

**LABOR AND WAGES.**

**Gleanings From the Industrial Field of the World**

The church choir singers of New York are about to be organized. The K. of L. have the matter in hand.

The housewifery succeeded in compelling the employment of union men only in the repairs on the Western Union building, New York.

At the meeting last week of the United Jewish Trades it was decided that only independent political action in conjunction with the Socialist Labor party could emancipate labor, and a special meeting was ordered for next week to take measures looking in that direction. A. Cahan was elected the delegate of the organization to the International Congress at Brussels.

The Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union held a convention in Boston during last week.

A new industry has been started in Sing Sing prison. Thirty men are now employed there in preparing raw material to be used in the manufacture of brushes.

The annual convention of the Amalgamated Iron and Steel Workers met in Pittsburgh on the 2nd inst., 325 delegates, representing a majority of the shops in the United States, answering the roll call. The report for the year showed a strong increase in membership. But the pleasure this piece of good news afforded was soon dampened by the discovery that Secretary Wm. Martin was not a candidate for re-election, he having taken office under the iron baron Carnegie. Martin increases by one the already long list of labor leaders whom the coal and iron barons have bought off. Ex-president Miles Humphreys is now factory manager, and President John Jarrett was made secretary of the now notorious American Tin Plate Co., and is now consul at Birmingham, England; and so forth.

Twenty men employed at Ashley & Bailey's silk mills in Paterson, N. J., have been indicted by the Grand Jury for alleged conspiracy. The charges against them were made by a former foreman named Walter Todd, who says that these men caused him to be discharged for refusing to join their union.

The recent official statistics in the British cotton industries show that 23 per cent. of the operatives are men, 17 per cent. boys, 44 per cent. women, and 16 per cent. girls. In the linen industries, 17 per cent. are men, 10 per cent. boys, 50 per cent. women, 17 per cent. girls. In the jute industries 15 per cent. are men, boys 14 per cent., women 58 per cent., and girls 13 per cent.

The workmen of the French and Italian Cantons of Switzerland will hold a congress at Lausanne on June 14, the purpose of which is to found a Latin Workmen's Union and to demand the appointment of factory inspectors in the French Cantons and that provisions be made by the State for the unemployed and the aged.

Official measurements, for statistical purposes, of 10,343 boys and 10,830 girls in Germany show that the children of the wage-workers are smaller and less developed than the children of the wealthy and middle class people, the result of underfeeding and proletarian misery.

A national congress of workmen will be held at Milan, Italy, on June 29 and 30.

The Northumberland, England, coal owners have expressed regret that the miners would not consent to 2 per cent. reduction in wages, but, considering the somewhat improved state of trade, have decided not to enforce their views at present.

A conference of Scotch miners' delegates, held last month in Glasgow—Mr. Chisholm Robertson presiding—agreed to recommend all districts to demand an advance of 6d per day, the state of trade justifying.

It is reported that negotiations are about to be opened with the view of having the Dundee dock labor done on the co-operative principle, which, it is said, has been found to work satisfactorily in London and some other ports, and by means of which stevedores will be dispensed with.

Sailors were shipped at Leith last week at £4 5s per month and firemen £4 10s. This is a reduction of 5s per month below union rates.

The cotton operatives of Bangalore, India, get 10 cents a day and work 12 hours, including Sunday.

The Rochester Association of Iron Manufacturers decided to employ only non-union men, and immediately carried out their decision by firing out of 20 shops the union men who refused to withdraw from their organizations.

The strike in the London building trades is still on. The men in Liverpool and some other towns have consented to levy 2s 6d a week upon each member in support of the London strikers.

Members of the Dundee branch of the National Union of Boot and Shoe Operatives came out on strike on Monday of last week. The men recently asked an increase of 7 1/2 per cent., but the masters declined to grant it.

After due consideration the shipbuilders of Port Glasgow and Greenock have resolved to resist the proposed reduction of 7 1/2 per cent. on their wages.

The carpenters of Duluth and other lake regions of Minnesota decided to strike June 1 unless granted nine hours.

The lockout of the Furniture Workers at Evansville, Ind., continues. It was brought on for the purpose of breaking up the organization, which the workmen in that industry had just formed.

Thomas Connelly, William Kilkenny and Charles Kerr, striking employes of the Ayer Iron Foundry, Forty-fifth street and Tenth avenue, were arrested on the false charge of intimidating scabs. Wonderful to say, one of them, Kerr, was let off, but Connelly and Kilkenny were ordered to contribute \$10 each, in the shape of fines, toward the corporation fund that will be needed at the approaching elections.

Four hundred journeymen stonecutters and tool sharpeners in St. Cloud, Minn., are on strike.

The velvet weavers of the Richmond Manufacturing Company, in Compton, continue on strike. The firm claims it will rather close the factory permanently than yield.

The men on the Wheeling and Alleghany Erie shops, 250 in number, are on strike for a rise in wages to \$1.25 from \$1.10 a day, as they now receive.

John Bogart was found hanging dead in a vacant room of a business house at St. Joseph, Mo., the other day. He was a shoemaker and 65 years of age. He had been out of work for some time.

The coalers and firemen employed on the vessels of the North German Lloyds Steamship Company at Bremerhaven are on strike for an increase of wages.

Seven thousand ship workers at Clyde Bank have struck in consequence of a 5 per cent. reduction in wages.

There is a lockout of the Quebec lasters. Mr. Picard, secretary of the Lasters' Protective Union, was delegated to interview Mr. Polley, in whose factory the trouble originated, but that gentleman, in the presence of his men, said he would allow no stranger to come into his factory and interfere between him and his employees. According to the rules of the union, it appears that workmen have no right to arrange matters for themselves, Picard being paid for that special purpose. The original cause of the trouble was the introduction of a new rule by which the lasters were to provide their own nails and receive 13 cents per case extra as compensation. The Lasters' Union wanted the latter part of the arrangement to go into effect without the former, and this, they acknowledge, would make a difference of about \$2,000 a year in Polley's expenses. The manufacturers are determined to compel the men to repudiate the union, and the men are just as determined that they will not.

Over a month ago some eighteen laborers were employed by the Grosse Isle authorities to work on the extension of the new wharf at the quarantine station. Most of the men belonged to Crane Island, but a few were from Quebec. This morning, to the surprise of many and acting upon a telegram from Ottawa, the work ceased and the men discharged. The cause given is "No money voted for the work." The laborers were to receive \$1.50 per day, but have not as yet one cent of their pay.

Serious rioting occurred at Bremen on Thursday upon the part of the firemen of the North German Lloyds Steamship Company who are on strike. The rioters were attacked by the police with drawn swords and a desperate struggle took place. Finally the fire brigade was summoned to the assistance of the police, and thus reinforced the officers of the law managed to restore order. A number of steamship firemen were severely injured by the swords of the police. Several arrests were made.

The strike of the employes of the omnibus and road car companies in London continues. There is apparently no change in the situation. The Road Car Company has announced that as its 'busses are not running it cannot afford to continue the payment of wages to the men who have remained loyal to the company. The latter consequently must now suffer with the strikers, while it is possible that the latter will refuse to allow the "loyalists" any share of the money which the agents of the strikers have been collecting in the public thoroughfares to enable the men to hold out against the companies. The Road Car Company declares that if it conceded the demands of its employes for higher wages it would be obliged to stop running 'busses.

Matsuma Kaka, who claims to be the champion wrestler of Japan, writes that he will wrestle any man in the world, mixed styles, for \$1,000 a side.

G. W. Rowdon, the ex-amateur champion high jumper of Great Britain, is doing some wonderful jumping in London. One of his noted feats is jumping over six men seated in chairs ranged in a row. He also goes over three men standing close together in Indian file, the tallest of whom is six feet high. Finally, off a man's back, he clears a horizontal bar nine feet high.

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