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NEWS OF THE
LABOR WORLD

Boston.—All danger of a strike of the hatters is over.

Philadelphia.—The United Mine Workers organized 38 new local unions in June.

Stockton, Cal.—Wages of carpenters were increased 50 per cent. recently. The scale is now \$4.50 a day.

San Francisco.—Announcement has been made that all Italian barber shops in the city have been unionized.

New York.—Drug clerks throughout the Atlantic states are forming unions and joining the retail clerks' international union.

Des Moines, Ia.—The proposition to establish an old age home for miners was defeated by the Iowa mine workers on a referendum vote.

Glasgow.—The Scottish Cooperative society was organized in 1868 with a capital of less than \$9,000. Now it has a capital of more than \$1,500,000.

London, England.—There is considerable unrest in Lancashire by reason of the demand of the cotton spinners for an advance of five per cent.

Toronto, Canada.—The structural iron workers have been granted an increase in wages of 2½ cents per hour and a threatened serious strike averted.

Bath, Me.—John G. Longley, of this city, recently rounded out 40 years' continuous service as an iron and brass molder. He is probably the oldest molder in the state.

Chicago.—The United Brotherhood of Carpenters during 1906 paid benefits amounting to \$107,000, and the death and disability claims during that period amounted to \$218,202.

Philadelphia.—More than 1,000 persons were killed last year in the coal mines of Pennsylvania, according to the annual report of James Roderick, chief of the department of mines.

Chicago.—Cigarmakers' International union is now combating a lockout in Georgia and a strike at Mobile, Ala., the latter for an increase of wages. There is also a strike at Havana, Cuba.

New York.—An expert who has been compiling data on strikes declares that the greatest number of strikes occur in the building trades, and that the second greatest number is in the textile trades.

London, England.—The highest accident death rate among industrial workers in Great Britain is among seamen (53 per 10,000), and the death rate of seamen in sailing vessels is three times as great as even this ratio.

Chicago.—Non-union pipe men employed by the Wabash caused a discord among the union men in other departments and the road ended the strike by permitting the union men to return at an increase in pay from 28 to 31 cents per hour. The strike lasted about two months.

Washington.—Arrangements are being completed between the American Federation of Labor and national trade unions of England, Scotland, Germany, Denmark, Austria, Belgium, Norway, Netherlands and other foreign countries to interchange union cards between unions of kindred crafts and callings. In addition to this worldwide movement between the organized wage workers of the world, the American Federation of Labor and the American Society of Equity (the farmers' unions of the United States) have formed an alliance. The organized wage workers of the world represent more than 50,000,000 people. The more advanced leaders propose an international convention of all craft unions.

Duluth, Minn.—The strike of the ore dock workers is at an end, and the men returned to work. Nothing has been gained by the men who went out, nor have they lost anything except their time. Their status is the same as it was the day they voted to strike. All of the employees of the Duluth, Missabe & Northern road were taken back by the company without prejudice, and the pay they have been receiving under a verbal agreement with the company, which would not have expired until October 31, next, will continue.

New York.—International Association of Machinists made a demand on behalf of the machinists of New York and vicinity for an increase in wages of 25 cents a day, affecting 15,000 men. The Amalgamated Society of Engineers has made a similar demand for about 2,000 machinists in that organization, which takes in about 30 of the metal shop trades. This is the first time the International Association of Machinists and the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, which has its headquarters in England, and is an international body, have united in a demand.

St. Petersburg.—A big strike of agricultural laborers is being prepared in Kiev, Russia. The governor threatens to have recourse to military force, if necessary, to meet the situation.

New York.—The last New York Labor Bulletin, just issued by the department of labor, gives the number of organized men and women in the Empire state as 398,494.

San Francisco.—The telephone operators, who have been out on strike since May 2, returned to work under the same conditions prevailing when they walked out. The strike was declared off.

Buffalo, N. Y.—The members of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paperhangers of America have defeated the proposition to elect national officers at the annual convention, instead of by referendum. The Buffalo members were against the proposition.

Lowell, Mass.—This year Lowell broke all records for August vacations. For the first time in the city's history, the big mills, with one exception, closed their gates during a period of great business activity, and about 15,000 operatives enjoyed a vacation of ten days. The clatter of the loom ceased on August 23, and will not be heard again until the Tuesday after Labor day. The Lawrence Manufacturing company, operating the world's largest hosiery, will not shut down.

La Crosse, Wis.—A pastors' union, composed of all the Protestant clergymen of this city, is affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. Members of the other trades look upon the preachers as brother workers, admit their delegate to the meetings of the Trades and Labor council and have a representative of that body at the meeting of the clergymen. On last Labor day the preachers marched with the printers, the cigarmakers, the bricklayers and other unions in the Labor day parade, while at a recent meeting of the pastors they were addressed by a delegate from the boot and shoe makers' union in advocacy of insisting on the union label when making purchases of shoes.

Helena, Mont.—The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company has filed suit in the federal court against the Montana Federation of Labor, the Livingston Trade and Labor council, Telephone Operators' union No. 42, Alexander Fairgrievies, H. O. Smith, L. W. Thorpe, Almodose Grenier and Effie Le Fevre to obtain an order restraining the respondents from interfering with or molesting in any way the business of the company, and to shut off the boycott which the complainant alleges has been in force since March 14, last. The trouble is the outgrowth of the strike of the linemen in Utah, Idaho, Wyoming and Montana, the Montana federation having ordered the Rocky Mountain company declared unfair in all Montana cities and ordered out all switchboard operators.

Chicago.—Following is a list of dates of international conventions and places of meeting to the close of the year: August 21, Cincinnati, O., metal polishers; September 2, St. Louis, machinists; September 2, Indianapolis, post office clerks; September 3, Eureka, Cal., woodsmen and sawmill workers; September 9, Indianapolis, brick, tile and terra cotta workers; September 2, Boston, cottonmill spinners; September 10, Memphis, Tenn., cement workers; September 16, New Orleans, bridge and structural iron workers; September 16, New York city, wood carvers; September 27, Waldon, N. Y., pocket knife blade grinders and finishers; October 3, Chicago, wood, wire and metal lathers; October 6, Milwaukee, blacksmiths and helpers; October 7, Chicago, photo engravers' union; October 8, New Orleans, street and electric railway employes; October 7, Bay City, Mich., shipwrights, joiners and calkers; October 15, Rochester, N. Y., international car workers' association; October 15, Providence, R. I., united textile workers; November 11, Norfolk, Va., American Federation of Labor; December 2, Chicago, bill posters and billers; December 2, Chicago, seamen's union.

San Francisco.—The laundry workers have all returned to their respective posts and the statement is made that for three years all will be quiet in the laundries of San Francisco.

Boston.—The building mechanics of the Boston & Maine railroad have received a wage increase. The committee which conferred with General Superintendent Lee and the trades represented are: John L. Dorney for the plumbers and steamfitters, general chairman; Frank H. Barrett for the carpenters, Timothy Johnson for the roofers, A. Leighton for the painters, Justin Bellevue for the gatemens, Alvin Stark for the tinsmiths and Charles Ford for the masons and bricklayers.

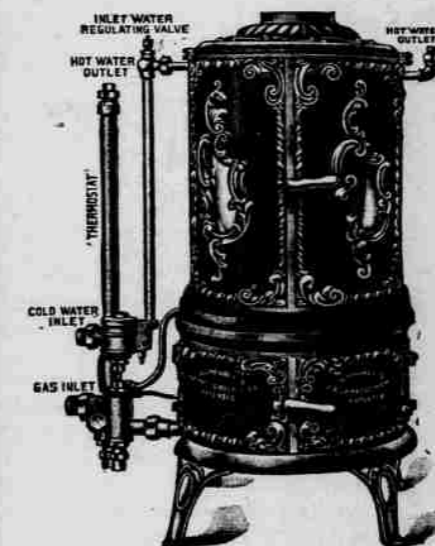
New York.—In an editorial in the Engineering News concerning wealth and wage earners, protests against the unequal distribution of the former and the oppression of the latter are answered with this statement: "Capital is now receiving about \$1, where labor is receiving \$3, or to put it in another way, if the annual product of the country (the money earned by capital and labor), is divided into four equal heaps capital is getting one of these heaps and labor the other three."

London, England.—The total membership of the Women's Trade Union league in Great Britain is in excess of 135,000.

Atlanta, Ga.—The Farmers' union, of Georgia, with a membership of 30,000, has gone on record as being bitterly opposed to bringing foreign immigrants into the south.

Washington.—Inquiry into the need of various states and territories for immigrant labor has been instituted by T. V. Powderly, chief of the division of information, recently established in connection with the bureau of immigration.

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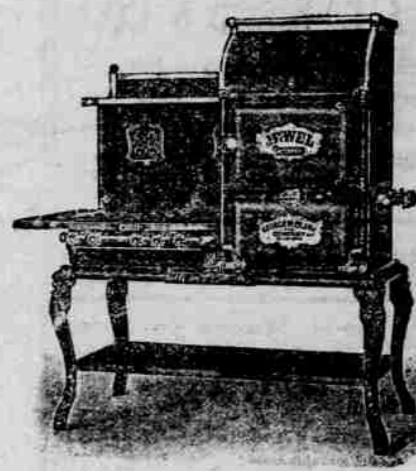
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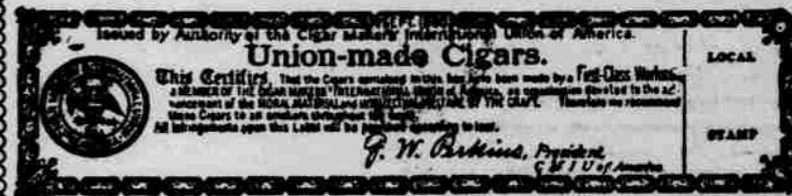


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