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CANADA

A FACTORY for the manufacture of band, circular and other saws is to be started in Ottawa

WORK on the Kingston dry dock was begun on Monday A large number of laborers are employed The dry dock last year gave the locomotive works $10,000 worth of work.

MICHAEL PHALEN, aged 21, employed in Beatty's foundry, Fergus, was struck in the abdomen by a piece of timber which rebounded from a circular saw and died from his injuries.

A SPECIAL meeting of the Montreal Trades and Labor Council, called for the purpose of considering the political situation, decided to endorse the candidature of Mr. Lepine in the eastern division by a vote of 39 to 32.

NIHAN, ELLIOT & PHIN, the contractors for the Sarma tunnel approaches, have given up the contract for the approach at the Sarma side and will henceforth confine their operations to the Port Huron approach. Thomas H. Murphy has taken charge of the work on the Sarnia approach and will push it ahead with all possible despatch. The working force has been increased to 250, and it is intended to increase it to the largest number that can be economically employed in the approach.

A NEW manager in the establishment of Messrs. E. Mitchell & Co., Montreal Brass Works, has introduced the employment of female labor in some of the departments, and several men have been laid off. One of the hands discharged was an old man who had been in the employ of the firm about thirty-five years. The men are to hold a meeting to discuss the position of affairs, as it is generally believed throughout the shop that a general cutting down is to take place. It is alleged that the work is not suitable for women to be engaged in, being alike uncleanly and unhealthy, and several of the girls, after a week's experience in this department left disgusted.

ON the morning of the 12th inst., a boiler explosion took place at the works of the Quebec Worsted Company, at Hare Point, Quebec, attended by a frightful loss of life. The boiler had been under repairs for a week and was being tested prior to again starting the machinery. The repairs were made by men from Carrier & Laine's works at Levis, and amongst those present at the test was Mr. Arthur Tweddell, superintendent of the Quebec and Levis Ferry Company, who, with seventeen others, was killed outright, while about thirty of the factory operatives, who were looking on, were wounded, several of whom afterwards died. The factory was shut down during the repairs to the boiler, and as it was expected to reopen, most of the employees gathered in the building, and many were eagerly watching the test of the boiler at the time of the accident. The explosion shattered the boiler-house, a large two storey building, and destroyed a large portion of the factory. The damage to the building and machinery is estimated at from $20,000 to $30,000. Pieces of the machinery and building were scattered in all directions. The factory proper took fire shortly after the explosion, but it was soon extinguished by the brigade

UNITED STATES.

CHICAGO cornice makers won eight hours.

BROOKLYN furniture hands work nine hours.

BROOKLYN unions are fighting the conspiracy law.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers has 66,000 members.

A BILL making eight hours a day's work, except in farm labor, passed the Ohio House.

A BREWERS' Union at San Francisco has nearly doubled wages and reduced hours almost half.

THE coal miners' strike at Belleville, Ill., is ended. The operators granted the men a uniform rate of 12 cents per bushel.

THE Pennsylvania Steel Works at Steelton, Pa., are discharging employees who affiliate with the Amalgamated Steel Association.

AS a result of the mule spinners strike in Newark, N. J., the American Federation of Labor has placed a boycott on Clark's thread

A REDUCTION of about ten per cent. in the wages of the employees of the Emma blast furnace at Cleveland, Ohio, took effect on Monday.

THE weavers in the Atlantic Cotton Mills at Lawrence, Mass, about 600 in number, have been notified of an increase in wages from 5 to 10 per cent.

THE United States produced in 1889, 50,000,000 ounces of fine silver, coining value $61,646,464, and 1,587,000 fine ounces of gold, (value, $32,800,000).

THE New York factory inspector recommends that women under 21 and youths of 18 in mercantile houses be limited to sixty hours a week, and the prevention of overcrowding

THE employees of the Buckeye Mower and Reaper Works at Akron, Ohio, have been notified of a re adjustment in their hours and wages, which will amount to a cut of 30 to 50 per cent.

THE International Labor Congress Association is an organization that aims to secure the holding of a World's Labor Congress in Chicago during the World's Columbian Exposition of 1893. Already twenty seven organizations have joined in the movement.

THE Tin and Sheet Iron Workers' Union have notified all employers that eight hours will be a regular day's work on and after August 1st, with no reduction in wages. The Union will co operate with the Steamfitters' Union, which will make the eight hour demand on the same day.

THE New York Central Labor Union has passed resolutions declaring that disfranchisement of the working women of the metropolis is a cause of their starvation pay and of the worst public evils, and demanding that the State Legislature forthwith enable every self-supporting woman to vote.

W. J. RAINEY & Co., owners of one hundred coke ovens in the Connellsville region, Pa., have resolved to fight the strike which was inaugurated at all the other plants. Their men say they will not strike. Fifty Pinkerton men and a number of deputy sheriffs were placed on guard at the works. Grave trouble is expected.

THERE are thousands of wives and mothers in New York who make ends meet by sewing on overalls that pay 75 cents, shirts 60 cents, vests 95 cents, trousers $3, flannel shirts $1 a dozen. They are obliged to find their own thread for the overalls and shirts and carry the work to and from the shop If they take a street car one-tenth of their earning is gone.

THE Knights of Labor Paper Hangers' Union won a victory last week over Painters' Union No. 184, an open organization. The Knights refused to work with members of No. 184 on house on Madison eighty third street and Eighth avenue, N.Y. A strike followed, and painters, carpenters, cornice makers and others stopped work. The men objected to by the Knights were discharged and all hands resumed work

JUDGE BIDDLE, of Philadelphia, has decided that an agreement between manufacturers not to employ men on strike in each other's factory was not conspiracy nor illegal. The ruling was made in the suit for damages brought against Peirson & Mitchel, morocco manufacturers, by Joseph Bradley, a striking employee, who claimed that he was unable to secure a livelihood at his occupation because of the request by the defendants that manufacturers should not engage employees of their factory during the strike.

THE State Convention of the Iowa Knights of Labor began its sessions at Des Monies on the 10th inst. T. V. Powderly said the industrial classes will make their demands effectually heard. The farmers and industrial classes of cities were practically agreed in what they wanted, and, he believed, would work together. Whether or not these classes will unite and form a third party for 1892 depends upon the position taken by the other parties. If they agree to give the farmers of the West and the factory hands of the East what they require, there will be no need for a separate political party. Mr. Powderly goes to meet with the State Assembly, Knights of Labor, in Nebraska

AN attempt was made on the 14th inst. to put a gang of Italians at work in a secluded portion of Jackson Park, Chicago, which is now being graded in preparation for the World's Fair, but the pickets of the idle crowd discovered the ruse, and armed with sticks and stones made a dash upon them, the Italians fleeing in all directions. The discovery was made that the carpenters at work on the temporary structures were receiving less than union wages, whereupon a delegation of union carpenters waited on them and gave them fifteen minutes to quit work. Some obeyed and those who did not were patched off the scaffolds. Some of the Italians were caught later and forced to run the gauntlet between two long rows of idlers, who pounded them with sticks as they ran.

GREAT BRITAIN.

THE operative bricklayers of Manchester, Salford, and vicinity, have given notice of an advance in wages from 8d per hour to 9d per hour, also for a revision of the working rules, the same to come in force on the first day of May.

THE men on the South Claro Railway, Ireland, have returned to work at their original wages. The company have conceded neither the demand for increased wages, nor the shorter hours on Saturdays, which the men demanded.

THE West Cumberland Iron Works have been compelled to shut down, owing to lack of orders for steel rails. About 1,400 men are thus thrown out of work. Other iron works are reducing the number of men in their employ.

THE outlook of the dockers' strike in London is serious The lightermen started to unload 20,000 frozen sheep on Monday, but soon afterwards withdrew, alleging their lives were in danger from violence threatened by the strikers.

NOTICES have been given at all the steel works throughout Lanarkshire that a reduction of from 7½ to 10 per cent. in wages will take place immediately This intimation was resolved upon in consequence of the reductions which has been made in the English and Welsh steel trades.

THE shipping federation in London has issued an ultimatum declaring that the dictation of the unions is unbearable, and that they will employ no men except those who will pledge themselves to embark on any vessel with which they sign articles, whether the remainder of the crew be unionists or not.

ON the Galway section of the Galway and Clifden Railway the men have struck for 16 shillings, the running wages on the line being 12 shillings; and the carters have declined to work for 30 shillings. In Ballinamuch, five miles from Clifden, sixty men have been paid off, as they consider the wages entirely too low. The work has been almost suspended.

THE situation in and about the Albert Docks, London, owing to the strike of the dock laborers, is becoming critical. Open acts of violence are only prevented by the presence about the docks of a large force of police. Work upon the cargoes of the steamships *Sorrento* and *Lydian Monarch* has been completely brought to a standstill by the efforts of the union dock laborers and stevedores

A STRIKE is threatened in the brushmaking trade at Norwich. Messrs. Page and Sons, the largest local manufacturers, have recently introduced into their works a new boring machine, which is claimed to lessen manual labor in the making of brooms as to justify the firm in reducing the wages of the men 20 per cent. The Norwich branch of the Amalgamated Brushmakers' Society has resolved to resist the reduction by every means in its power.

FROM the Scotch railway traffic returns for the financial half-year, it appears that the number of persons employed by the railway companies increased from 1,000 to 1,500 during the year. The highest number employed was 1,500 in the month of December. The total number employed during the year was 22,000. The number employed at the end of the year was 21,500