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CANADA

THE Halifax cotton mill has passed into the hands of the Dominion Cotton Company, the shareholders receiving 52½ cents on the dollar

A BUFFALO manufacturer of tin goods is about to establish works at Fort Erie, Ont owing to the cheapness of Canadian natural gas for fuel and light

ON the 21st the shifters at New's Brickyard, Hamilton, refused to work for the reduced wages, and they struck. They returned when New agreed to pay them the old rate, twenty five cents a thousand.

THE various assemblies of the K. of L. in Montreal are to hold a monster picnic during the summer. The day has not been definitely settled upon, but an active committee has been appointed to perfect arrangements, and before long full particulars will be given.

A HUNDRED men at the Chaudiere Mills, Ottawa, have been cruelly confidenced by an unknown sharper. The individual, for whom detectives are now hunting, represented he was hiring mill men to go to British Columbia. He offered high wages, agreed to pay the passage as agent, and demanded $1 fee from each man. Many gave him money, but most gave valuables as security—watches, rings, etc. He then disappeared. The dupes are wild with indignation.

UNITED STATES.

LABOR day is a legal holiday in fourteen states.

CO OPERATIVE colonies increase in the West.

PLOWING by steam is on trial in Minnesota.

CHICAGO hod-carriers work eight hours; $2.40 a day.

A NATIONAL union of architectural iron workers will be formed.

DENVER unions will vote against legislators who defeated labor bills.

Two pairs of turned shoes in fifty-seven seconds is the record of a Lynn shop.

KANSAS City bakers are winning the abolishment of night work. The day begins at 5 a m.

THE co-operative yard opened by the Nashville stonecutters has given employment to all out of work.

MASONS, hod-carriers, bricklayers and plasterers on a Brooklyn job, by going out enabled the laborers to gain eight hours and $2.75.

ALL the iron workers and machinists at the yacht building establishment of C. L. Seabury & Co, New York, have struck for nine hours.

THE Common Council of Jackson, Mich, has adopted an ordinance making nine hours a legal workday for all workmen in the employ of the city.

CAPT. LOAR and the ten deputies, who were indicted for the murder of the strikers shot down in the Pennsylvania coke riots, have all been acquitted.

BOSTON stone masons won nine hours, eight on Saturday, forty-two cents an hour, time and half time for overwork, and double pay for Sundays and legal holidays.

THE employees of Andrew Carnegie's steel works are endeavoring to get a holiday on Sundays. The great Christian gentleman and philanthropist works his men Sundays, day and night.

A DESPATCH states that the great Pittsburg, Pa., strike of cokers, which has lasted sixteen weeks and involved about sixteen thousand men, has terminated, and the men in large numbers were lately applying to be reinstated This is probably an Associated Press lie.

IN the case of a big merchant in Chicago it has been discovered that while he gives $25,000 per year for charity he is keeping a hundred employees in his store on starvation wages. Some of his married clerks had to pawn most of their furniture to get through the winter.—*Detroit Free Press.*

ARBUCKLE BROS., of Brooklyn, have notified their female employees who are working at weighing and packing coffee, that they will lose their positions in about one year, as the firm will introduce machinery by which the work of the girls is to be done. The firm promises to find other employment for the girls.

THE Bricklayers' Union, of Milwaukee, has withdrawn from the Building Trades League of that city, because its members were not willing to assist other unions in obtaining reduced hours. It is just such incorporated contemptible hogs in human form who are the greatest obstacle to the success of the labor cause everywhere.

THE Detroit street car strike contains a lesson, if you can find it. The strikers won, yet their cause was no more just than that of many who have lost. There was force to prevent the running of cars by scabs, but the authorities did not or could not control the rioters Public sentiment was with the strikers Was it public sentiment or force that won the strike? or were both necessary?

NOTICE has been received at Galesburg Ill, by the grand officers of the Brotherhood of Railway Trammen, of the withdrawal of the Switchmen's Union from the supreme Council of the Federated Railway Employees. This action results from the refusal of the trainmen to stand by the switchmen in their recent trouble with the Northwestern Railway Company

DURING the week 16 000 people who represent the intelligence" of the country sailed from New York for Europe. Meanwhile the men who produced the wealth which enables these people to take their ease in foreign countries during the hot weather must work ten hours or more per day, live on the barest necessities of life, and be denounced as loud mouthed labor agitators if they object to doing so. —*Midland Mechanic.*

DEPUTIES of Carroll D Wright, the United States Commissioner of Labor, have opened an office in the Federal Building, New York City, for the purpose of gathering statistics in relation to labor questions They propose to learn as far as possible the amount of wages received by the working people of New York, their general condition, what they eat and wear, what amusements they have, and how much they spend for luxuries.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE London tailors' strike has been settled, a compromise having been reached

TEN miners were fatally crushed and many others injured in the Pont-y-Pridd colliery, Wales, by a blast bringing down a portion of the roof.

THE spirit of organization has struck the bell ringers of the English churches, the first annual meeting of the Central Council of Church Bell-ringers having been held, with seventy delegates attending, representing 12,000 members.

A MOVEMENT is on foot in England to induce women of nobility and wealth to wear only silks of British manufacture, in order to encourage the proposed revival of the British silk industries, which have been on the decline for many years. The Princess Christian has given the movement the aid of her personal patronage.

A CIRCULAR on behalf of the Amalgamated Society of Tailors has been issued to the master tailors of London, placing before them the following three points for consideration and "probable adoption": "(1) That all employers should provide good healthy workshops for their employees; (2) That a uniform time log be agreed to; (3) That the system of working in partnership be abolished."

AT the last meeting of the council of the Scottish Mill and Factory Workers' Union, a long discussion took place over the question of the half time system of work in mills and factories, and the following resolution was unanimously agreed to: "That, in the opinion of this council, representing between 5,000 and 6,000 operatives in the jute and linen industries in Scotland, the age limit of work for children should be increased; and that every effort should be made to support the proposal."

ALREADY considerable progress has been made in organizing the agricultural laborers. Several branches have been established in Lincolnshire, Bedfordshire, Surrey, Hampshire, Somersetshire, Dorset and Gloucestershire, and recently the campaign was opened in Scotland by a public meeting in Carnoustie. Before Mr. Hunby leaves the district, he intends to have several meetings in Forfarshire for the purpose of starting the union. Mr. Mundie, the local secretary of the Dockers' Union, will carry on the work of organizing in this department.

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL

THREE thousand printers are on strike in Vienna.

THE cotton operatives of Bengalore, India, get ten cents a day and work twelve hours, including Sunday.

THE stokers employed by the North German Lloyd's Steamship Company struck for an increase of wages. The company is trying to import men from England.

THE striking workmen of France and Belgium are communicating by means of carrier pigeons. This is done to prevent the opening of their letters by the government of either country.

LOCOMOTIVE engineers in Panama earn $125 per week. It is difficult to obtain them at that salary, for the Panama climate is worse in its effects than all the railroad accidents that occur in Central America.

IT is the style, now, whenever a crowd of men in a labor organization get dissatisfied, to rush out of the organization, call together a few other disaffected men and form a new organization, which, in time, with the assistance of like dissatisfied local bodies form a new national organization. Thus, without adding strength to the labor movement they are simply pulling down one organization to build up another, while the same time and attention could be devoted to securing membership from those who are outside of the pale of all organizations. When will workingmen learn to regard their own interests?—*Baltimore Critic.*

THE drivers of the public stages throughout Paris struck on the 25th for twelve-hours work per day and for the reinstatement of drivers belonging to the union who have been dismissed The stage company attempted to run a few stages, but the strikers attacked them, cut the traces, pulled the drivers from their seats and left the stages in the streets The police made several arrests. The Omnibus Company finally consented to negotiate with the union committee on the basis of the abolition of premiums, an increase of wages of one franc per day, and one day a leave of absence per month with pay Fifty persons were arrested for taking part in the rioting. Later dispatches state that the strike was settled in favor of the drivers

LOCAL NEWS.

THE Single Tax Association have received a telegram from Michael Davitt, who has arrived in Montreal, to the effect that he will not be able to deliver a lecture in Toronto on his present tour. He would have had a grand reception if his arrangements had permitted his speaking here.

THE gross earnings of the street railway during the past week, which may be fairly taken as at least not below an average week for the year, were as follows:—Monday, $2,503.91; Tuesday, $2,070 63; Wednesday, $2,187 05; Thursday, $2,272 30, Friday, $2,214.51; Saturday, $3,319 82.

AT the last regular meeting of local Union 46, Journeymen Plumbers, Steam and Gas Fitters, the following resolution was passed:—*Resolved*, that, in the opinion of this body it is unwise to handle marble which has been cut by non-union men, and that this union requests its members to discontinue the use of any marble work other than that cut by members of the marble workers' union.

ON Thursday of last week the shoemakers employed in the factory of W. B. Hamilton, Front street east, about twenty in number, went out on strike, owing to the attempted introduction of a new system for the payment of piece work without regard to the bill recently agreed upon by mutual consent of the employers and employed. At last accounts the men were still out and their places had not been supplied.

AT the meeting of the City Council on Tuesday evening Ald Hill moved that before the City Engineer proceed to do work costing more than $1,000 by day labor he advertise for tenders, and only do the work by day labor when the tender is excessive Ald. Gowanlock said the trouble with the city doing work by day labor was that the supervision was not complete, and men loafed about. He instanced the paving work going on at the King street subway, and said men lay about for hours day after day doing nothing. Ald. Shaw said he would have the statement by Ald. Gowanlock investigated. The resolution by Ald. Hill was lost.

IN pursuance of a resolution adopted at a recent meeting of carpenters, a communication has been forwarded to the Master Carpenters' Association of this city, asking for the appointment of a committee of three by them to meet a like committee representing the men, to consider the general condition of the trade. It is proposed that any matters of mutual concern which cannot be satisfactorily arranged by this joint-committee shall be submitted by them to three disinterested arbitrators, whose award shall be final. Among the questions which the carpenters are anxious to have adjusted are those of apprenticeship, hours of labor, pay, and the condition of trade in Toronto as affected by outside competition. The letter has been laid before the Executive Committee of the Master Carpenters' Association.

THE first meeting of the Joint Committee appointed by the Trades and Labor Council, Single Taxers and Nationalists in order to take united action on such measures as all the bodies represented could agree upon, met on Wednesday evening. Mr. F. E. Titus was elected chairman, and Mr. A. E. Phillips secretary *pro tem.*, it not being considered advisable to effect a permanent organization until all bodies likely to co-operate in the movement are represented. It is expected that delegates will be sent from the District Assembly of the K. of L. and the Woman's Enfranchisement Association. The following resolution was unanimously adopted: "*Resolved*, that, in view of the favorable results to the civic revenue from the operation of the street railway since it came into the possession of the public, this committee strongly urge upon the city council the retention of the franchise until the experiment of city management can be fully tried and the value of the road ascertained."

ON Friday last an informal gathering, comprising about forty ladies and gentlemen, was held at the residence of Mr. R. Macdonnell, Sunnyside, Parkdale, and under the auspices of the West End Woman's Enfranchisement Association, of which Mrs. Macdonnell is a prominent member, for the purpose of listening to an address by Dr. H Augusta Kimball, of Chicago, on the subject of "Nationalism" Dr. Stowe Gullen occupied the chair, and in a short and appropriate speech introduced the speaker of the evening. Her address was a graphic and well-reasoned presentation of the industrial abuses of the present day, and the benefits which would accrue from the establishment of the industrial commonwealth on the principle of recognizing the right of every man to employment and an equal share in the product of the labor of all. A long and highly interesting discussion followed, many objections being raised and questions put, which were readily met by the speaker, whose remarks showed a thorough grasp of the underlying principles of Nationalism. At the close a hearty vote of thanks was passed to Dr. Kimball, after partaking of refreshments the party broke up, well pleased with the evening's entertainment. It is to be regretted that more meetings of this character are not held in connection with the social reform movement, as they afford a convenient means of reaching a class of people who will not as a rule attend meetings held in public halls.

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CERTAIN capitalists oppose the eight hours' day, according to their own account, out of pure regard for the interests of the workingman. One would never think when attending a shareholders' meeting, for instance, that the capitalists love the workingman as much as they do; they hide their affection with deep skill, just as some stricken man with a strong will will hide all signs of emotion if called on to transact some necessary business. It is when the capitalist owns a paper which he desires to sell widely that he reveals his profound love for the workingmen. He treats them as loving parents treat little children who are playing with some dangerous instrument. "Take it away, it will cut his dear little fingers"—*Labor World.*

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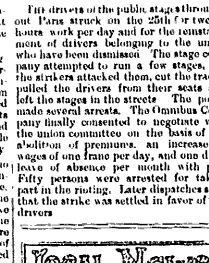

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