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LABOR BRIEFLETS.

Some Little Items About the Toilers in All Sections.

Plumbers' International has increased its membership from 4,000 to 16,000.

Canadian industrial accidents in January totaled 271 and 87 were fatal. As early as 1897 a law was passed in New Hampshire making ten hours a legal day's work.

On April 4, at St. Paul, Minn., International Association of Fur Workers will convene.

Chas. H. Miller, a barber, has been chosen as united labor candidate for mayor at Seattle, Wash.

Many unions have declared in favor of the formation of an allied printing trades section of the American Federation of Labor.

The United States Bureau of Labor states that the fatal accidents to wage earners in the United States are between 30,000 and 35,000 a year.

A miner who had not extinguished a safety lamp which had become unsafe was fined \$4.80 and costs at Rotherham, England.

It is expected that by the time the next meeting of the California State Federation is held in Los Angeles, more than 50 new unions will be enrolled.

Frank H. McCarthy, New-England, organizer for the American Federation of Labor, will aid in organizing a new Central Labor Union in Waltham, Mass.

The Pennsylvania Railroad company's revised rules for employees, just promulgated, has caused consternation, because one of them prohibits the use of tobacco in any form on passenger trains.

An increase in wages is expected by the members of Boston Operative Plasterers' Union, No. 10. The new scale calls for 65 cents an hour, which is said to be an increase of 2½ cents per hour.

James Whitehead, secretary-treasurer of the National Federation of Cotton Weavers has been prominently

connected with the labor movement in Fall River, Mass., for more than twenty years.

The Trades and Labor Council of Guelph, Canada, is asking the Dominion government to amend the immigration act, by which strike breakers coming into Canada under contract, would be regarded as undesirable citizens.

Morris Biller, secretary of the German Workers' District Council of Boston, states that the high cost of living has driven the men to a point where they must seek an increase in wages. He says that the wages paid now are lower than five years ago.

The exhibit which the International Typographical Union had at the Alaska-Yukon Pacific Exposition has been turned over to the Washington State Board of Health, and will be shown in the larger cities of the state during the remainder of this winter and next.



N. A. OTIS
Barbers' Union

DIRECT OVERTURE FOR PEACE.

Mine Workers' Union Is Willing to Go Half Way.

Cincinnati, O.—A direct overture for peaceful solution of the difficulty between the operators and union miners of the bituminous mines of the country was made by the special convention of the United Mine Workers of North America here on March 19. At the request of President Lewis, the gathering adopted a resolution giving its representatives on the joint scale committee of the central competitive field, authority to do anything neces-

sary to reach an agreement with the operators, the resolution, however, being predicated upon the promise of the miners' leaders that the demand for increased wages shall not be eliminated entirely. The action paves the way for a compromise.

There can be no final determination of the controversy between the mine owners and mine workers of the United States until some day next week. The joint conference of operators and miners of the central competitive field has placed the entire matter back into the hands of the joint scale committee. That committee has referred it to its own subcommittee, adjourning until Monday to await the report.

WHAT UNIONISM DOES.

Benefits Paid by Labor Organizations for 1908.

A sufficient reply to all the vilification and abuse of the Posts and Parrys is to quote the following summary from the twenty-third annual report of the Federal Commission of Labor, 1908:

The following is a brief summary of the expenditures of the national union benefits fund for one year, as far as reported:

Temporary disability.....	\$ 832,760.69
Death of members.....	5,164,385.06
Death of members wives.....	55,020.00
Death of widowed mothers.....	1,240.00
Permanent disability.....	684,775.00
Superannuation.....	198,618.65
Other benefits.....	892,321.63

Total for all benefits...\$7,829,121.03

This is the record for one year of those organizations making reports to the bureau. It does not include the hundreds of thousands donated by the same and other similar organizations to the relief of those made widows and orphans, as at Marianna, Monongah, Cherry and other like catastrophes.

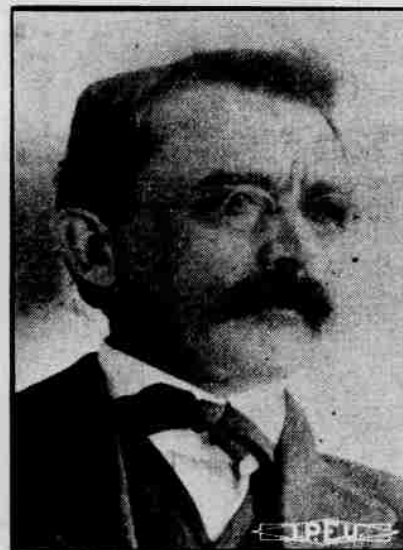
Can the brow-beating, bull-dozing, falsifying, mud-slinging Manufacturers' Association show a single cent contributed by their strike breaking organization to anyone for charitable purposes? We defy them.

The labor movement uplifts, the Manufacturers' Association crushes out all hopes and aspirations that soar above the peon, the serf and the vassal.

We spend at least \$10,000,000 yearly for the relief of those in need. We—thugs, bums, jail-birds and assassins—raise the money that the Parrys and

Posts would rob us of to prevent the good work, if they could. Not by stealing it, but by denying ourselves of some of the necessities of life to make preparation for a rainy day.

Contrast the noble, charitable work of the labor unions with the starvation of its employees under the open shop of the scab Manufacturers' Association, and then say. Who is doing the work of God and man? Certainly not Kirby et al.—United Mine Workers' Journal.



PRESIDENT FRANK M. COFFEY
State Federation of Labor

VICTORY FOR THE STRIKERS.

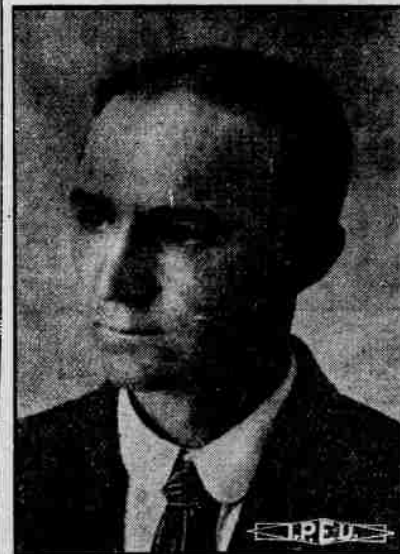
Injunction Against Them at Plattsburg Modified.

Plattsburg, N. Y.—The temporary injunction recently obtained restraining the striking paperhangers from interfering in any way with non-union employes at the mills of the International Paper company, has been modified by Justice Kellogg so as to allow the men to picket, carry banners, distribute literature and otherwise try in peaceable and lawabiding manner to keep strike breakers from taking their places.

The court's decision is considered a victory for the strikers.

Not Charley!

Mr. Charles Post, of Battle Creek, has not yet convincingly accounted for the two carloads of peanut shells that he says were not used in HIS breakfast food. Doesn't he eat the products of his own factory?—Indianapolis Union.



FRED EISLER
Carpenters' Union

GENERAL MENTION.

Bits of Labor News Deftly Picked and Boldly Pilfered.

The Printers' Union is a member of the Ft. Worth, Texas, board of trade.

Book and job printers in Springfield, Ohio, have been granted \$18 per week. Every contractor in Ft. Wayne, Ind., has signed the plasterers' yearly agreement.

Trainmen and officials of the B. & O. compromised their differences. The men will not receive the western scale, but will get a "satisfactory increase."

The government will investigate the strike of the employes of the Bethlehem Steel company's plant. Charles Schwab has consented to allow the investigation!

John W. Hayes, of the used-to-be K. of L., has become the tool of the National "Labor" Alliance, an organization formed to further the interests of the employes.

A bill has been introduced in the Nova Scotia House of Assembly at the instance of organized labor in the coal mines having for its aim compulsory recognition of organized labor.

Out in Seattle an open shop printer named Montgomery knocked the union label and then used it secretly. He was caught at the dirty game, arrested, convicted and fined \$100 and costs.

Next! It appears that the interests behind the United Cigars Stores Co., the American Tobacco Co., are planning to establish richly furnished barber shops, cut prices on tonsorial

work, baths, etc., and push the sale of its cigars and tobacco in these establishments.

Nothing definite in the way of a compromise was forthcoming from the second meeting of the sub-scale committee of miners and operators from the central competitive field in Cincinnati this week.

Matthias Kramer of Fort Wayne, Ind., has won his second suit against a correspondence school which contracted to teach him boiler-making by mail. Teaching trades by mail can be set down as a fake every time.

The Montpelier, Vt., Journal has signed with the Typographical Union and now carries the union label. This is the first of the nine daily newspapers, six of which are strictly union, in that state to hoist the emblem of good workmanship.

STEAM ENGINEERS BUSY.

Organization Under Way and Great Interest is Manifest.

The steam engineers of this vicinity—perhaps you would recognize them easier under the title of stationary engineers—are getting together for the purpose of forming a local of that craft. A meeting was held at the Lincoln hotel last Sunday afternoon and fourteen names placed upon an application for a charter. A number of engineers who were unable to be present have expressed a desire to be enrolled as charter members. The application for a charter will be held open for a few days, and early next week another meeting will be held and temporary organization effected.

There are in the neighborhood of fifty men in Lincoln and Havelock who are eligible to membership, and it is believed that 95 per cent of them will get in the game.

The stationary engineers had a local in Lincoln several years ago, but through carelessness or indifference it was allowed to die of dry rot. The need of thorough organization is now more fully realized than ever before, and the indications are that inside of thirty days there will be a live local of that craft in Lincoln.

What's the Difference?

How can the people ever expect to get very much relief from the democratic party nationally? The same bunch of crooks are in control of both the national machines of the two old parties, and it makes but little difference to the great mass of American people which one wins.—Oklahoma Labor Unit.