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## WORK AND WAGES.

### LABOR NOTES AND NEWS FROM ALL QUARTERS.

Interesting Items, Facts and Figures - A Bird's-Eye View of the World of Industry

THE Trades and Labor Council of London have decided in favor of woman suffrage.

LARGE numbers of French Canadians are leaving the Province of Quebec for the manufacturing centres of Massachusetts.

THE Stratford City Council has signed a contract with the Bell Telephone Company to supply the city with an automatic fire alarm system.

THE Canadian Locomotive and Engine Works Company, Kingston, has closed a contract with the C.P.R. for fifteen locomotives, to be completed in less than a year.

THE water in the Welland Canal will be drawn off from the 18th to the 25th April, in order that the annual repairs may be made. The mud and silt on the old canal will in consequence be shut down during that time.

THE bricklayers of Montreal have elected the following officers for the year 1891 - Zouique Brien, president; Joseph Bled, first vice-president; Calyx Valin, vice-president; J. G. Goyette, recording secretary; Joseph Corbett, treasurer.

THE Printers' Pressmen's Union, No. 35, of Montreal, elected the following officers for the ensuing year - N. STEPHENS, president; George Owen, vice-president; Albert Aubin, recording and corresponding secretary; Thos. Bell, financial secretary; John Clendinning, treasurer; Arthur Tock, sergeant-at-arms.

DANIEL McMURRAY, of Waukegan, engineer of the Wisconsin Central Railroad, had died on the 9th inst., from injuries received by his engine running off the track on the 20th of Jan. His wife, Mrs. Mullen, of St. Thomas, and formerly a freeman on the G.T.R. He was thirty-five years of age and leaves a wife and five children.

EIGHTEEN cigar-makers have been discharged by London manufacturers. It is stated that this is an unusual thing, as every spring some twenty-five or thirty men are compelled to seek employment elsewhere, owing to the fact that apprentices crowd them out. Several of the look-out men have already gone, and ten or twelve of them will go to the States on the first of May.

A COMPANY has been formed in Montreal which will commence the erection of large rolling mills for the manufacture of brass and copper wire, rods and other goods. Mr. C. F. Sise, of the Bell Telephone Company, is at the head of the largest consumer of brass and copper in Canada. Some American capitalists are also interested in the Company. The Company will also manufacture and produce sheets, none of which are now produced in Canada. The works are expected to be completed in five or thirty months.

MONTREAL Typographical Union, No. 176, has elected the following officers for the ensuing year - C. J. Maguire, president; T. J. Flynn, vice-president; David Smith, financial secretary; John Trevel, corresponding and recording secretary; L. Z. Boudreau, treasurer; James Freely, sergeant-at-arms. The executive committee is composed of James Wilton, C. W. Gorham, W. J. Murphy, John Beckingham, board directors by R. Kwanggh, Jas. McInyre and J. O'Connell. Delegates to Central Trades and Labor Council: L. Z. Boudreau, C. J. Maguire and J. P. Moncel.

In moving the second reading of the bill respecting the liens for labor on logs work for the Dominion, the bill was read thereon, in the Ontario Legislature on Tuesday, Mr. Hardy explained that it applied to the district of Algoma, Thunder Bay and Rainy River. Log cutters out in these places by jobbers, who, through lack of money, sometimes could not pay their bills. The object was to give a lien thereon to the loggers. For claims of \$200 and under the application was to be made through the District Justice, and over sums in the District Court. No sale of property would affect the lien. The bill follows in some respects that of Michigan law, but is quite fuller and it believed to be more effective.

UNITED STATES. TWENTY THREE States now have Unions of Labor and Statistics. THE Farmers' Alliance has 116 papers in Kansas - one to every county, with ten to spare.

At Springfield, O., clerks organized and forced nearly all merchants to close up at seven o'clock.

THE wages of miners decreased from \$1.53 per ton of coal in 1870 to 79c. in 1890, and 60c. in 1891.

THE Board of Education of New York City will hire halls in which to give free lectures to the working people of the city.

SPECIAL IMMIGRATION AGENT LESTER, of Springfield, Ill., charges several Omaha firms with systematically violating the alien labor law.

THE Trades Council of Pittsburgh has asked all clergymen of that city to preach upon the eight-hour question. Which they probably won't.

THE convention of miners and operators at Pittsburgh came to an end without composing the differences of the two classes, and a big strike is in prospect on May 1st.

THE Building Trades of St. Louis have adopted a combined working card, with out which no man can work. The union men of one trade will not work with the non-union men of another.

ON the 9th inst., Capt. Lox and three other deputies were arrested on charges of murder for shooting the strikers at Frick's Coke works, Morewood, Pa. They were taken to Scotland, where they gave bail.

THE Tabernacle Congregation church, of Jersey City, N.J., is endeavoring to raise \$50,000, with which to build "people's palace," or workmen's club house, as an annex to the church.

Mrs. CLARE DE GREENBRIK, of the Labor Bureau at Washington, and a member of the Knights of Labor, received the prize for an essay on "Women Wage-Earners" from the American Economic Association.

GRAND MASTER INEWAM, of the German Brotherhood, has ordered all the striking brickmen to go to work, thus practically ending the swimmers' strike, as the latter can do nothing without the treatment of swimmers.

AT a meeting of the Plumbers' Copperware Association of the United States, held at Philadelphia a great trust combination was formed for the purpose of raising the prices of their wares, which have recently been depressed by over-production.

A CONVENTION of textile workers met in Lowell on Monday last, and formed the "National Textile Workers' Union." The following officers were elected: President, Eugene Sullivan of Fall River; vice-president, Edward G. Greenhalgh of Lowell; secretary, F. W. Cahill, of Lawrence; treasurer, J. C. Amstutz, of Dover, N.H.

CARPENTERS' strikes for the eight-hour day are likely to take place in CHICAGO, JACKSONVILLE, and New York, N.Y.; PITTSBURGH, MINN.; NEWARK, N.J.; Salt Lake City, Utah; Springfield, Ill., and Shreveport, La. It is probable trouble will also occur on the same day in East St. Louis, Ill.; St. Louis, Mo.; Louisville, Ky., and Milwaukee, Wis. These cities have the eight-hour day, but the men desire some further advances.

THE Chicago vessel owners have thrown down the gauntlet to the Union and will establish an independent shipping office, where sailors will be engaged regardless of their union affiliations. The Lake Steamers' Benevolent Association, The Marine Engineers in Chicago are organizing an association of a general strike. Many of these cities have declared their intention to reduce wages the coming season.

THE mass meeting called under the auspices of the Central Labor Union, to take action on the stand of the manufacturing employers in Rochester, took place on the evening of the 9th inst., in Cooper Union, New York. The hall was filled with members of the trade and labor organizations. Some very radical speeches were made, especially by the German speakers. James E. Wright and James Hughes, the friends of the Rochester

GREAT BRITAIN. LORD SALISBURY fears that if an Eight Hours Act is conveyed to the miners, other industries will be bound to get it as well. He is right!

THE Welsh tin platers will close their works on the 1st of May, unless they are forced to restrict their output in consequence of the new American tariff law.

ACCORDING to the Labor World, there is talk of running labor candidates in the Mid-Derbyshire and Chesterfield divisions. The names of Messrs. Harvey and Haslam, of the Derbyshire miners, are mentioned in connection therewith.

THE fashion cutters at Winsford, Cheshire, are agitating for an increase of wages, and are joining the Amalgamated Fashion Cutters' Union. The fashion cutters at Winsford are receiving considerably less than cutters at Crewe or Manchester.

THE dispute between the iron masters and workmen in the Cleveland district over the proposed reduction of 12 1/2 per cent in wages, has ended in an agreement between the two parties to meet the sliding scale. This is tantamount to a reduction of 4 1/2 per cent.

THE Solway Hermitic Iron Company stopped their works at Maryport on the 1st inst., as they were unable to make big profit at present prices of coal, coke and labor. Over hundred and eighty men are idle. Out of fifty forgeries on the west coast only eighteen or nineteen were working.

THE strike of cotton operatives in the Huddersfield district, which lasted five months in a year, decreased ten thousand of hands, has been settled. The representatives of the masters and strikers met in several towns and agreed on a compromise, the chief gain being the question of the men, being that in future the wages of spinners and twisters are to rise and fall in proportion with each other.

EIGHTEEN laborers belonging to the Dock Laborers' Union were prosecuted at Newry Petty Sessions on March 23rd for assaulting and intimidating non-union men while unloading steamers belonging to the Newry and Killead Steamship Company and other vessels in the docks. The magistrates sentenced several of them to terms of imprisonment, ranging from fourteen days to two months, with hard labor.

ON Monday last ten thousand striking weavers at Bradford assembled for the purpose of protesting against the action of the municipal authorities in forbidding a meeting, which they had arranged. The police tried to disperse the gathering, but they were repulsed on the crossroads. After the strikers had for the last time been ordered to disperse and they refused to do so, the military was summoned. A charge was made upon the strikers. A fierce struggle ensued, but the strikers were compelled to retreat, and many were injured. The police used their batons freely, and many strikers were injured. Several strikers were arrested. The authorities arrested seven ringleaders. The disturbances were ended on Tuesday. The strikers refused to settle disputes by arbitration.

EUROPEAN AND GENERAL. A SYNDICATE of capitalists in Yokohama and Shanghai are purchasing iron and steel in large quantities, which is said to promise great profits.

THE International Miners' Congress in Paris has been a very big affair, no less than 100,000 delegates representing. Of these, about half were British miners.

THE Labor Exchange, which has recently been established at Lyons by the Municipal Council, has a large hall, which is held by nearly 2,000 persons. The exchange is managed similarly to the one at Paris.

THE proposed strike of brickers in Vienna, Austria, has been postponed, but that the strike will not go out appears inevitable. The municipal authorities have made contracts with a number of foreign brick-makers to supply the city with bread in case of an emergency.

A CONFERENCE of labor representatives from Queensland, New South Wales and Victoria, was held in Sydney for the purpose of drafting a scheme for the federation of Australian labor. The scheme was submitted to the Trades and Labor Councils of Victoria, New Zealand, and Ontario, this month.

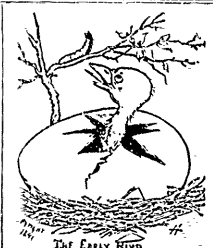
THE masons and other workmen at the new building of the Bohemian National Exhibition, Prague, have struck for an increase of wages. The work has already been greatly delayed by the strike, and it is becoming very doubtful whether the exhibition will be completed on the appointed date.

THE Socialists throughout Italy are organizing a demonstration for May 1st. As a preparative for the demonstration they have issued a similar manifesto printed on red paper, which is being secretly distributed among workmen.

A SERIOUS riot has occurred at Hof, in Upper Franconia, on the Saale. Polish workmen were fiercely attacked by the natives. The rioters were driven to a desperate struggle ensued. Twenty-five men were more or less seriously wounded. The rioters succeeded in killing one of the troops of garrison on assistance in restoring order.

IN a letter of Cardinal Gibbons to the Pope, he expressed his opinion on the subject. He says: "It may be difficult indeed to determine by law how many hours should constitute a day's labor for man, but it is the duty of the authorities to fix a maximum standard, beyond which he should not be obliged to work. All fair-minded men will agree that labor should be so restricted as to allow a reasonable period for bodily rest and health. It is not the duty of the State to insist on it. For nothing is more calculated to degrade man than to see him forced to crush out from him his intellectual and religious influences. Christianity than the desecration of the Lord's Day by forced manual labor."

A LITTLE knowledge on the part of the workman is a dangerous thing for the capitalist, and the more the knowledge increases, the more the danger increases. Of late years, however, it has attained to a respectable growth, the capitalist is in constant danger, for the bettering of his condition, for the bettering of his condition.



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## LOCAL NEWS.

ENERGY ASSEMBLY, 574 N. E. of L., at a meeting held on the 11th inst., passed a resolution unanimously condemning the action of Ald. Hall, in proposing to rescind the by-law fixing the minimum rate of pay at fifteen cents per hour.

A PUBLIC meeting of carpenters and joiners was held on the evening of the 9th inst. in Richmond Hall under the auspices of the Brotherhood of Carpenters, Mr. R. C. McKeown presiding. Addresses on the objects of the Union and the advantages of organization were given, and several additions were made to the membership.

At a largely-attended meeting of the United Carpenters' Union, held in the Central Labor Hall, on the 8th inst., a resolution was passed condemning the action of Ald. Hall in introducing a motion to rescind the fifteen cents per hour by-law, and pledging the members to oppose the re-election of all aldermen who vote for rescinding said by-law.

THE Single Tax Association met as usual in Richmond Hall on Friday evening, President Wood in the chair. A resolution, moved by Mr. C. Armstrong and seconded by Mr. Brunel, condemning the action of Ald. Hall looking to the repeal of the 15 cents per hour by-law, was carried after some discussion. A number of letters were received from people in different parts of the country asking for tracts and information as to the Single Tax movement. The (Friday) evening Mr. Richard Lewis will speak on the subject of "Eloquence."

## A LUCKY FAMILY.

AS advertisement in the *Times Gazette* informs us, Joseph Schuberth, residing in Vienna, that they are heirs to twenty and a half million dollars, or over four millions sterling, by the death of February last, of Joseph Schuberth, piano manufacturer of Philadelphia. The husband of the deceased was most interesting. He left Vienna some fifty years ago, at the age of nineteen, almost penniless, and against the advice of his parents. They were small hawkers, who had come to Vienna with the army of the first Napoleon. Twenty years after leaving that city, Joseph Schuberth wrote to his relatives stating that he had commenced life in America as a common laborer; but that in the succeeding years, he had risen to the owner of a piano factory, employing hundreds of hands. Since that time nothing further has been heard of him till the appearance of the present advertisement, informing the only four surviving members of his family of the fortune left to them. One of the four, Laura Schuberth, is married to Count Huba, reported to be acting as an insurance agent in London.

NOTICE.  
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Persons having business with any of the Inspectors will address as above.  
JOHN DAVEN, Minister of Agriculture.

BRICKLAYERS' UNION, No. 2 Ontario. Meets every Wednesday Evening at 7:30 o'clock, in Central Labor Hall, 107 Yonge Street.

JAS. C. LUCAS, President.

TORONTO BUILDERS' Union, No. 2. Meets every Tuesday at 7:30 p.m.

G. T. BEALES, President, 34 Wellington Street. JAS. LUMLEY, Sec. Secretary, 56 Oak Street.

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WHY NOT SPEAK OUT!

We are surprised at the tone of some of our American labor exchanges in reference to the Morewood massacre. They do not appear to realize the damnable nature of the atrocity perpetrated at the behest of the blood-thirsty money kings who exercise their power as despotically as any European autocrat.

the murderers is only to be expected. Nobody looks for a spark of manhood or a remnant of the old American liberty-loving spirit in the creatures who have sold themselves for a pittance to the dirty work of monopoly.

Only the most rigid investigation can settle the question as to whether the shooting was actually necessary, but it is a fact that the men who were killed dropped on the public road. Whether the Morewood property could have been fully protected without loss of life is a question that should be thoroughly examined.

Blah! A great deal of difference it makes to the slaughtered victims or their surviving relatives whether the bullets that laid them low were fired by "citizens" or "Pinkerton thugs!"

Either the editors who talk in this fashion are afraid of being called Anarchists, should they speak out more boldly, or they are so much under the influence of those race antagonisms and prejudices which have done the labor movement such infinite harm in the past, that they look on the shooting of Hung, Poles and Slavs by Americans as a comparatively venial matter.

remained stand against oppression they are now banking ought to atone for their course in the past. It is a poor set-off for the cause of Labor Reform in the United States when a cold blooded butchery such as the Morewood shooting, fails to arouse the strongest indignation on the part of their fellow-workmen of all jurisdictions.

THE STRIKE POLICY.

A significant article on "The Strike Policy" appears in a recent number of Michael Davitt's paper the Labor World. In reviewing the industrial situation and more especially the results of the late strike on a large scale, the writer comes to the conclusion that the strike as a weapon to secure a measure of justice so far as employers are able to accord it, is not nearly so potent a method as it formerly was.

Capitalists no longer fight the battle singly, each employer for himself. They have become fully conscious of the advantage, in such contests, of organization and mutual assistance.

that of the sword, is in these days a matter of the longest pursuit, and when capitalists are united and determined to win at any cost the chance of even the best organized and most obstinately waged strike is slim indeed.

Under these circumstances the writer points out that the wisest policy is to stop the supply of "blackleg," or as it is generally called on this continent "scab" labor. The great menace to unionism is the army of the unemployed, amounting according to an estimate given by Prof. Ely in the last number of the North American Review to three millions on this Continent.

The great cause of the existence of the army of unemployed men is the monopoly of the land and other resources and means of employment. There is increasing, and will increase, until the conditions are changed. Year by year it will grow more difficult to organize a successful strike, because competition for work will be keener and the unemployed more numerous and more hungry.

What then is to be done? Michael Davitt's suggestion that the main energies of labor organizations, instead of being dissipated in unsuccessful strikes, should be devoted to securing legislation which would restore the land to the people and the rest to the public, embraces the first step in the solution of the problem.

capitalists now depend on when they wish to starve their employees into submission, would no longer be available.

The Labor World might have gone further and pointed out that strikes can never, even if universally successful, give labor anything more than a very slight intimation of justice. The employer is the last link in the chain of industrial servitude.

The only hope of labor is to alter existing conditions of distribution by controlling legislation. To persist in the old policy of fighting employers, who are themselves the slaves of the competitive system, is to court almost certain defeat.

LABOR AND POLITICS.

Our correspondent, J. Y. Smith, whose letter appears elsewhere, like some other Labor Reformers, is led away with the idea that the road to success is to capture the Grit party, and get, first reciprocity, then free trade and finally the single tax.

A GATHERING of ten thousand striking weavers at Bradford, England, assembled to protest against the arbitrary action of the authorities in suppressing a meeting for which they had arranged, was attacked by the police.

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We have only to look to the result of the suicidal and disastrous policy adopted by the Single Taxers in the United States, to see a warning against the line of action that our correspondent recommends.

It is the supremest folly for Labor Reformers to expect anything in the direction of radical reform measures from corrupt political organizations, completely controlled by the money power like the Grits in Canada and the Democrats in the United States.

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THE London Free Press, discussing, or rather twaddling about woman suffrage, asserts that the greatest obstacle to its progress is set up by the indifference or active opposition of women. "The petition against woman suffrage in England was signed by more and more distinguished and influential women than the petition in its behalf."

THE Mail—the organ of "Equal Rights"—believes that a superior court chief justice is worth more to the community than fifteen mechanics or farmers. At least that may be inferred from an article in Tuesday's issue, advocating increased salaries to the judges in which their present salaries are spoken of as "poor pay."

While on a trip to California, the city loses the services of a faithful and conscientious representative. Though sometimes in the wrong, no one ever doubted his integrity or devotion to the public interests.

We reproduce in another column an excellent article from the World, entitled "Valuable Franchises given away," in which it strongly condemns the folly—or, as it would be more correctly to call it, the corruption and rascality—of our alieners in giving away valuable public franchises to monopolies of different kinds.

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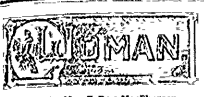


Illustration of a woman in a dress, possibly related to the 'The Girl' article.

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Wishes the past year six hundred papers have been sent to the United States...

There is one ruler, the self within that makes the uniform system...

Learned Secretary, Prime Minister of England lately mentioned the Mint and the fact...

In one of the Chinese provinces containing 2,000,000 people...

Norman is more terrible, than to see the one of the working man...

At a time when it is so much to be feared as a man who stands between the wholesale manufacturer and the retailer...

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