

LABOR AND WAGES.

Cleanings From the Industrial Field of the World.

Many arrests have been made for intimidation in Liege and Charleroi and domiciliary searches have resulted in the discovery of a quantity of explosives. Gendarmes arrested three men in the Ougree forest, near Liege, on Sunday, while they were busy charging a bomb with dynamite. Another man belonging to the party was chased by the gendarmes until he jumped into the River Meuse and was drowned.

The miners and others who to the number of about 100,000 are now on strike in Belgium for fewer hours of labor and for electoral reform have, through their central organizations, demanded that the dock laborers of Antwerp shall boycott the coal laden steamships which are expected to arrive at that port shortly with English and German coal.

New York Typographical Union No. 6 is in favor of gaining control over the type setting machines before they would attempt to regulate the wages of the men operating these machines. The matter will be discussed at the meeting on the first Sunday in June.

The co-operative society organized by the Jersey Farmers' Union has more work than its members can do; their wages are now being paid weekly.

New York Waiters' Union No. 2 recently returned tickets for not bearing the union label of Typographical Union No. 278.

The Progressive Clothing Cutters' Union of New York joined the newly formed national organization and a charter has been procured. A proposition to return the charter of the American Federation of Labor will be discussed at the next regular meeting.

A new tailors' union has been formed in New York by the organization committee of the United Hebrew Trades. It has about fifty members.

The Workmen's General Benefit Union of New York has at present 3,710 members of whom 252 are women. During the last three months 590 new members were enrolled. The receipts were \$8,676.09, and \$8,993.79 were expended. The general fund amounts to \$9,329.59.

It is estimated that there are now in the United States over one million trades unionists.

The Journeymen Barbers' Union of Rochester, N. Y., has now 24 shops under its jurisdiction, and the organization has grown to double its former proportions.

The Grand Rapids, Mich., Street Railway Employees' Union has 300 members and a good sized bank account.

A charter was issued to a new local union by the International Typographical Union at Yonkers, N. Y., recently.

Union workmen are requested to pay no attention to advertisements appearing in daily papers offering glowing promises of work and fabulously high wages on the Pacific Coast. It is a fraud.

The delegates of Typographical Union No. 101 to the Boston Convention will demand that employers and printers not engaged in the business be excluded from active membership.

The machinists of Indianapolis are enjoying a revival of gigantic proportions, and additions by the score are being made to the union each meeting night.

The Central Labor Union of Cleveland, O., is discussing a proposition to establish a Labor Lyceum in that city where the unions can meet and not continually pay rent to the landlord.

The Clerks and Salesmen's Organization of New Brunswick, N. J., has succeeded in inducing the principal storekeepers of that city to close at 7 p. m.

The Kansas City, Mo., labor organizations have instructed all the union men to withhold their names from the city directory because it is printed in a rat office.

The leather workers of Philadelphia held a mass meeting last Sunday and their union gained 76 new members.

The Machinists' Union of Philadelphia have established a drawing school for their members.

The delegates of Typographical Union No. 13 to the International Typographical Convention have been instructed to advocate a nine hour work day throughout the jurisdiction of the International Typographical Union within one year from June 1, 1891; also to demand equal pay for both sexes.

The annual strike assessment of 10 cents for the general fund of the American Federation of Labor is due on June 1. All unions failing to pay the same are not entitled to benefit on the part of the Federation.

The bookbinders of England have asked for eight hours, but were refused by the bosses. They will continue to organize and then strike. They also ask for a regulation of the apprentice system and will shortly call for an international union of bookbinders.

The Edinburgh, Scotland labor organizations have federated and will take political action.

The National Executive Council of the Gasworkers' Union of Paris has taken steps to create an international organization of gasworkers.

The Executive Board of the London Trades Council has approved the prospectus of the Workers' Co-operative Productive Association proposing the establishment of a co-operative bakery in London.

Indications point to the fact that the coke strikers, although having had every obstacle to contend with, are on the point of winning their strike. Several firms have given in, and the strikers are returning to work. This week a number of imported laborers were induced to refuse to work, and the company thereupon levied on the goods of the evicted strikers for rent.

The London Clerks' Union endeavored to get direct representatives for clerks on the Labor Commission, but their efforts proved unavailing. They are also trying to obtain from the School Board of London a promise that the firms who pay fair rates of remuneration to their clerks should have preference in any work the School Board might have the disposal of. A further resolution was also passed by the union that each individual member should do his best to oppose Sir Reginald Hanson, in the event of his being selected to contest the City of London, on account of the disgracefully inadequate way in which he pays his clerks for overtime.

The London Pavers' Union has protested against the introduction of asphalt pavements.

The Trades Councils of Belfast, Derry, Sligo, Waterford and Cork, Ireland, have dropped the clause in their constitution against admitting the representatives of unskilled laborers, and the latter are now admitted on an equal footing with the men working at skilled trades.

The labor organizations throughout England Ireland and Scotland have adopted resolutions condemning the Parliamentary Labor Commission as a present composed.

Typographical Union No. 34, of Honolulu, reports that business is very dull in Hawaii, and the supply is far in excess of the demand. Only two white compositors have had steady employment during the last four months.

At a meeting of the Granite Manufacturers' Association of Barre, Vt., the terms of the granite quarrymen were rejected and the strike continues.

The journeymen brewers of several breweries in London are on strike because their demand for an advance to \$5.50 per week has been rejected by the bosses.

The Melbourne Chamber of Commerce has adopted a resolution declaring that they are anxious to effect a settlement of all labor troubles, and that means should be devised for the prevention of open ruptures, or where that may not be possible, for treating the difference and establishing permanently the relations between employer and employee.

A paper has been circulated among the employees of the different clothing manufacturers in Rochester, N. Y., to be signed by them, stating that they are no longer members of the K. of L. The scheme is meeting with little success, being generally refused. The persecution fund of the clothing manufacturers' combine is said to amount to \$150,000 at present.

The messenger boys of the Western Union and Commercial Union Telegraph Companies at Portland, Me., to the number of 28 and including all the messengers in the city, have struck for an advance in wages. They have been getting 2½ cents per message and wanted 3½ cents. The boys made from \$4 to \$6 per week.

A Canadian granite firm doing business at Green's Landing, Me., have declared a lockout against all American stonecutters, and are filling the men's places with Italians of the lowest grade, secured at the New York Barge Office. About 80 of these cheap laborers, under convoy of a padrone, were imported a few days ago, and the people of that section are threatening dire vengeance against the pauper importers.

The Liverpool branch of the National Union of British Dock Laborers has adopted the following: "That in the opinion of this meeting of dock laborers, the Trades Council should appoint a committee to ascertain the voting power in each parliamentary division affiliated with it, and to take steps to organize these voters with a view to the Trades Council nominating the candidates at the coming general election."

The Australian Labor Federation convened two meetings in Brisbane, one at the West End and the other at Woollongabba, at which workers' political organizations were formed. These political associations are to be a part of the Labor Federation, adopting its platform. The organizations are intended to be self supporting, possessing their own funds, committees, secretaries and presidents; each constituency to nominate its own candidates, an exhaustive ballot to determine the choice. The Labor party in this way hope to work out reforms through the legislature.

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