

STREET RAILWAY MEN



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Street Railway Men

The basis of settlement of the Philadelphia strike proposed by the Philadelphia Transit Co. was rejected by the Street Railway Men, and it was unanimously voted to continue the strike. Every day sees public sympathy growing more strongly on the side of the strikers. The misrepresentations of the daily press concerning the Philadelphia strike have been something fierce. Collier's Weekly, about as fair a publication as one could hope to find in these days of subsidized dailies and corporation-owned magazines, tells the facts in this way:

1. A transit company, staggering under bonded indebtedness and a past life of stupid public-defying history; 2. A few thousand employees, living through a summer of discontent and, as the result, of insolence to the traveling public; 3. A weak police force, fed by the company and friendly to the strikers, the tools of all factions, and the masters of no situation; 4. A seething underworld of wild boys and vicious hoodlums in three sections of the city, careless with bricks and guns—and all four groups the products of a politically corrupt city—these were the elements which made Philadelphia look like a hotbed of real anarchy. The city was not undergoing a reign of terror. The long schooling of corrupt politics had let slip into momentary acute rebellion a few of its choicer graduates. The Philadelphians were not worried, though they were inconvenienced, but the outside world was amazed and misinformed.

"The union men on strike have behaved admirably. The writer visited them down till 3 a. m. in their secret meetings, and there wasn't a single drunken man among the 200 or 300. Their discipline was admirable, their talk decent. One man would yawn: 'I got to bed at one o'clock, and had just four hours of sleep.' That man

lived several miles away from his car barn, and had been sleeping of nights on a cot 'one flight over the men's headquarters. There is always something rather gallant in seeing a body of men struggling for a cause larger than themselves. And it was good to be with those compact, earnest gatherings of men, with not a drop of liquor in them, and no dirty talk passed around, waiting up all night till 3 o'clock of the morning for a brief talk with their strike leader.

"Keep away from the rum-shops. Preserve law and order. Be good to the public. Stick to your union.' This was the line of talk passed out to them by Pratt and Timothy Healy.

"C. O. Pratt, national organizer and spear-head of the present strike, is a highly temperamental person, nervously alert, with brown eyes so swift-darting as to give the effect of a squirrel. His cascading black hair is shot with gray. His skin is dark brown. The man is like some agile woods creature. He has the personal magnetism of a matinee actor—the sort of person whom women find fascinating. That flaming red tie of his, starting out in sudden color from a fancy white waistcoat, was like the snowy plume of Harry of Navarre to the strikers. Some of them watched it in almost hypnotic fascination. One of them in the Frankford headquarters kept muttering: 'Oh, you red tie.' The company made Pratt a hero by having him arrested for inciting to riot. The particular incident with which the evidence connected him was one in which he was not present. Some of the testimony used against him was faked."

In the same issue containing the above Collier's Weekly prints a number of pictures of the Philadelphia strike. Every "mob" shown is made up of boys, with here and there a man looking on, and most of them smiling. But isn't Collier's description of Clarence O. Pratt a "corker"? That's Pratt to a gnat's eyebrow.

By the way, wasn't there a Lincoln clothing house that was good enough to furnish the new uniforms for the street car men? Why was it necessary for the conductors and motormen to call at the Fraternity building to be measured by a stranger for uniforms to be made in another city and shipped to Traction company headquarters to be called for? And why will those uniforms cost about \$4 more than was charged for serviceable uniforms by Lincoln retail clothiers? Gee, aren't they satisfied with the \$2,000,000 worth of water pumped into the stock without getting a little bit more through the medium of the uniforms the men will have to pay for?

Say, if you imagine for a minute the local association is a "dead one," just take note of the number of men who are wearing the March buttons, and wearing them with pride.

asm made manifest. Lincoln has no big boot and shoe factory, but it has several small factories and a number of repair shops conducted by men eligible to membership. Just as soon as all of them can be approached and given a chance to co-operate, a meeting will be held and application made for a charter.

APPETIZING.

Miss Caroline Ehlert, nurse of the Chicago stock yards free dispensary, is reported to have made the statement that of the 60,000 people at work in the stock yards, fully 30,000 are suffering from tuberculosis as a result of low wages and crowded, filthy dwelling places. The workers' lives are sacrificed, the public health is menaced, and the beef trust rears the profit. Good thing!

CONVENTIONS OF 1910.

Where the Big Meetings Will Be Held This Year.

April 4, St. Paul, Minn., International Association of Fur Workers.

April 18-23, New Orleans, La., Brotherhood of Railway Clerks.

May 2, Philadelphia, Pa., Chartered Society of Amalgamated Lace Operatives of America.

May 9, Louisville, Ky., Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of North America.

May —, Cincinnati, Ohio, Tin Plate Workers' International Protective Association.

May 11, Cincinnati, Ohio, American Federation of Musicians.

May 23, Buffalo, N. Y., National Print Cutters' Association of America.

June 6, Chicago, Ill., International Association of Marble Workers.

June 13, St. Louis, Mo., International Brotherhood of Boilermakers, Iron Ship Builders and Helpers.

June 13, place not selected, International Ceramic, Mosaic and Encaustic Tile Layers and Helpers' Union.

June 13-19, Omaha, Neb., International Stereotypers and Electrotypers' Union of North America.

June 13, New York, N. Y., International Brotherhood of Tip Printers.

June 13, Cedar Rapids, Iowa, International Brotherhood of Bookbinders.

June, third week, Columbus, Ohio, International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America.

June 27, St. Louis, Mo., International Union of Pavers, Rammermen, Flaggers, Bridge and Stone Curb Setters.

June —, Kansas City, Mo., International Journeymen Horseshoers' Union.

July 4, not decided as to place, Amalgamated Leather Workers' Union of America.

July 11, New York, N. Y., International Longshoremen's Association.

July 11, Pittsburg, Pa., International Jewelry Workers' Union of America.

July 11, Atlantic City, N. J., Glass Bottle Blowers' Association of the United States and Canada.

July 11, Washington, D. C., Theatrical Stage Employees' International Alliance.

July 12, Dover, N. J., Stove Mounters and Steel Range Workers' International Union.

July 16, Springfield, Mass., American Wire Weavers' Protective Association.

July 18, Ottawa, Ont., International Steel and Copper Plate Printers' Union.

July —, Atlantic City, N. J., National Brotherhood of Operative Pottery.

August 1, Peoria, Ill., International Brotherhood of Teamsters.

August 8, Minneapolis, Minn., International Typographical Union.

August 22, Detroit, Mich., United Garment Workers of America.

September 5-6-7, Chicago, Ill., National Federation of Postoffice Clerks.

September 5, Chicago, Ill., International Slate and Tile Roofers of America.

September 5, Boston, Mass., International Brotherhood of Maintenance of Way Employees.

September 6-10, Louisville, Ky., International Photo-Engravers, Union of North America.

September 6, Bangor, Pa., International Union of Slate Workers.

September 8, Boston, Mass., International Spinners' Union.

September 12, Kansas City, Kan., Coopers' International Union.

September 12, Denver, Colo., International Union of Steam Engineers.

September 12, Chicago, Ill., International Union of United Brewery Workmen of America.

September 12, Philadelphia, Pa., International Union of Elevator Constructors.

September 12, Streator, Ill., International Brick, Tile and Terra Cotta Workers' Alliance.

September 13, New York, N. Y., American Brotherhood of Cement Workers.

September 19, Des Moines, Iowa, United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

September 19, Rochester, N. Y., International Association of Bridge and Structural Iron Workers.

September 21, St. Paul, Minn., Brotherhood of Railroad Freight Handlers.

September 26, Columbus, Ohio, Operative Plasterers' International Association of the United States and Canada.

Easter Novelties in Ladies Neckwear and Handkerchiefs

Ladies' Neckwear

Large assortment of latest novelties in Jabots, as Maderia effects with Armenian Lace, very dainty, each **35c**
Princess Lace Jabots, each... **35c to 75c**
Real Hand-made Irish Crochet Jabots, exquisite in designs, each... **65c to \$5.50**
Read Hand-made Irish Crochet Dutch Collars, most beautiful effects, each... **\$1.25 to \$10.75**
Hand Embroidered Linen Dutch Collars, each... **\$1.75 to \$3.75**
Ladies' Embroidered Linen Collars, all late styles, including the long point effects, each... **25c**
Ribbon Shower Bows, all colors, each... **50c**

Beautiful New Beltings for Easter

Aisle 4, Main Floor

New White Wash Beltings of handsome patterns, at, per inch... **1c, 1 1/2c and 2c**
New Fancy Beltings, any desirable shade and combination of Silk and Tinsel, floral and Persian designs, special prices, per yard... **1 1/2c, 2c, 3c, 4c and 5c**

Hand Bag Special

Regular \$7.50 beautiful Seal Hand Bag with handsome genuine silver frames, fitted with purse. Very special value for Easter, each... **\$5.00**

Ladies' Handkerchiefs

Pure Linen 1/4-inch Hemstitched Ardenes Hand Embroidered Handkerchiefs, initial and hem come in assorted colors, Lavender, Pink and Light Blue, 3 for... **50c**
A large assortment of Ladies' Swiss Embroidered Sample Handkerchiefs, values to 25c, each... **10c**

Chiffon Veils

2 yards long, 40 inches wide, all colors, best quality, each... **\$1.39**
Fancy Satin Border Chiffon Veils, 3 yards long, each... **\$2.00**
Auto Scarfs, large assortment of styles and colors, each... **59c to \$1.25**

Easter Cards and Booklets

A beautiful assortment to select from, at... **1c, 2 1/2c, 5c, 10c, 15c, 20c and 25c**
Fancy Books, appropriate for Easter. A large assortment of titles... **10c and 25c**
Catholic Prayer Books. A beautiful assortment at special values, from... **45c to \$1.50**

Now is the Time to Dye your old Straw Hat

Black, Brown, Green, Red and Blue Straw Hat Dyes that you can depend upon. Put up ready to use, per pkg... **25c**
Easter Egg Dyes. The kind that everybody uses. Now is the time to buy a package at... **5c**

A. Herpolsheimer Co.
THE DAYLIGHT STORE

PLUMBERS & FITTERS

The Plumbers want it distinctly understood that the United Hatters are not the only union who have been mulcted for damages. The Plumbers have felt the iron hand of the judiciary, too. The New Jersey supreme court handed a lemon to the Plumbers last week, and it was just as sour as the one handed to the United Hatters, although not quite so big. A "scab" plumber named Ruddy, hailing from Newark, N. J., brought suit for damages against Local No. 1, United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Steamfitters and Steamfitters' Helpers, of that city, claiming that he was chased out of a couple of jobs because union plumbers refused to work with him. Ruddy was awarded a verdict for \$250. Wouldn't that jar you? The union plumbers were fined for refusing to work with a man they didn't feel like associating with, and the court held in effect that the much vaunted "God given right to work or not to work" is illegal and deserving of a fine. The next step will be to fling a man into jail if he refuses to work when offered a job by a man who is unfair, poor pay or unworthy of confidence. Referring to this remarkable decision the Cleveland Citizen says:

"Whether or not the judiciary is gaining its ends is for the plumbers and steamfitters, the hatters and all other organized workers to judge. The facts speak for themselves. The decisions are rendered, the unionists are forced to 'cough up' their hard-earned dollars, the open shoppers are pleased and the politicians in power, like the Pharisees of old, pass by and mumble something about the tariff and prosperity and a lot of other hogwash.

"The best way to continue this highly satisfactory game for the open shoppers is to holler, and as loudly as possible, 'keep politics out of the union,' and then abstain from voting or vote

either one or the other old-party tickets.

"As events are now occurring, it will not be long until imprisonment becomes general for striking or boycotting, and the ball and chain will become the reward of those who have eyes and ears and will not see and hear."



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BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS.

Lincoln Will Soon Have a Local of that Craft in Operation.

Just because a big shoe factory brought here from Omaha and operated under non-union conditions went broke, is no sign that there are not enough "square" boot and shoe workers in Lincoln now to organize a local of that craft. There are enough, and the work of organizing is under way. One or two quiet meetings have been held and a lot of enthusi-

Make Your House a Home

A comfortable, cheerful, well-furnished home gives its occupants more real happiness than anything else in the world. Such a home brings hosts of friends, good times and perfect comfort.

How about your home? Has it all the conveniences and furnishings you would like it to have? That old range—does it spoil your baking? If so, get a Peninsular and have perfect bread and pastry. Couldn't the dining room have a few more chairs or an extension table, or a sideboard? Some new rockers for the sitting room? A couch for the parlor? Wouldn't they be welcome? And everything the latest and best that the world's skill and brains can produce.

There are 101 things you can think of which, if you had them, would lessen the drudgery of your daily toil—do away with the little inconveniences that you now have to put up with which vex and annoy you—and make your home one to be proud of before anybody—"a home, sweet home" in the true sense of the word. "Yes," you say, "but all this takes money, and more than we can afford to spend just now." Right here is where we help you. By our plan you don't need to make this big investment—you don't have to make this big outlay of money.

Buy Now—Pay As You Can

Furniture, carpets, rugs, draperies, silverware, chinaware, lamps, clocks, baby carriages, in fact, anything and everything to furnish the home complete is yours for the asking. All we request is a trifle down, the balance to be paid as you can spare it, a little each week or month as you prefer. No publicity, no red tape, no tricky contracts to sign. Just a plain straight-forward business offer to open an account with you. All we ask is for you to deal as fairly and honestly with us as we do with you. You can use and enjoy the things now while paying for them. Don't forget that we will sell you an elegant outfit for four rooms, ready for housekeeping, for \$98.75, and only ask \$19.00 down, and you pay us \$2.50 each week until the account is paid. Can anything be more liberal?

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