

Across the Border

American Federation of Labor

The report of Secretary Morrison of the American Federation of Labor for the past eleven months shows the federation to be in good financial condition, the total balance Sept. 1 being \$103,323.34. The report also showed that there are now affiliated with the American Federation of Labor 118 international unions, 40 State federations, 670 city central bodies, and 820 local trades unions having no international union of their craft. The total shows 26,000 local trades unions all told and a membership approximately of 2,000,000.

Must Try and Adjust

The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. will recommend to the next convention that no jurisdiction disputes between organizations be considered unless the organizations in interest have first tried to adjust the differences and agree in advance to abide by any decision rendered.

Amalgamation

Plans are under way to bring about an amalgamation of the International Association of Car Workers of America and the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen of America. The former organization is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and the latter is independent, and has so far refused to join the national movement.

Paul Kelly the Strike Breaker

Paul Kelly, the motorman on the New York Elevated Railway whose carelessness resulted in throwing a car from the track to the street and caused the death of seventeen persons, was a strike-breaker, who entered the company's employ six months ago while a strike was in progress, and his home was formerly in St. Louis.

ANOTHER STRIKE FEARED

Textile Manufacturers Refuse Request of the Council

Fall River, Mass.—The textile situation here was more critical to-night than it has been at any time since the close of the great strike last January.

The Manufacturers' Association, representing all the print cloth mills in the city, with the exception of those controlled by M. C. D. Borden, of New York, to-day voted to refuse the request of the textile council for a direct restoration of the wage schedule which prevailed previous to the 12 1-2 per cent. reduction of July 25, 1904.

Many of the business men fear that another strike will be decided upon.

The association's plan provided for a direct increase of 5 per cent., and a profit-sharing arrangement, the profits due the employees to be figured monthly on the market price of cloth, which, however, must show at least a margin over the cost of cotton of 75 cents per cut. The present condition of the market would net the employees about 8 per cent., which would make a total increase in wages of about 13 per cent.

No Elections

The contest for president of the International Association of Machinists has resulted in no election—the candidate with the highest vote not having received a majority of all the votes cast. James O'Connell, the present incumbent, and D. W. Roderick, of Chicago, will be the contestants on the next ballot.

Presidency of the Structural Ironworkers

Frank M. Ryan, of Chicago, captured the presidency of the Bridge and Structural Ironworkers' International Union at the Philadelphia convention. Frank Buchanan, who has held the office for three years, was not a candidate. Ryan's competitor was J. W. Johnson, of New York.

Upholsterers Strike in New York

About 1,000 upholsterers employed in twenty shops of the Interior Decorators and Cabinetmakers' Association, at New York, struck to enforce a demand for an advance of 50 cents a day. Several independent firms have granted the increase according to the workmen.

Coppersmith Charter

An application for a charter from the Coppersmiths was denied by the Executive Council of the A. F. of L. The council urged affiliation with the Sheet Metal Workers' Alliance, which organization exercises jurisdiction over coppersmiths.

Trouser Workers' Strike

The New York Trouser Makers' Union has struck for an advance of wages, a ten-hour work day, and recognition of the union. There are 8,000 trouser makers out in 250 shops. The Children's Jacket Makers' Union, which has a membership of 5,000, has ordered a general strike to go into effect for higher wages and recognition of the union.

New York Cloakmakers demand Increase

Cloak Makers' Union of New York City is preparing to demand a new and increased wage scale and recognition of the union.

Mayor would not Stand for Unfair Labor

The business agent of the Baltimore painters saw non-union men on public work. He notified the mayor, who announced that no unfair labor should be put to work.

Change its Name

The National Association of Railroad Blacksmiths, at its annual convention, changed its name to international instead of national.

New Constitution

The new constitution of the hotel and restaurant employees has been defeated by a referendum vote of 13,697 to 9,010.

No Labor Bank in Chicago

The proposed scheme of starting a union labor bank in Chicago has been wrecked in negative action taken by the Federation of Labor. After a battle of debaters upon the floor the members overwhelmingly defeated the plan holding that the banking business was entirely outside the sphere of organized labor.

We Have to Fight for Every Thing

Twenty-five hundred operatives of the Iron Works in Fall River, Mass., have been notified that the 12 1-2 per cent. cut in their wages, made in 1904, would be restored. The improved prices in the market made the restoration possible, and an honorable employer made it certain. An instance like this, however, is an exception to the rule. Nearly every improved condition that a wage-earner gets has to be fought for—sometimes by tedious conferences and sometimes by strikes.

Mr. Rockefeller's Opinion

John D. Rockefeller says there is no truth in the story that he predicted hard times within the next few years. "My firm belief in the conditions that now prevail in the country," said Mr. Rockefeller, "is quite the reverse. The country is too prosperous at present to warrant any fear that a sudden or disastrous revulsion of business is likely to occur. I can scarcely see a cloud on the financial horizon, and certainly nothing that would warrant a fear of approaching trouble."

300 Per Cent. Profit for Standard Oil's Missouri Monopoly

Forced Combination for Control in Violation of State's Law

DIVIDENDS TO BROADWAY

St. Louis, Oct. 16.—Dividends amounting to 300 per cent. a year on a capital stock of \$400,000, or a total profit of \$1,200,000, two-thirds of which was paid the Standard Oil Company, were made by the Waters-Pierce Oil Company, it was shown this afternoon, in the hearing instituted by Attorney-General Hadley to revoke the charters of the Waters-Pierce and the Standard Oil Companies in Missouri.

H. Clay Pierce, of the Waters-Pierce Company, received dividends on all but four shares of the 4,000 total issued by his company. His financial secretary testified that two-thirds was sent to a Mr. Tillford, at 26 Broadway, New York, the office of the Standard Oil Company.

12,000 Small Boys Taken From the Coal Mines

Child Labor Law Goes into Effect in the Anthracite Region

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The new child labor law, which forces some 12,000 boys out of the anthracite mines, went into effect this morning, and is to be rigidly enforced by the officers of the Mine Workers' Union. It provides that no boys under 14 shall be employed outside the mines and none under 16 inside. A recent investigation revealed the fact that of the 24,000 breaker boys at least half are between the ages of 10 and 14, and will be affected by the new law and forced from the collieries into the schools.

Anti Age Limit League

An organization known as the Anti-Age Limit League has been organized in Chicago to fight the age limit of forty-five used against workmen.

Pittsburg's Plumbers Out

The plumbers employed by the city of Pittsburg are on a strike for car fare to and from work, Saturday half-holiday and bi-weekly pay days.

A referendum vote by the members of the Cigarmakers' Union is in favor of numbering and recording the labels of that organization consecutively in the future in series of 1,000,000 each. It is hoped thereby to facilitate the detection of counterfeiters.

The Pattern Makers' League of North America, in session at Pittsburg, Pa., recently, raised the assessment of the members from 25 to 50c a week. It is proposed to use the money which is paid as dues to build up the organization. It was also decided to increase the death benefit and pay a deceased member's relatives \$400 and a sick benefit of \$6.50 a week.

Four hundred girls are on strike at the American Enamelled Tile Works at Logansville, Ohio, for an increase of \$1 per week. At a meeting held later words of condemnation were instituted at the unfair treatment of the daily press.

The girls employed in the assorting room of the Mosaic plant in Brighton, Ohio, have gone out on strike. They demand an increase of 60c per week.

The Church Needs You

Even the church folks are seeking for your membership, union men! They want you. They need you. They will be better off having a full-fledged honorable and upright trades unionist enrolled as a member of their congregation.

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Labor Conventions

Nov. 6, Pen Argyl, Pa., International Union of Slate Workers.

Dec. 4, Denver, Col., National Alliance of Bill Posters and Builders of America.

Dec. 4, Cleveland, O., International Seamen's Union.

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Jan. 8, St. Paul, Minn., Stone Masons' International Union of America.

Jan. 8, Washington, D.C., International Slate and Tile Roofers' Union of America.

If the 75,000 mouths controlled by organized labor, with their sympathizers, ate union-made bread, there would be no bakers' strike on. Lend a hand. Now is the time.