither returned to work nor secured other employment since.

Failures in Canada

Insolvencies in the Dominion of Canada were 118 in number and \$728,418 in 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, involving \$620,512. This year's manufacturing distillers were 30 in number and \$340,485 in amount, against 25 failures last year for \$198,484. Most of the 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 occurred in this third division in November, 1904.

It is stated that six or more responsible Salvation Army officers will be appointed 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 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, Hill Top, Walkerton, owing to certain grievances, refused to go into the choir stalls, and came out on strike.

THEIR POLICY IN STRIKE INCIDENT 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 P. 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 at a public meeting in connection with the longshoremen's strike.

The Telegraph commended the Mayor for not presiding, and yesterday David Russell 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 headquarters of the Iron Molders' Union of North America in Cincinnati, and shows remarkable gains made by the union. The membership record for the quar-

ter shows 1,644 initiations, 1,798 reinstatements, and one by old honorary card. 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 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 \$1,038,070.50.

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 movement. There is perceptible improvement and efficiency, as time goes on. There are published now 185 official journals issued monthly or oftener by American international unions, and 179 weekly labor 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 the labor press renders our fellow-workers 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 grandeur 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 support.—President Gompers' Report to the American Federation of Labor Convention.

As a result of the strike of the printers 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.

News comes of atrocious massacres of Jews at Ismail in Bessarabia. Here the mob arranged an "auto da fe," burning alive eleven Jews, who hid from pursuit in a hayrick. The Village of Ksarash has been devastated and burned. Fifty-nine 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 this terrible upheaval.

QUARRYMEN'S WAGES REDUCED.

Evidence of the present great depression in the Welsh slate trade is found in the decision of Lord Penrhyn to reduce 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 Bangor and Bethesda, where the bulk of the men reside. Foreign competition is at the root of the depression. It is impossible, quarrymen say, to compete with French slates, the importation of which is increasing by leaps and bounds. Lord Penrhyn's chief quarry manager has informed the men that he will have a conference with their representatives over the matter.

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. Already 40,000 workmen have been locked out. The worst news 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 granddaughters are becoming successful evangelists in the ranks of the Salvation Army, and have recently conducted services at Croydon in the Theatre Royal.

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