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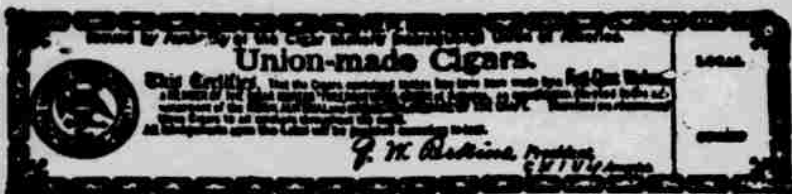
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In Labor's Realm

Matters of Especial Interest To and Concerning Those Who Do the Work of the World

Chicago.—Rock Island was selected as the place of holding the 1910 convention of the Illinois Federation of Labor at the meeting in Belleville, Springfield, Ill., was chosen for the interstate meeting in 1911, proposed by President Wright, at which Indiana, Iowa, Missouri, and other neighboring states will be represented. Edwin R. Wright was re-elected president for his fourth term. He received 180 votes as against 89 for John J. Brittain of Chicago. Frank Buchanan of Chicago and J. C. Martin of Joliet withdrew from the race. James F. Mrossi of Springfield was re-elected secretary without opposition. The other officers chosen are: First vice-president, Peter Fitzgerald, Alton; second vice-president, Joseph Morton, Chicago; third vice-president, Daniel Gorman, Peoria.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Rail contracts placed during September aggregated 700,000 tons, making the heaviest month for two years. As already noted, the Pennsylvania railroad has ordered a little over 200,000 tons for 1910 delivery. This is not the largest rail contract ever placed by the Pennsylvania railroad, as 241,000 tons were ordered for 1906 requirements and 207,000 tons for 1907, but in 1908, after ordering 147,000 tons, a portion of the order was suspended and only 55,000 allotted. Subsequently the order was increased, and in 1909 the purchases were about 135,500 tons. Interest now centers in the New York Central contracts, which will aggregate upward of 250,000 tons.

Fall River, Mass.—Although the Arkwright club has recommended that the cotton goods manufacturers curtail heavily, the Fall River manufacturers will not sign any binding agreement. The agents here say that if other mills should curtail first and show that they really intended to make a determined effort to force the price of cotton down, the mills here might after April 1 shut down for a longer or shorter period. This really means nothing except that the manufacturers in Fall River do not care to come out openly and state their feelings, and perhaps be accused of preventing a theoretically wise measure of relief.

Lebanon, Pa.—After several years' idleness, the first of the twin Bird Coleman furnaces, operated by the Lackawanna Iron and Steel Company, at Cornwall, was relighted by Mrs. Freeman, wife of Assemblyman William C. Freeman of Cornwall. The resumption of work at Bird Coleman is regarded as an indication of an early return of prosperity, which has been absent at Cornwall and vicinity since the Bird Coleman plants ceased operations. It is understood that the other two idle furnaces will be relighted shortly.

Sandusky, O.—The car repair shops of the Lake Shore Electric in Fremont have been abandoned and the shops are now located in this city. A portion of the big car barns has been fitted out and the machinery moved here. The change will necessitate the removal of many families to Sandusky, and will give employment to many men already here. The railroad company expect eventually to manufacture their own cars here instead of having them built by car companies.

Raleigh, N. C.—Several of the biggest textile mills in North Carolina closed in obedience to the general curtailment plan adopted recently at the meeting of the board of governors of the American Cotton Manufacturers' association. Thousands of operatives are thrown out of work, but the managers of the mills in order to hold their help have made provision for them, some of them being placed on half pay during the period of suspension.

Boston.—"I believe every man working at a trade should belong to the labor organization of his craft," is the expression made by Eugene N. Foss to Thomas L. Wilson, international vice-president of the Machinists' union and agent Frank Jennings of the Boston Machinists' lodge. The machinists are conducting a campaign to absolutely unionize Mr. Foss' employes.

New York.—It is understood that four cargoes, or about 20,000 tons, of English iron for domestic pipe works have been secured by Atlantic coast manufacturers. The importation of English iron is due to the fact that the cast iron pipe makers have not been able to obtain from domestic furnaces an ample supply of forage and low grade foundry iron.

Salem, Mass.—Beverly-Salem Electrical Workers' union No. 259 has made full peace with the A. F. of L. brotherhood, and has rejoined the Salem and Beverly Central bodies.

Eisleben, Germany.—A strike has been declared here by 10,000 copper and lignite miners because the mine owners dismissed 45 men who had joined the socialist organization. It is likely that 20,000 miners will be involved. Troops have been guarding the mines for several days.

New Haven, Conn.—J. Wall of this city was elected the new president of the eastern association, succeeding W. T. Browne of Terre Haute, Ind. J. L. Rowe of Bridgeport was the only other New England man elected to the general board of officers. He is a member of the executive committee.

Boston.—One of the most important labor conventions of the year was held in Boston a short time ago, that of the eastern association of general chairmen of the joint boards of arbitration and adjustment of the conductors and trainmen on the 74 railroad lines and systems east of the Mississippi river, north of the Chesapeake and Ohio lines and including eastern Canada. The convention decided that the time was now opportune for a general demand for a substantial increase in wages and equalization of working hours on all roads. Now some have 10, 11 and 12-hour day schedules. A straight general 10-hour schedule is wanted. The western association secured such a workday several years ago. The eastern association considered following that action at its convention last year, but it was passed up as the time was not considered the proper one owing to business and traffic conditions.

Washington.—Industrial education will be again considered by the A. F. of L. convention at Toronto next month. The special committee to report, and which is now in session here, includes James Duncan of Quincy, first vice-president of the A. F. of L.; John Golden of Fall River, head of the United Textile Workers' union; Charles M. Winslow of Somerville, a member of the Massachusetts commission, and Stewart R. Reid of Lynn, a national organizer of the Machinists' union. Prof. James Monaghan of New York, speaking on the subject at the Boston City club recently, stated that our present education system seemed to have gone astray. It would be better to educate the masses in vocational lines. It would be better to educate the masses for their life work, than care only for the so-called upper classes, who can take care of themselves.

Chicago.—Denials of an emphatic kind that \$10,000 had been paid by certain interests to have an anti-union option resolution passed by the Belleville convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor have been made by those most directly interested. Secretary Edward N. Nockels of the Chicago Federation of Labor, who was a member of the resolutions committee of the State Federation, said there was no truth in the report. E. A. Whitney of Peoria, who represents the Glipps brewery of Peoria, said the same.

Boston.—A. H. Gill and J. N. Clynes, both labor members of the British parliament, who are the fraternal delegates of the British unions to the A. F. of L. convention at Toronto next month, arrived in Boston on the Cunarder Saxonia. The Boston C. L. U. officials met and greeted them. Mr. Gill is the head of the Cotton Spinners' union of Great Britain and he will make a tour of the New England textile cities after the convention. Mr. Clynes is the head of the Gasworkers' and General Laborers' union of Great Britain.

Boston.—Boston Bricklayers' union No. 3 has sent notification to each of the 56 bricklayers' and stone masons' unions of the state that Gov. Draper has given the contract for rebuilding his Boston residence, recently damaged by fire, to a nonunion firm which has been especially antagonistic to the Bricklayers' union. The letter calls upon every member to work and vote against Gov. Draper and to get every friend to do likewise.

Brockton, Mass.—The difficulty between the Douglas company and the boot and shoe workers' union has been partially adjusted and the indications are that complete pleasant relations will again exist. The firm has already given notice of the close of its new factories in several other places and the bringing of the work done at them back to Brockton.

Chicago.—Martin B. ("Skinny") Madden, convicted of graft in connection with the calling and settling of strikes, resigned from the position as president of his rapidly dissolving Associated Building Trades as the result of a strike called on a new building of the Cosmopolitan Electric company at Twenty-second street and the river.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The Norfolk & Western has ordered 32,000 tons of steel rails for delivery next year. About 12,000 tons will be rolled by the Maryland Steel Company, Baltimore. The company is now running about 90 per cent. of its capacity.

Buffalo, N. Y.—A strike of grain elevator men is imminent at Buffalo. The men gave the elevator owners two days to meet their demands for a 20 per cent. increase in wages.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The Iron Trade Review reports as the leading transaction of the week the purchase of 50,000 tons of Bessemer pig iron by the Cambria Steel Company from interests in the central west for delivery during the first half of the year, the price being \$18.50 at the furnaces.

Boston.—The new Boston Furniture Trades' council will seek better conditions for the members of the Upholsterers, Cabinetmakers and Mill Men, Hardwood Finishers and Wood Carvers' unions, which comprise it. The demand is expected about the middle of next month.

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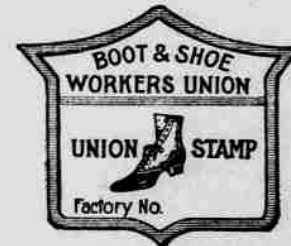


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