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LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing Army of Workers
BY W. B. FRANCIS

Under a new agreement the machinists employed by the Chicago, St. Paul, Minneapolis and Omaha Railroad have been granted a wage increase of 10 per cent.

The amendments to the Manitoba Factory Act in reference to child labor and other matters, having passed the Legislature, James Sutherland, president of the railway organization, speaking on the question, stated that an active campaign to organize all factory female workers had been commenced.

The Hamilton Trades and Labor Council has received the following from the re-elected committee handed out by Toronto labor leaders.

Judge Dwyer of San Antonio, Texas, decided that the anti-trust law of that State, under which the Brewery Workers and Electrical Workers were dragged into court, did not apply to trade unions.

A new labor union has sprung into existence at Indianapolis, Ind. It is a union of the Amalgamated Association of Street and Electric Railway Employees and includes in its membership practically all the motormen and conductors employed on interurban lines running in and out of Indianapolis.

There is nothing new in the situation regarding the workmen's strike in the Coburn Manuf. Co. The strikers report that the firm is sending a large part of its work to Montreal, and that in many of its departments not affected by the strike the men are almost in idleness.

Chicago paper box makers have received a decision from an arbitrator that has dashed them. The arbitrator decides that the present wage scale should be extended until Jan. 1, 1907.

The Cigarmakers' Union of San Francisco recently secured the conviction of Chas. Matthews & Co., a local firm of cigar and tobacco dealers, on a charge of counterfeiting the Cigarmakers' International Union label.

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By W. B. FRANCIS in the Island Printer.
That the class known as labor "skates" or "fakers" will continue to thrive is to be expected.

In line with the actions of other trade unions of Hamilton, Pa., the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers' Union, No. 209, will ask for an increase of wages to take effect on April 1.

The announcement was made at Topeka, Kan., that representatives of all the co-operative agricultural interests of the Mississippi Valley will meet in Omaha, Neb., March 1, to effect an organization to be known as the National Farmers' Exchange.

Another practical turn is being given to the "back-to-the-land" movement at London, England. An influential reparation committee is being formed, with the co-operation of the Lord Mayor, to replace on farm land the unemployed who have been driven from the towns to country life.

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AFTER STOCK TAKING COMES THE BARGAIN GIVING

Stock taking in a store the size of ours naturally enough finds us with many broken and odd lines. We cannot carry these goods over, we never do, instead in goes the price pruning knife, the result being a store full of bargains in Union made goods of every description.

Realities not Pretence Deeds not Words
This special bargain offering, would fall in its primary object also in its great helpfulness and usefulness to you, if it did not supply "Union made" goods, that were equal in every particular of construction, finish and design to the best goods we have ever offered only we have not the full range of sizes to make a selection from, and the price difference your gain, a price reduction of from 25% to 40%. The bargain list appears all over the store, the money saving opportunities are to be found in every department.

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STATEMENT OF FACT
From the Cold Climate of Dawson City to the Gurney Foundry Co.

The following very interesting letter was forwarded to the Gurney Foundry Company, of Toronto, from the Dawson City Trades Council on January 14th last. It gives a little more news in an interesting controversy.

NOTES AND NOVELTIES.
There is any amount of space in our newspapers for the news from the seat of the fur, the foppies and imitations of the social tea of the ball room, the wine at the race or the football game, but for the rights of the toilers and the manner in which they are fleeced out of these rights, there is scarcely room for the pen.

Between the production of wealth and its distribution there is a world of difference. When a man tries to raise potatoes he is dealing all the time with physical law, fertility of soil, rotation of crops and the proper methods of fertilization. But when the crop is raised, the comes the question of ownership. Should these potatoes belong to the man or woman who raised them, or should the most of them belong to His Grace the Duke, who has the first and best right to the produce of those potatoes? This is a question, not of physical law, but of moral law. It is a religious question.

The labor unions are working at this problem. The solution which we find in some of their constitutions or other documents is that labor should receive all that it produces. This is undoubtedly the correct doctrine, and it is a great gain to have a general statement of this kind. It acts as a goal towards which labor should bend its utmost energies, to secure all it produces. No question before the public to-day for one moment compares with this in importance. We could easily drop all the other questions in science; we could easily rest in our pursuit of better mechanical methods, and we would be great gainers were we to concentrate our attention on the one problem. How can we secure to every man his rightful due?

In the production of wealth there are two distinct elements which should always be carefully distinguished, just as carefully as we would distinguish between a debit and a credit. The first is the labor, the second is the product. The greater the product with the same or less labor, the greater is the wealth. It is to gain this that every improvement has been introduced in our industries. This is the purpose of all machinery and all invention. When, however, we come to the distribution, we find that one man has to do all the labor, but he does not by any means get the whole of the product. Between the production and the distribution we find this marked contrast: The man who does the labor often takes the greater part of the product, the greater is the wealth. It is the laborer who makes the fragment that is left.

To learn how to rectify this anomaly we must observe another distinction, namely, that between the earth, which is a brute man who dares to hold a baby as though he knew how.

Character has a commercial as well as an ethical value. Men are always a bit suspicious of women who are not afraid of mice. It is a brave man who dares to hold a baby as though he knew how. One of the most fleeting things in life is the love of a woman for a good man.

Gold Seal EXPORT LAGER. Is the very finest beer made in Canada. If you try it just once you'll say so.

Block Pipe TIN THE CANADA METAL CO. William Street, Toronto.

UNION BROOM MAKERS. This Label appears on all Union made brooms, and guarantees that it was not made by convicts in a prison factory.

Dr. Carson's Tonic Stomach and Constipation Bitters. Have long been recognized as the efficient treatment.

DR. EASTON'S Blood and Nerve Builder. Strengthens and Tones up the Nervous System.

Carter's Teething Powders. Best for Teething Babies. RECOMMENDS THEM. Dear Sir, I have used your Teething Powders and find that they are all that we desire, and are better than any other we have ever used.

THE STROLLERS

By FREDERIC S. ISHAM.

Author of "Under the Rose"

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"Can you spare me a little time to borrow morning early before we leave?" said Saint-Proper finally. "Yes," returned the manager in surprise. "What is it?" "A foolish piece of business. The business is in New Orleans. I have secured an examination of an antique and appropriation. 'What is it being done here?' said 'I thought we had seen the last of this. It is followed—Constantine?" "I don't know. We met today at the race."

Advertisement for Dominion Brewery Company, featuring White Label Brand and Ales and Porter.

Advertisement for Davies Brewery Co., featuring Oryzated Crystal and Cream Ales, Porter and Lager, Tonic Malt Extract, and Vienna Beer.

"The land baron will not get along the case of the meeting," said the old-fashioned man. "These fashionable affairs need her money."

CHAPTER XX. The mid-air was lifting from the earth, and nature lay wrapped in the rosy glow of daybreak.

Advertisement for White Label Brand, featuring a bottle illustration and text about the product's quality.

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He stood his ground bravely for a moment, playing feebly into space, expecting the fatal stroke. When would it come? Then the state colored boots were extruded in a black cloud.

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Advertisement for Union Made Clothing, featuring Men's Overcoats, Men's Suits, Men's Shirts, Men's Overalls, and Men's Suspenders.

Advertisement for Union Men, featuring Lawrence Bros. and a list of products including men's clothing and accessories.

Francis' discreet eyes were down-cast. Why did the victor wish to learn about the Saint-Proper family? Why, instead of going, did he linger and eye the man half glumly?

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Advertisement for United Hatters of North America, featuring the Union Label and information about the organization's goals and membership.

Advertisement for Allied Printing Trades Union Council, featuring information about the union's activities and contact details.

Advertisement for E. J. Henry General Supply Merchant, featuring a list of household supplies and contact information.

Advertisement for Union Men Chew the Best British Navy, featuring information about the product and its quality.

Advertisement for McAlpine Tobacco Co., featuring information about the company's products and contact details.

Advertisement for Anti-Times Committees, featuring information about the organization's efforts to reduce advertising costs.

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