

When the police tried to arrest an aeronaut named Burke at Los Angeles, California, he ran into a house, to the roof of which his balloon was tethered, and entering the car sailed away just as the constables in pursuit reached the last flight of stairs.

Terre Haute reports a big demand for union plasterers.

The international convention of Photo Engravers endorsed the printers' eight-hour day.

Los Angeles Labor Temple sells enough union cigars to keep twenty union cigarmakers employed.

The eight-hour movement of the International Typographical Union continues to make headway in various parts of the country.

Reports from Toledo, O., are that members of Battery D are resigning because their captain joined the rat printers of that city.

As a result of the intervention of the Trades Council of Terre Haute, the school board of that city will employ union but union labor hereafter.

Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen have organized a state association in New York. The chief purpose of the organization is legislative.

Union painters of Pittston, Scranton, Carbondale, Wilkes Barre, Pa., and vicinity organized a district council to be known as the Painters' District Council.

The strike begun three weeks ago at Jackson, Mich., by the employers of the Citizens' Telephone Company, because of the discharge of a lipeman has been declared off and all the old employees have returned to work.

A State Federation of Labor for North Carolina was organized at Raleigh. W. E. Faison, of Raleigh, was elected president, and A. J. Williams, of Greensboro, secretary. The convention endorsed the universal eight-hour workday and restriction of immigration.

Until recently there have been two Waiters' Unions in Philadelphia, one owning allegiance to the American Federation of Labor and the other affiliated with the American Labor Union. The latter union has disbanded and returned its charter, the members joining the former organization.

At Newark, N.J., the Rev. Dr. Wm. H. Morgan, pastor of the Central M. E. Church, prefaced a sermon with a discourse on "A Shorter Workday," which was appreciated by the congregation. Mr. Morgan talked from practical experience, as he was a steel worker at a time when a day's labor was from twelve to fifteen hours.

At Indianapolis, as a result of a conference between representatives of the Coopers' International Union and the employing coopers of several states, the men have been granted a slight increase in wages and a working agreement. Michigan, Wisconsin, Illinois, New York, Pennsylvania, Kentucky, Missouri and Indiana were represented.

The Modes-Turned glass bottle factory opened one tank Monday and will probably enlarge the output later in the season. The company did not fall in line with the bottle manufacturers who started their factories on September 1, regardless of the decision at Atlantic City not to yield to the demands of the blowers for last year's scale of wages.—Terre Haute (Ind.) Labor News.

The Philadelphia Trades Union News says the boycott of the United Hatters against the Roelofs factory is proving quite effective. Roelofs had a very large trade, which he built up through the use of the union label while he conducted a union factory. Then he declared for the open shop and thought he could hold his trade. But now boxes of his unfair product are coming back from as far away as California.

"I believe that under modern industrial conditions it is often necessary, and even when not necessary, it is yet often wise, that there should be organization of labor in order to better secure the rights of the individual wage earner."—President Roosevelt.

A new harness making machine has been invented by F. J. Gehring, of Las Vegas, N.M. It is said to do the work of four or five men most satisfactorily.

President McCall, of the New York Life Insurance Co., testified before the investigating committee that the company had in the last six years devoted about \$800,000 to "supervising legislation" in the United States and Canada.

Josh Billings once said, "Before you can have an honest horse race you must have an honest human race."

There is lots of horse sense in that statement. The present industrial system is not ideal. It is the aim of thousands of earnest men to make it so. But after all, the progress that is to be made in this direction shall be determined by the great masses of the people. The question of leadership is important, but more important still is the problem of the everyday man. Any organization that influences him for the better is helping to bring in the golden age for which all good men are longing.

The labor union is a strong factor in this connection. Misunderstood, misrepresented, as it frequently is by friend and foe, nevertheless it is moulding men for better and nobler living. It has its own field. Men must not expect the labor union to perform the functions of societies which are organized for other purposes. If it works out its own problems—and they are important enough—men should be willing to give trades unionism due credit.

ACROSS THE SEAS

Of late years some of our Southern ports have made great strides in the facilities offered for trans-Atlantic passenger service. Two of our most go-ahead Southern ports are Southampton and Dover, both of which towns are creating a wholesome spirit of rivalry with the Northern ports. An instance of the alertness of the Southampton authorities was fully evidenced by the ceremony which took place last week-end. The Lord Lieutenant of the County of Hampshire officially opened the enormous new graving dock, which is the sixth built at Southampton, and forms the largest dock in the world. Such strides have been made in the size of ocean-going steamships in the last few years that accommodation adequate, even as recently as five years ago, is to-day quite insufficient. The new dock has been appropriately christened "Trafalgar."

Queen Alexandra Appeal

London, Nov. 11.—Queen Alexandra has contributed \$10,000, and has initiated a movement for the relief of the unemployed in England, by issuing an appeal, through Earl De Grey, treasurer of the Queen's household.

Her Majesty says: "I appeal to the people of the empire, men and women, to assist me in alleviating the suffering of the poor, starving and unemployed during the winter."

"For this purpose, I head the list with £2,000. All contributions should be sent to Earl De Grey."

"(Signed) Alexandra."

Now that the Boilermakers' and Iron Shipbuilders' Trade Union has agreed to become affiliated to the General Federation of Trade Unions, the total membership of the latter, says the secretary, reaches over half a million.

Totally ignorant of English, a young Frenchman, remanded at Westminster on a charge of travelling from Southampton without paying his fare, told the magistrate through an interpreter that he was out of work and would like to enter the British army.

Extensions of the social work of the Salvation Army to meet the unemployed distress during the winter include the opening in a few weeks of a new waste paper elevator in Brick lane, Whitechapel, an elevator and workshops in Manchester, and a new workman's hotel and metropole in Belfast.

The letters "O. P. S." signifying "On the people's service," have been substituted on the envelopes of the Ensigns (Wexford) Board of Guardians for the time-honored and loyal "O. H. M. S."

So crowded is the Eton workhouse with tramps that it has been suggested that all applicants should be compelled to take a bath, which measure the authorities hope will stop the influx.

In South Africa the white ants have been found so destructive to wooden ties that steel has necessarily been adopted.

Gera, Germany, Saturday, Nov. 11.—The Weavers' and Dyers' Association of the Saxon-Thuringian district has decided to make the lockout of the weavers general to-day, having failed to induce a sufficient number of operatives to accept the wage scale and continue work. The lockout will affect 40,000 operatives.

Industrial Conditions in New Zealand

Fourteenth Annual Report of the Department of Labor of New Zealand. Wellington: Government Printer, 1905. Pages, 145.

The report of the Department of Labor of New Zealand for the year which ended on March 31, 1905, shows that there has been great prosperity in that colony during this period. Both the import and export trade increased greatly compared with previous years, and in ten years the deposits in savings banks had expanded from £3,966,849 to £8,432,958. There were 3,130 applicants for work, all of whom obtained employment through the agency of the department. There were 650 more factories, employing 3,745 more workers compared with the preceding year.

A new step taken by the Government in connection with the compulsory arbitration system was the appointment of inspectors of awards. These officers relieved the officials of trade unions from the duty of appearing in actions against their employers, and thus helped to maintain friendly relations between them. The inspectors of awards laid information for 295 cases of breach of award, winning 232 cases. They also settled 312 cases without having recourse to the arbitration court. There were registered with the department 109 associations of employers having 3,292 members, and 273 trade unions with a membership of 30,271. There were 39 cases brought before the conciliation boards and 443 brought before the arbitration court.

Within a very short time the Japanese menace will be as real to Australia as is now the next Melbourne Cup. What do Australian statesmen propose?—Bulletin, Sydney.

Japan is outwitted, and England is the lion which takes two-thirds of the booty, and lays his claws on the last third with a threat to all who question his right to it.—Viedomosti, St. Petersburg.

Doubtless the German Emperor would like to get rid of Lord Lansdowne as he managed to get rid of M. Delcasse, but we are not sure that the British electors will oblige him.—Manchester Courier.

It is the duty of every Englishman to find out why in this England of ours there is not work for every man to do. Next, it is the duty of every Englishman to try to find a remedy for this blight which is weakening us at every point.—Weekly Dispatch.

Plague of Tramps

Owing to the prevalence of tramps, the Gloucestershire Standing Joint Committee have decided to issue circulars throughout the county asking people not to be so generous towards these wanderers. If the public would not give alms there would soon be an end to the evil. While these vagrants can obtain three shillings a day by begging, the wage of an average laborer, they will not try to procure work. People need not fear, adds the circular, that the tramps will starve if deprived of the coppers of the too generous public.

Two hundred and twelve skippers of Scotch herring boats, representing about 2,000 men, have signed a declaration by which the custom of the buyer of the cargo receiving free a basket containing 250 herrings for every ten crabs or forty baskets, contained in the catch, will be discontinued at Yarmouth.

Mail Driver's Adventure

On a lonely portion of the road between Worthing and Brighton, near Shoreham, the driver of the mail coach was startled by a man springing from a hedge and extinguishing one of his lamps. Fearing an attack, the driver whipped up his horses to a gallop and got safely away. Several robberies have been committed in the neighborhood lately, a little post office losing £16.

Happy Tramps

The Yeovil workhouse has been invaded by tramps during the past fortnight. This is due to the supply of stone, of which each roadster is required to crack a specified quantity, having given out, and, no other employment being available, the visitors depart each morning after receiving the regulation breakfast. For every tramp hitherto arriving at the house there are now six. The workhouse master says the tramps pass the word along—hence the sudden increase.

Fishermen on Strike

The strike in the trawling industry at Aberdeen is now assuming large proportions. The men demand the Hull rate of wages, and it is stated that on no fewer than thirty-two vessels the terms of the unions have been conceded. Nearly eighty vessels have been laid up, and the strikers now number between 600 and 700. The situation threatens to become serious.

Rocket Company's Revolt

The Buckie Rocket Life Saving Apparatus Company assembled for practice and were kept waiting an hour and a quarter for the divisional officer. On his arrival by motor car the company, through their captain, asked for an explanation of the delay, which was refused, and Captain Johnston was immediately suspended. Thereupon the whole of the company handed in their equipment and marched home. A Board of Trade inquiry is to be held.

Of the twelve jurors who tried a case in Dublin, six were named Murphy, and of the eleven ordered by the Crown to "stand by" in the same case, six were named Byrne, the Irish Independent points out.

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