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## WORK AND WAGES.

### LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

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### CANADA.

The Nathan Company has purchased the Gilmore Company's saw mills at Fretton, and will take possession in a few weeks.

The annual supper of the employees of the Dominion Express Company, London, will be held at Newport's on Friday evening next.

An order has been received at the M. C. R. shops, St. Thomas, to construct 100 flat cars. It is expected the number of workmen in the shops will have to be increased.

An employee of the Grand Trunk car works named J. Buckley met with a death very suddenly on the 4th inst. He was engaged unloading a car of lumber, and was getting off the end of the car when the lumber fell on his head, fracturing the skull and killing him in about an hour.

EMANUEL STRUBBE, who has been in the hardware business with his father on Jefferson avenue, Detroit, for the past ten years, has severed his connection with the firm, to organize the new firm will manufacture waterproof clothing, cuffs, etc., for the Canadian trade.

The anniversary of the introduction of the order of the E. L. into Quebec Province will be celebrated by a social entertainment and ball in the Army Hall, Colborne street, Montreal, on Monday the 12th. General Master Workman Poudery has been invited to be present and deliver an address.

As a token of the good feeling that exists between employer and employee, C. S. Hyman, of London, presented an old and faithful employee of C. S. Hyman & Co. with a gold watch, bearing the following inscription:—To Jno. Connell, on his completion of twenty years service in the employ of C. S. Hyman & Co. Dec. 25th, 1890. The residents on Richmond street know John as Hyman's transfer.

The following officers have been elected by the Hamilton Trades and Labor Council:—President, W. J. Vano; vice-president, McCarthy; recording secretary, David Ross; financial secretary, Thomas Jones; treasurer, Fred Waller; sergeant-at-arms, John Anderson. The following comprise the Municipal Committee:—Messrs. Walter, McAndrew, J. Potts, B. Gibson and J. Lowry. On the evening of January 26th an open meeting will be held at the question of co-operation will be discussed.

The C. P. R. shops at Colborne avenue, Montreal, have resumed work, but very few employees have returned yet, under the superintendency of Mr. Higginson, promise to have an extremely busy season on the dining car "Columbus" is being taken up with the newly invented car-lighting apparatus, supplied by Williams and Company, New York. The gas in a lamp is not allowed to burn at a degree of heat or cold. It has worked well on some of the American roads which have adopted this method of lighting. The Hon. James Fitzpatrick has been lighted on this principle. All iron castings for locomotive work, formerly done at Verdun's foundry, will in future be cast at the C. P. R. shops under Mr. Higginson.

### UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO comic-makers winning eight hours.

A STENOGRAPHIC machine takes 250 words a minute.

THE New York Helicor makers are fighting for eight hours.

The railroad pay rolls for 1890 will be nearly \$700,000,000.

CINCINNATI Knights of Labor have arranged for a series of lectures at the new Iron Ship-builders' International Union has three thousand members.

There are six establishments in the United States making, or preparing to make, flat irons.

The International Congress of Labor at Chicago in 1893 will pay the expenses of European delegates.

The International Bricklayers and Stone-masons' Union has over thirty-five thousand members.

New York painters demanded eight hours in the spring with wages fixed as at present at \$3.50 a day.

PRINTERS are advised to keep away from Birmingham, Ala., the city being overcrowded with types.

In Massachusetts the demand of organized labor have secured the passage of thirty laws in five years.

The second annual convention of the New York State Knights of Labor meets in Albany on the 15th inst.

On May 1st Brooklyn upholsters will demand nine hours and the abatement of overtime and Sunday work.

In the United States thirty-seven per cent. of all the employees engaged in the tobacco industry are children.

A COMPANY proposes to lay pneumatic package tubes in Chicago, dividing its gross receipts with the city for the privilege.

HUNDREDS of Americans in Thuringia are emigrating to America in the expectation of obtaining employment in New York mills.

THE Scotland, Pa., Rolling Mills and Pipe Works have been shut down indefinitely, and 1,600 men are out of employment.

ABOUT 350 girls employed in the J. K. P. Piano factory of the United Shirt and Collar Company, at Troy, N.Y., have quit work, owing to dissatisfaction with the schedule of rates.

It is announced at Omaha that an order has been prepared for the reduction of the clerks and general agents salaries from fifteen to twenty-five per cent.

A NUMBER of Hibernians who participated in riots at Andrew Carnegie's steel works in Pittsburg, Pa., are dying.

New York K. of L. demand the prohibition of the employment of Pinkerton's detectives by corporations and the weekly payment of the same by surface railroads.

Another law asked is to have automatic brakes and safety couplings applied to freight cars.

EXPOSERS who have examined the coal deposits recently opened at Eagle Pass, Texas, declare that this is the best bituminous coal field yet discovered in Texas.

Four districts of the Congress have advanced in price from one dollar to thirty and fifty dollars per acre.

THIRTY cent mine-shaft on account of the fact river are now in on account of the fact river for an advance of one-half cent per bushel in the price of mining. About 3,600 strikes are out and the strikers claim the operators will not grant the advance.

THE American Manufacturers in the United States estimate the total production of pig iron in 1890 at 9,691,073 gross tons, or 10,183,010 net tons. This is 1,200,000 tons greater than in 1889, and breaks all previous records. The production of the first six months of the year was 4,696,222 gross tons, 139,655 tons in excess of the same period for 1890.

THE Pitting district production is much in excess of demand.

THESEVERAL GARDS of the Bradford Wire Company, Pa., who have several hundred employees have been on strike since the 31st ult., on account of the discharge of a union man, and employees in the mill. As Mr. Gates is president of the wire trade, the workers take this as an insult to the mills owned by the company, operated by non-union men. The workers in all are members of the Amalgamated Association of Iron and Steel Workers and a long and hard fight will follow.

ELECTRICIANS, Union, No. 3,600, of Pittsburgh, Pa., is endeavoring to secure the organization of all electrical workers throughout the country, and has issued an address requesting the co-operation of members of trade-unions to attend that end. The above union is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, and is endeavoring: (1) To protect the members against interested persons who work for a mereittance; (2) To secure a fair day's wages for a fair day's work; (3) To elevate the profession and maintain the rights of electricians as mechanics; (4) To cooperate with, and receive the support of, the trade-unions in all matters pertaining to their own, but the rights of all mechanical workers. Any information desired may be had by addressing C. Thomas, secretary, 69 Franklin St., Pittsburgh, Pa.

### GREAT BRITAIN.

SEVERAL hundred members of the Book-makers' Society employed at Gray & Co's shipyard and engine works, West Ham, London, have struck for a seven and one-half per cent. advance in wages.

At a meeting of the North Wales Miners' Federation, when delegates were present representing 10,000 men, a resolution was passed expressing approval of the Eight-hours Bill, and urging upon the Government the serious consideration of this most important question.

### THE LONDON PORT.

The London port is fast becoming a dead weight on our trade. There is no demand to go out on strike. The more is demanded to set the question whether working over time shall be voluntary or not, but it is not a question of the business of employment of female clerks 200 clerks have been suspended for refusing to work overtime.

## UNDER SERIOUS CONSIDERATION.

It is just like this, Mr. Moser. I simply can't afford to keep my youngsters at home, but they don't go to school regular. When we get free books we have real free schools, but not before.—Grip.



THE Amalgamated Society of Enginemen, Coalmen and Firemen has been organized on a national basis in England. It was established a year since at Middleborough, and has now forty Whittier, 6,500 members. Mr. J. Whittier, the general secretary, has been pushing the work of organization in Leeds.

The annual income of the rural population of Europe is highest in France, where it reaches the sum of \$255.50 per capita. Next comes Denmark, with \$121.25; then England with \$112.50. Russia stands at the bottom of the list with \$45.00.

It is reported that the state of trade in Germany is dull. Depression is general, and in every direction it is apparent that the capacity for buying by the mass of the people has decreased. The working classes can't eat, and trade in the smaller shops is said to be worse than ever known before. The whole tendency at present seems downward.

The eight hour agitation in Australia began in 1855. After three years the eight was won for all the trades, the hours coming down from ten to eight hours. For over thirty years the Australian workmen have had an eight hour law, and there are almost no non-union men in the entire country. It took us a good while to get the Australian ballot, which will give the late Australian conditions of labor 1-1/2.

The local labor congress at Marseilles has closed its sessions. The following resolutions were adopted: 1. The property be in common. 2. That the State should provide a retreat for over-ruined and invalid workers of both sexes. 3. That employers be forbidden to employ foreign workers at a lower rate of wages than that allowed to French workingmen. 4. That congress should urge all workers to combine in order to obtain political power. The proposal of a general strike was recommended for consideration on an international congress.

The new Temple of Labor that is being erected by the trade unions of France, in Paris, is to be a massive white-stone building, containing 145 offices and two large assembly halls. The offices will be used as employment agencies by the various trades, and will also be headquarters for all union workmen. A central office, where matters of general interest to the toilers will be transacted, is one of the prominent features of the building. A sort of central trade council will meet there weekly, and will take charge of any matter that arises too large for the trade affected.

ALFRED SHERMAN recently returned to this country on the Bremer steamer "Lulu." He had secured thousand dollars worth of jewelry secreted about his person for four of his crew. He got off the steamer all right, but a pickpocket followed him and waylaid him in the street. The thief was brought back to the steamer, and was very bold. The case will be brought to trial, when the court will undoubtedly decide that the robbers were only doing their duty in taking Sherman's goods away from him, although he had bought and paid for them in Europe. Stealing seems to be all right when the thief wears a uniform and acts under the authority of the Government. It seems to be, but it isn't.—Treadwell Century.

A MINE JURY who lately celebrated her one-hundredth birthday tells her mother taught her to write on larch bark. The children of these days in their wildest dreams could hardly have imagined the advantages and luxuries that the little folks of today take as a matter of course.

### RUSSIAN AND GENERAL.

FRENCH emigrant lands have a union with 60,000 members and 2,500,000 francs in the treasury.

Fifty persons were killed outright by an explosion that occurred in the Trinity coal pit, Pulaski county, on Saturday.