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### Trade Union Briefs.

Painters of Guelph, Ont., have secured 5½ cents per hour increase.

The American Federation of Labor is to issue a union label directory.

Department store chauffeurs of Providence, R. I., have secured an increase of \$2 per week.

Boston Central Labor union has already begun preparation for a big Labor day parade.

It is said that 90 per cent of the 16,000 employees of the Baldwin Locomotive works are organized.

P. J. McArdle of Pittsburg has been re-elected president of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers. B. Williams of Pittsburg was re-elected secretary.

Joseph N. Weber and Owen Muller, both of New York, were respectively elected president and secretary of the American Federation of Musicians at its recent convention in Atlanta.

The president of the Order of Railway Conductors hereafter is to receive \$8,500 annually, the senior vice president and the general secretary \$5,000 each, and other vice presidents will receive \$4,500.

The new scale of Peoria Typographical union for the newspaper branch provides for an increase of \$1.20 per week for all employees from Feb. 1, 1911, to Feb. 1, 1912, and a further ad-

vance of \$1.20 from the latter date until Feb. 1, 1916.

The State Federation of Labor of Colorado claims it has benefited by the charges of conspiracy made by the district attorney against eight union men in connection with the impeachment proceedings of Judge Greeley W. Whitford. Since the charges were preferred it has increased its membership by over 1,200.

### Facts Heard in Congress.

While every utterance in congress is duly recorded by stenographers and appears in the Congressional Record and while hearings before committees and commissions are likewise a matter of record, yet owing largely to the voluminous printed documents the greater portion of vital matters is lost to view. Just recently in a speech made on the floor of the house the following facts were stated, having been collected by the New York child labor commission:

Children's dresses are paid for at the rate of 50 cents per dozen; the average daily output for one person in thirteen hours is one dozen. Violets are made for 3½ cents per gross, and a mother, three girls and a grandmother earn 60 cents per day. The average wage of an entire family at garment finishing is from 60 to 70 cents per day. Making cigarette wrappers brings 10 cents per 1,000, and a woman working from 6 a. m. to 10 p. m. can make \$2 per week.

### PEPYS, THE DIARIST.

Pronouncing the Name of the Garrulous Old Gossip.

Lovers of Pepys often dispute over the correct pronunciation of his name. The form Peeps is the one that has chief authority on its side, and it is according to analogy in other like spellings, such as Wemyss, pronounced Weems. Peeps still holds good at Cambridge and dates from its bearer's own time. It is also retained by the representatives of Samuel's sister, the Pepys Cockerell family, who are heirs to his fame and some of his property. The late Rev. J. W. Ebsworth, an indefatigable collector and editor of ballads, adopts this pronunciation in his pleasing stanzas on "A Gossip at Deptford."

For instance:

The state has no servant of all whom she keeps

Like my squab little friend, who no labor does shirk,

The pattern of quill driving clerks, Sam Pepys.

A disturbing element in the discussion is that the branch of the family represented by the Earl of Cottenham pronounce the name Peppils.

No bearer of the name has ever been known as Peps, though Ashby Sterry, a respected member of the Pepys club, follows this common but erroneous pronunciation in this excellent epigram, published in the London Graphic November, 1891:

There are people, I'm told—some say there are heaps—

Who speak of the talkative Samuel as Peeps.

And some, so precise and pedantic their step is,

Who call the delightful old diarist Pepys, But those I think right, and I follow their steps,

Ever mention the garrulous gossip as Peps!

### Woes of Translators.

The way of translators is hard, especially where African native languages are concerned. Favorite English hymns, translated for the benefit of the natives, sometimes contain renderings not altogether faultless. "Go labor on, spend and be spent," was given as "Go blunder on," etc. The most extravagant instance, however, was the hymn, "Lord, Dismiss Us With Thy Blessing," which the natives were exhorted to join fervently in singing. Months later the missionaries discovered that what they really had been singing was, "Lord, kick us out, softly, softly."—Glasgow Herald.

### To Meet an Emergency.

"Madam, have you any old clothes to give away?"

"I have a suit belonging to my husband, but I fear it is too big for you."

"Oh, that will be all right. You just set me out a square meal and watch me eat enough so that I can fill it."—Washington Times.

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