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OPEN EVENINGS

### GENERAL MENTION.

Brief Bits of Labor News Deftly Picked, Pilfered and Pruned. New York Confectionery Unions levy 50 cents assessment on their 4,000 members to combat lockouts of bakers.

Sixty switchmen were killed in the Chicago railroad yards in 1909, according to the report of Coroner Peter Hoffman.

Wages to be paid to journeymen carpenters in Davenport, Ia., from May 1, 1910, until May 1, 1911, will be 45 cents per hour.

The strike in the Oriole furniture factory in Grand Rapids has been settled and the 60 men have joined the Carpenters' union.

Boston Lodge 294 of Machinists has admitted more than 1,000 members in the last four months. Over 200 applications are now on hand.

W. B. Macfarlane, general organizer, has stirred up the carpenters of Grand Rapids. He has formed a union of over 400, composed of furniture workers.

Six hundred machinists, boiler-makers and blacksmiths employed at the Monden shops in Lafayette, Ind., made a demand Tuesday for an increase in wages.

A voluntary increase of conductors and motormen's wages from 18 3/8 to 20 cents an hour, effective March 16, was announced by the Reading Traction company.

Thirty orchardists of Oak Glen, Cal., have signed this pledge: "We agree against the future employing of any Hindus, Koreans or Japanese as a protection for our homes and families."

Two hundred underwear workers on strike for two weeks in the shop of Ratowsky & Sons, New York city, have been granted 10 per cent increase in wages and better working conditions.

Members of the Honesdale, Pa., branch of the Shoemakers' Union will incorporate a company for the manufacture of miners' shoes, the product to be marketed direct to the members of the United Mine Workers of America.

Freight handlers employed in the Chicago freight houses will present a wage scale to the railroads calling for an increase of \$10 a month for men on monthly salaries and from 2 to 3 cents an hour for men paid on hourly basis.

The Chicago, Peoria & St. Louis railroad has raised the wages of the passenger conductors \$12.50 per month, the freight conductors \$11 per month, the passenger brakemen \$6.50 per month and the freight brakemen \$7.50 per month.

Trusts and combines, "unfaithful representatives," and these responsible for lax enforcement of the state and federal laws were grilled in resolutions adopted by a joint committee of the Farmers' Grange and Will County Trades and Labor Council, appointed to investigate the reasons for the present high cost of living in Joliet, Ill.

### AUTOCRATIC COINCIDENCES.

Suggestive if not significant is the fact that the day before the Berlin police were clubbing German Socialists for taking a peaceable afternoon stroll in a public park by way of criticizing the government without words, the Philadelphia police were clubbing American workmen for marching through the public streets to Independence Square to hold a mass meeting in criticism of the government with words. The notion that there is much difference between feudalistic kaiserism in Germany and plutocratic capitalism in the United States is frazzling out; and it is such men as Mayor Reyburn of Philadelphia who are doing most of the frazzling.—The Public.

The Sunday afternoon meetings of the Lincoln Economic Educational League continue to grow in interest. There is no question but what the laboring class must get grounded in a knowledge of economics. They must learn to think. It is a case of "think or surrender," and they are not going to surrender. Next Sunday, March 20th, Mr. Wright will lecture on "The Two Greatest Men of the Last Century." Prof. Franta and Miss Smith will have charge of the musical program. Don't forget, Sunday, 3 p. m., March 20, at A. O. U. W. hall, 1007 O street. Admission free.

### STELZLE NOT COMING.

It has been the hope of the Y. M. C. A. management to have Rev. Charles Stelzle for one of the Sunday afternoon meetings at the Oliver this season, but word was received last Tuesday that Mr. Stelzle could not come this year. This is a bitter disappointment to a large number of Lincoln unionists who are familiar with his work.

### DOPING THE BOILERS.

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10 lbs. California Peaches, Best Evap.....	1.50	1 large pail Whitefish or Herring.....	1.50
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own lives, but for the safety of the passengers as well, the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has produced evidence, in support of Senator Burkett's bill for the government inspection of locomotive boilers, that reads like the unearthing of a great national scandal.

Senator Burkett's questioning of H. S. Jeffery, boiler expert, brought forth these startling facts.

"You spoke a moment ago of the cracks occurring, broken stay bolts, and steam escaping," demanded the senator, "do you know of artificial means being used to stop leaking water by introducing something else into the boiler?"

The boiler expert glanced covertly at the row of superintendents, managers and legal advisors in the pay of the railroads which crowded one side of the committee room, and, as he answered, their faces, in turn, became tense and white.

"Yes. When the stay bolts are leaking it is nothing unusual to put half a barrel of bran or fine sawdust in the boiler, or if that is not available, to go to a stable and get horse manure, charging the boiler with that, also with sal ammoniac. That is what we call the 'dope cure.' Many of our boilers, or practically all of them on hard runs, get the 'dope cure.' The leaks are taken up temporarily, but as soon as the boiler is washed out the dope is washed out and then it is a case of 'doping up' again."

Owen Rueffy, a boiler maker of twenty years' standing, followed Jeffrey as a witness and explained how the introduction of sal ammoniac into the boiler made a rust that stopped the leaks, a rust that was fatal to the strength of the boiler.

Fearful of the effect of the evidence being offered by their employes, the railroad representatives brought forward Theo. H. Curtis, superintendent of machinery on the Louisville & Nashville railroad, who, after giving it as his opinion that the failure of the men to maintain a proper supply of water in the boiler was the cause of most explosions, wound up with this pointed statement:

"This bill puts into the hands of organized labor the power to run our railroads. Give them the control of our locomotives and they will control our railroads."

Smiles of assent from the railroad lobby greeted this sally on the part of the superintendent, but Senator Cummins, chairman of the committee, objected, stating curtly, "These inspectors will be appointed by the department of commerce and labor, and not by organized labor."

The gentlemen of the railroads then became solicitous for the welfare of Uncle Sam's treasury. "Government inspection will cost you over a million dollars a year," asserted A. W. Hendricks of the Santa Fe lines. Ac-

ording to Hendricks everything is O. K. with the boilers, and the government will be wasting its money foolishly if it passes this bill.

He was brazen enough to tell the committee that explosions seldom occur on the Santa Fe, much to the amusement of the labor men present who were familiar with that railroad's record to the contrary.

Jeffery's testimony hurt. The railroad lobby knew this and it took no chances. Everybody spoke. The Pennsylvania railroad's representative argued that 300 inspectors provided in the bill were not enough and what's

more you can't get even 300 competent inspectors. They all like to work for the railroads and certainly wouldn't work for the government, even for more money, was his modest opinion.

The bill is dangerous and revolutionary according to the mouthpiece of the Missouri Pacific and other Western lines.

Four others also spoke for the "persecuted" railroads. They, like the rest, argued along this line: "We are running the railroads as we think best and it is none of the government's business."



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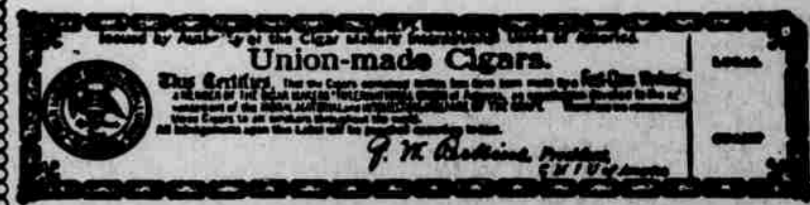
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