

## City and Other Workers

### Workingmen Representatives and Waif Immigration

### The Dominion Government Condemned for Bonusing It.

### Sugar Refineries Shut Down by the Refiners' Ring.

### Over 2,000 Employes Thrown Out of Work.

### Latest Labor News From All Over the World.

**TRADES AND LABOR COUNCIL.** Vice-President Cummings presided at the regular meeting of the council, President Toll being ill. Twelve organizations were represented.

After routine business a communication from the Metal Polishers, re Labor Day proceeds, was read and deferred till next meeting.

Forest City Lodge, R. R. T., called attention to the so-called switchmen's association. The delegate present claimed that it was not a bona fide labor organization, and desired the different unions to be notified.

Corresponding Secretary Hawthorne reported that he had written to Rev. Mr. Talling, notifying him that it was impossible for members of the council to attend afternoon meetings.

A resolution condemning the Dr. Barnardo system of importing children to Canada and also condemning the Dominion Government for sending public money in this connection was introduced and carried unanimously.

The secretary was instructed to inform the proper authorities of the council's action. Several cases were reported where children brought out by Dr. Barnardo were now being kept in public institutions at the Canadian taxpayers' expense. The members of the council who spoke on the matter strongly condemned the grant made to these so-called public philanthropists from the Canadian treasury.

The entertainment committee reported that arrangements were about completed for a concert and assembly to be held in K. of P. Hall, on Monday, Dec. 9.

The matter of placing candidates for aldermen in each ward was discussed for some time. Several unions reported favorably and pledged themselves to support the choice of the council. It was urged that more interest should be taken in putting up candidates. There were several good men who could qualify, but they did not appear desirous of entering the field. Some delegates favored placing candidates in three wards only, while others thought it desirable to put up men in two wards. It was finally decided to appoint a special committee to submit the name of one man for each ward, and report at next meeting. Delegates Geary, Thornhill and Hamilton were chosen. Final action will be taken when the report is brought in.

The question of the reduction of wards and aldermen will also be taken up at next meeting.

The reporting of accidents which occur in the city to the factory inspector will be looked after more closely in the future. It was resolved that all accidents be recorded by the secretary in a book for that purpose, and also that the Ontario Minister of Agriculture, under whose control the factory inspector is employed, be notified.

A resolution re the establishing of technical schools for girls was carried, and a petition for submission to the proper authorities will be prepared.

Council adjourned until Tuesday, Dec. 10.

Engineer Kyle, of the C. P. R. has been removed with his family to Toronto Junction.

Builders' Laborers' Union is still adding to its membership, the roll now reaching over 50. The initiation fee will be raised each month until it reaches \$5. The fee at present is \$2. All laborers are invited to join, and take advantage of the low rate prevailing at present. The union meets in Edgemoor block.

The charter members of London Typographical Union, which was organized Nov. 6, 1889, were Messrs. Thomas Coffey, Henry A. Durnan, Thomas Ferguson, Robt. O'Connor, Wm. Evans, H. C. Symonds, and Jas. Mitchell. Mr. Thos. C. Howell was a member of the first board of directors, and is the only one of the original members who is at present attached to London union, holding the position of recording secretary at the present time.

Fishers' and Plasterers' Union, No. 22, is adding to its membership right along, and is in good shape. The following are the officers for the present term: President, Alfred Bailey; Vice-president, Andrew Kernohan; Financial secretary, Richard Gray; Recording secretary, John Hatcheson; Treasurer, Wm. Stone; sergeant at arms, H. Snowden.

Those who have been elected are all interested in the success of their union, and will no doubt keep No. 22 in the front rank.

**GENERAL LABOR NOTES.** The A. R. U. will take in telegraphers.

Structural ironworkers will start a national union.

The city council of Paris voted the Carmoux strikers 20,000 francs.

A co-operative glass-bottle plant is to be started at Marshland, Pa.

The bookbinders have decided to federate with the printers and pressmen.

Nearly 100 business firms in San Francisco accept labor exchange checks.

E. V. Debs is said to have 2,000 calls for speeches in various parts of the country.

San Francisco people will appeal to Congress to provide work for the unemployed.

Surface railroad men of New York are organizing to correct their long and irregular hours.

Eugene V. Debs has promised to visit Detroit during the coming winter and deliver an address.

In various cities the various bodies have taken up the discussion of the eight-hour question.

Nathan Strauss, the wealthy New York philanthropist, has unionized his large cigar manufactory.

New territory will be annexed to Fall River, Mass., at once as a site for another million dollar cotton mill.

The printing of the Patent Office Gazette, Washington, which formerly cost \$150,000 a year, is now being done

under the competitive system, for \$85,000 a year.

The National Tobacco Workers' label is being generally indorsed by all unions throughout the United States.

An income and modified single tax bill passed a third reading in New South Wales Parliament by a large majority.

Brickmakers' at Glen Carlin, Ill., won their strike for the reinstatement of discharged men and recognition of the union.

The American Federation of Labor at their annual convention will be invited to hold their next meeting at Nashville, Tenn.

Mr. J. E. Ellis, M.P., has introduced an eight-hour day into his collieries at Hucknall, Torkard, England, where 1,200 men are employed.

The street railway employes of Dayton, O., a branch of the amalgamated association, have perfected an association for mutual benefit.

The national boycott against the Washburn-Crosby Milling Company, of Minneapolis, has been declared off, a fair settlement having been made.

One thousand striking cigarette-makers have been arrested in St. Petersburg, because they rioted and smashed a quantity of new machinery.

The watch factory of Elgin, Ill., is now being operated six days a week. It was formerly closed one day each week. The pay roll is increased about \$18,000 a month.

Geo. W. Green, of Boston, has broken the record as a typesetter on the Mergenthaler Linotype. He set 70,700 ems, or nearly eleven columns, corrected solid nonpareil, in seven hours.

President Barter, of the Detroit Trades Council, says the vessel owners of Chicago have had to pay \$1,800 during the season in fines for allowing their boats to be unloaded by non-union Longshoremans.

James O'Connell, grand master of the International Association of Machinists, reports some trouble in the Government navy yards and arsenals. It is said that men are blacklisted, and that there are frequent dismissals for alleged petty causes.

Carroll D. Wright, United States labor commissioner, in his report on the great railroad strike says there were 24 railroads centering in Chicago, with 100,000 employes, who lost at least \$1,389,142 in wages by the strike. The Pullman employes lost \$350,000.

John L. Kennedy, ex-president of Typographical Union No. 101, Washington, who was expelled from that body last September, is having printed in the Dayton Journal certain criticisms of the Government printing office, has been reinstated by the International Union.

President Galowsky, of the printing pressmen's International body, has been sent for to come and adjust serious differences existing in that craft in Detroit. The local union has assured him that unless the matters they complain of are settled satisfactorily they will disband.

About 25,000 men are affected by the general strike of the soft coal miners in Dubois, Ia., caused by the refusal of the central and northern Pennsylvania coal operators to grant an increase of 5 cents a ton. The territory covered by the strike extends from Cambria to Dubois.

The K. of L. has declared a boycott of the establishment of Wannamaker & Co., and John Wannamaker, of Philadelphia, on the representation that these companies compelled 1,500 women and girls to become members of a beneficial association in which the members had no control.

A new addition to the list of labor organizations in Chicago is the Dorcas Federal Labor Union, which was formed last week under a charter from the American Federation of Labor.

The Federation of Labor, in a recent speech on the ballot, at Pittsburg, said: "If I had my way there would be a labor party that would sweep all the evils from the land. You can't strike a blow by a strike or a shop; you can't repeal a law by a boycott; but you can route corporate power by the intelligent use of the ballot."

Charges of mismanagement of the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs and ill-treatment of the inmates have been made. The president of Typographical Union, No. 6, of New York, has been appointed to make an investigation of the manner in which the home is conducted, and in a recent letter to the Union Printer and Craftsman he intimates that the charges are untrue.

The increase of membership in 20 unions of the leading British trades unions during the last six years is reported to be: Amalgamated Engineers, 21,000; iron molders, 3,000; boiler-makers, 12,000; shipwrights, 19,000; carpenters and joiners, 18,000; bricklayers, 14,000; shoemakers, 34,000; Durham miners, 29,000; Yorkshire miners, 4,500; Nottinghamshire miners, 18,000; railway workers, 24,000; printers, 5,000; London printers, 4,000; farm laborers, 4,000; dock laborers, 14,000.

The pickets who are continually on duty at the boycotted cigar factories in Detroit report that they saw 2,500 cigars returned to one factory from Montana. This is one of the results of President Strauss' visit to that city.

Next to the contributions to the strike fund was received by Detroit cigarmakers last week. The executive council of the American Federation of Labor has indorsed the boycott of the several Detroit cigar firms who are employing non-union labor.

A recent report on profit-sharing in Great Britain shows that during the last year, eleven firms which had adopted the system, have now relinquished it. The latest information shows that the result was caused by dissatisfaction of the employers with the result of the plan. In other cases the abandonment was due to changes in the companies.

The latest information shows there were 30 establishments in the United Kingdom, having 25,000 employes, working under the profit-sharing system.

All the sugar refineries of Philadelphia, including the Franklin, as well as the McCahan, have shut down, throwing over 2,000 workmen out of employment. The Spreckels refinery had been closed for some time and the Franklin and McCahan had been running on half time. This is said to be in keeping with a similar movement in New York city by orders of President Seamen.

At Philadelphia the refineries close at this time of the year as the product is all used up.

The strike battle of the Housewives' and Bridgemen's Union, of New York, on the two leading iron firms, was renewed more vigorously Thursday than ever. A crowd of several hundred strikers and sympathizers gathered around the Segel, Cooper & Co. building and a large number of police patrolled the sidewalk around the building to prevent any possible outbreak on the part of the strikers, but no serious trouble was reported. Men who had been hired by J. M. Cornell, president of the League, were captured by the strikers.

The Illinois Labor Lyceum is the name of a new organization launched in the labor movement. The purposes

of the organization are, first, to furnish speakers on economic subjects, men thoroughly in accord with the trade movement, men who have made a study of existing conditions and who are interested in the abrogation of injustice to the rights of man; and, second, to furnish to organized labor, at cost price, such literature as may be deemed beneficial to the labor movement. Lyceums will be organized in every town and city in Illinois, and a state lecturer engaged.

The call is out for the fifteenth annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, to meet at Madison Square Garden, New York, beginning at 10 a.m., Monday, Dec. 9. Delegates are asked to come prepared to take decisive action for the enforcement of the eight-hour day passed by the last national convention. Since this may mean the declaration of a national strike, the meeting promises to be one of the most important in the history of the federation. Samuel Gompers is said to be a candidate for reelection to the presidency, from which he was retired a year ago.

The officers of five labor organizations connected with western railroads have inaugurated a movement to counteract the work of E. V. Debs and the A. R. U. The list includes the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen, Railway Telegraphers, Railway Trainmen, and Railway Conductors. The strength and ability of Mr. Debs are recognized and somewhat feared by the executives of the organizations named, and they have completed arrangements to form a federation which in numbers and power will possess as much influence as the powerful alliance of which Debs is the head. The managers disclaim any intention to antagonize the railroad officials. One of the objects of the federation is to bring about a better understanding between employers and employes.

PRIZE LABOR SONGS.

In the Hull House (Chicago) competition for prizes of \$100 and \$50 over 1,200 persons competed. The poems were to be people's songs in the truest sense and to carry a message of hope and good cheer. Mary A. Leathbury's original poem, entitled "A Song of Hope," which received the highest prize, is as follows:

Children of yesterday,  
Heirs of tomorrow,  
What are you weaving—  
Labor and sorrow?

Look to your looms again;  
Faster and faster  
Fly the great shuttles  
Prepared by the Master.  
Life's in the loom,  
Room for it—room!

Children of yesterday,  
Heirs of tomorrow,  
Lighten the labor  
And sweeten the sorrow.  
Now while the shuttles fly  
Faster and faster,  
Up and be at it—  
At work with the Master.  
He stands at your loom,  
Room for him—room!

Children of yesterday,  
Heirs of tomorrow,  
Look at your fabric,  
Of labor and sorrow.  
Seamy and dark  
With despair and disaster,  
Turn it—and lo,  
The design of the Master!

The Lord's at the loom,  
Room for him—room!

**SECOND PRIZE WINNER.**  
The second prize went to M. S. Paden for the poem entitled, "America's Best Title," of which the first and last stanzas are as follows:

Oh, hark! for the hour is coming when  
your ears shall anointed be  
with the music of a swelling o'er  
populous land and sea!

The morning stars began it, at the  
dawn of creation's birth,  
And the circling spheres gird swinging  
and singing it unto earth!

And earth shall forget her groaning,  
And learn the songs of the spheres;  
And the tired shall sing that are moan-  
ing,  
And the sad shall dry their tears.

Chorus—Blessed are they that work,  
For they  
Shall inherit the earth in the dawning  
day.

Lo! the burdens shall be divided; and  
each shall know his own:  
And the strength of manhood shall be  
more than crowns or throne;

And the flesh and blood of the toilers  
shall no longer be less than gold;  
And never an honest life shall be into  
hopeless bondage sold!

For we, the people, are waking,  
And high and low shall employ  
The splendid strength of union  
For life, liberty and joy!

**Doctors and nurses**  
Make slender purses;  
The road to health  
Is the way to wealth.

Many persons of slender means have  
seen the savings of years swayed  
up in the air through the head  
of a serious illness, and its result,  
heavy bills, may almost be prevented,  
if taken in time. When the system  
seems to be run down, the blood weak  
and impure, or by many eruptions, head-  
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Some Blind People Who Achieved Fame  
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Mr. Fawcett, the late Postmaster-General, was blinded early in life through an unfortunate accident in the shooting field, but he was the best head that the postal department ever had. He planned—blind as he was—the system of postal orders, which has been of the utmost benefit; inaugurated the system of telegraphing money; and shone as an orator in Parliament, as a perusal of his speeches will show.

Hugh James, a doctor of Carlisle, furnishes an example of a man afflicted with blindness who was a good doctor. He began as a surgeon, but became blind and then took up medicine. He took the degree of M.D. at Durham, and got together a large practice. It is not more than twenty years since he died.

Sir Hector Macfarren, the late principal of the Royal Academy of Music, was blind, but he turned out some of the finest pieces that England can boast. Oddly enough, one of his best pupils was also blind. His name is dead—but for some years he filled the place of organist in one of our large cathedral towns, and was besides a composer of some repute, could play well on three or four instruments, and had it not been for his infirmity, would have been successful as a singer on any operatic stage in the world.

The celebrated Abbe Liszt, again, was blind for the last fifteen years of his life, and composed most of his best pieces during that time, whilst the head of one of the best firms of pianoforte manufacturers in England is blind, and has been so from birth. Yet he has invented a great many improvements in the piano, and is a fine player himself. One of the best tuners in his employ, too, is similarly afflicted, but he can find his way about to the various houses he has to visit with the greatest accuracy.

Dr. Campbell, the head of the Institute for the Blind at New York, is himself blind, but he was not born so. This makes his case the more wonderful, for he is said to have climbed all the chief peaks in the Alps, and he founded the institution of which he is the head, by organizing everything in it himself. Some of the pupils have turned out remarkably well, and not long since, two blind girls from it won the first and second prizes at a skating match, in which there were seeing competitors, for figure skating.

There are other cases of athletic blind people. The best gymnast in the Manhattan Athletic Club is a blind man, and he does some wonderful feats; whilst not long ago a party of blind cyclists from the Institution at Swiss Cottage started out for a run to Hatfield and back, there being at the time the only one seeing man to give warning of obstacles, etc.

We have heard of a blind man who was a fine whist player. He had backs made with embossed pips, so that he could tell them by touch, the rest of the players calling their cards as they played them.

A Mr. Strong died a few years ago, who was the head of a cotton spinning factory in the north. He began life as a mechanic—a blind one—and as a special hobby took up organ making. He built several very fine ones, besides a number of other musical instruments. Later on he took up weaving, and with his own hands constructed a loom, which contained many important improvements.

Joseph Wimperrecht, of Augsburg, in Germany, is another example of a blind man who is a first-class performer. He was alive two years ago, and may be still, and was a second-hand book seller. His shop frequently contained himself had once handled a book and shelved it, always find it again immediately. When a fresh batch of books came, his wife described them, and from this alone he was able to accurately price the lot.

America contains some wonderful cases of business shrewdness combined with blindness. One of the richest men in the United States is a blind man, and he is a first-class performer. He was alive two years ago, and may be still, and was a second-hand book seller. His shop frequently contained himself had once handled a book and shelved it, always find it again immediately. When a fresh batch of books came, his wife described them, and from this alone he was able to accurately price the lot.

The designer of the yacht Gloriana and many of the speediest productions of the dockyard, Mr. Hirsch, of Bristol, is blind, and he has for nearly half a century been the while several of our transatlantic liners are said to have been designed from masthead to keel by a blind man.

There is a blind girl, a native of Boston, who was on exhibition at Chicago, who is really a phenomenon. Besides being blind she is a deaf mute; but for all that she has so delicate a sense of touch that she can, it is said, distinguish colors. It may be remarked that she have not seen her do it, but this is certain, that she was the first person to discover that the nose of Washington's statue at Washington was larger on one side than the other; and although hundreds of artist must have seen this statue, none of them ever saw this flaw until it was pointed out by a blind and deaf and dumb girl.

Talking of artists, there is a sculptor, a Frenchman, who is blind, but he turns out some splendid work. He models by the sense of touch only, and his pieces are as well finished as those of the greater majority of good sculptors.

We might conclude with a case of a blind girl who has struck out for herself a path of life both useful and lucrative. She is in one of our big city offices employed as a typewriter. It goes without saying that she can only work from dictation, either from the mouth or from the phonograph, and so sure is she of her spelling, that although her speed is much greater than that of the ordinary writer, she seldom makes a mistake, and never a self-over—London Tia-Bita.

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Others again have scattered themselves over the cities of Asia Minor and Southeastern Europe, where much of the local trade is in their hands. But a large number, roughly estimated at from 1,300,000 to 1,700,000, remain in the old fatherland round the great lake of Van, and on the plateaus and elevated valleys which stretch westward from Mount Ararat to Erzeround and Erzurum. Here they are an agricultural (to a less extent) a pastoral population, leading a simple, primitive life and desiring nothing more than to be permitted to lead it in peace and in fidelity to that ancient church which has been to them the symbol of nationality, as well as the guide of life for sixteen centuries.—Hon. James Bryce, M.P., in the Century.

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