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THE
LABOR WORLD

Throughout the United States and Canada 600 towns and cities have subordinate unions of the International Typographical Union. The allied trades represent the mailers, stereotypers, electrotypers, photo-engravers, German-American unions, pressmen and press-feeders. Of the above 600 towns, one half have accepted the 8-hour day. Most of the allied trades are now working, or will be soon, on an eight-hour schedule.

Frank Duffy, general secretary of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, in his annual report shows that there are 1,750 local unions of the brotherhood in the United States, Canada, Porto Rico and the Hawaiian Islands, with a total membership of 161,217.

Mr. Ataki, agent of a large Japanese syndicate, has bought a tract of 10,000 acres in Texas and will bring 300 families from Japan to embark in tea farming and the silk industry there.

At respective meetings of the boards of directors of the New York Central, the Lake Shore and Michigan Southern, the Michigan Central and the Cleveland, Cincinnati, Chicago and St. Louis railways each of these companies decided to establish a pension bureau to take care of superannuated employees.

As a result of the recent conference which continued three days between the secretary of the railway ministry and representatives of the employees of the state railways in Austria, "passive resistance" strike has been settled. The strikers have accepted the proposals of the government.

The latest census returns show that more than 5,000,000 women are employed in our industrial life, and that there are now three times as many women stenographers as there were ten years ago, while the number of woman bookkeepers and accountants has doubled. The number of women engaged in their occupations also shows a corresponding increase.

President John Mitchell, of the United Mine Workers' Union has communicated with the president of the anthracite coal producing companies in regard to the demand the miners will make for the continuance of work at the hard coal fields. Besides asking for an eight-hour day there are to be presented other demands. The most important, and one that, if adopted, will mean the complete recognition of the union, is the request that an entirely new conciliation board be formed, one that will always be in session, and will go from place to place to settle disputes.

The locomotive firemen on the Pennsylvania lines are said to want their wages raised and will ask for an increase of 20 per cent.

Official figures relating to the unemployed of London show that the numbers in receipt of pauper relief in nearly every month of the year now ended have been greater than in any of the previous forty years computed in the returns, with the exception of the period from 1897 to 1891.

The Victorian (Australian) government has instituted the fortnightly pay system in the public service.

Representative Hays of California has introduced in the house the bill proposed by the Japanese and Korean Exclusion League, providing for the extension of the Chinese Exclusion laws to Japanese and Koreans and persons of Japanese and Korean descent. This bill is similar to that already offered by Representative McKinley in behalf of the entire California delegation.

Congressman Knowland has introduced a bill increasing the head tax on immigrants from \$2, as it is at present, to \$25.

The glass workers of Belgium have accepted the employers' terms and have signed new contracts to the end of April next.

The lockout in the engineering trades in Sweden, which began on June 10, and by which 17,000 workmen were affected, has ended. The settlement was brought about by a committee, including representatives of employers and workpeople, the members of which were due to the initiative of the ministers of finance and of the interior.

Nineteen crafts use the union label of the American Federation of Labor. There are fifty-five other union labels in use in this country.

The executive board of the United Mine Workers of America has decided to pay in a lump sum the assessment of the organization, amounting to between \$11,000 and \$12,000, in support of the strike of the International Typographical Union.

Redstreet fixes the loss in wages during the Chicago teamsters' strike at \$10,000,000, and the loss to employers in increased expenses and diverted trade at \$12,000,000.

The New Zealand Arbitration Court has decided that under the Workers' Compensation Act dependents domiciled outside New Zealand are entitled to compensation on the death or injury of the worker on whom they are dependent.

The Westinghouse Airbrake Company presented each employee who is on a salary with a monthly salary as a Christmas gift. All of the employees in the general office, the department clerks and the foremen were included. The aggregate of the gifts was \$25,000.

John Mitchell is expected to visit the Northwest Territory and investigate the mines in British Columbia, where the miners are clamoring for an eight-hour day.

The hundreds of employees of the Pittsburgh Coal Company received special Christmas pay that amounted to over \$200,000. The regular pay-day of the company was last Saturday, when close to \$400,000 was distributed.

The Chicago Employers' Association is reported to have formulated plans for the establishment of a standing army of laborers, both skilled and unskilled, and representing every branch of trade, to be sent to go to any city in the United States to fill the places of strikers when necessary. Employment bureaus will be maintained in all cities in the United States with a population of 50,000 or more where non-union workmen can register.

In Germany the workmen engaged in mining operations receive the highest wages.

Plans for a large Japanese immigration are arranged at Honolulu.

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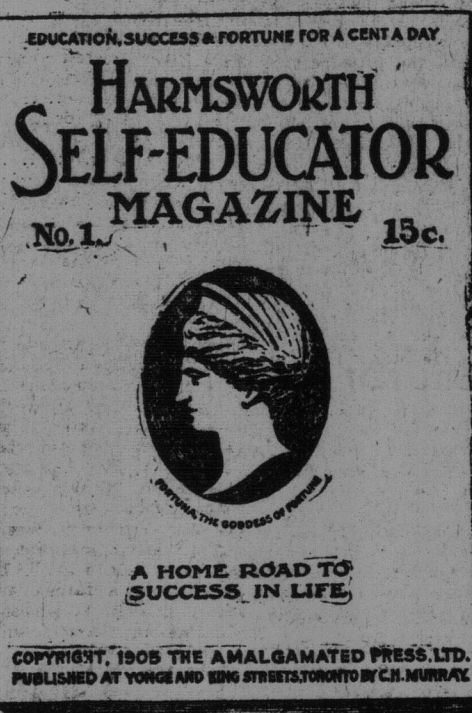


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by which the Oka plantation, on the island of Hawaii, is to lease 500 acres to prospective settlers from Japan.

The national union of bakers is now without a head the delegates to the recent convention in New York having voted to do away with the president and vice presidents.

The Sydney (N. S. W.) Labor Council passed a resolution strongly protesting against the proposed immigration scheme of the state government. It also decided to distribute a circular amongst the principal labor bodies in Great Britain, warn-

ing them of the state of the labor market, and what might be expected of them coming out to seek work in Australia.

Chicago Federation of Labor will elect officers January 21.

The earnings of fishermen on the Fraser river during the present season year have been estimated to average from \$350 to \$400, as compared with \$150 to \$200 last year. About 6,000 fishermen were employed, 3,000 of whom were Japanese, 1,000 Indians and the balance

whites. Last year about 4,000 men were employed.

The United States Pottery Association has been at peace with the National Brotherhood of Operative Potters for eleven years, and has just signed an agreement for two years longer.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen will build an international home, and has \$75,000 to start with.

A bill providing for the discharge of civil service employees who fail to pay debts contracted for groceries, clothing,

rent or the services of dentists, physicians or undertakers has been introduced in Congress by representative Dixon of Montana.

The Wisconsin legislature adopted a resolution providing for the eight-hour day in the erection of the new state house at Madison.

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convention in Texarkana, Ark., decided that lawyers and doctors in country towns, and newspaper men may become members.

At a meeting of the carpenters' district council, embracing thirty-two unions, held in Boston, it was decided to assess the 6,000 members \$1 each to be used as a fund.

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"What made you so rattled when you were giving your testimony in that jury trial?" said Grace.

"One of those lawyers was a bear I'd just thrown down," confessed Dora. "and I was scared for fear he'd ask me my side of the story, and I never was on oath before!"—Detroit Free Press.

Hicks—"Here's an article in the paper on the 'Sensations of a Worm.'"

Wicks—"Must have been written by a woman who failed to match some ribbons for his wife."

WANTED CURE FOR PILES.

Blind, Bleeding, Protruding Piles are authorized to refund money if no cure in 6 to 12 days.

Mrs. O'Brien—"Phwat medicine did Mike and the best?"

Mrs. Riley—"Divil a know, O! know. He took on much as it, he was sick for ten days, and he got well."