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Edinburgh, Scotland.-Some ago the master iron founders intimated to the molders connected with the Scottish Central Molders' association that it had been decided to enforce a reduction of wages amounting to one shilling a day on time and 21/2 per cent. on piece workers, and the

men took a hallot whether to resist or accept the reduction. The vote has shown that the men have chosen to accept the reduction, a majority of 100 having declared in favor of ac-There will consequently

be no strike in the Fairkirk district.

London, Eng.-The British government now proposes an amendment to its miners' eight-hour bill so that for five years the maximum working day of the miner shall be nine hours from bank to bank-which will give an average of 81/2 hours a man a dayand that on the termination of those five years the eight-hour bill as it now stands shall come into force. Briefly, the object is to bring about the change in two stages instead of one, with the belief that the more or less gradual change will take place without any serious effect on the market.

Washington -Charles W. Merker. organizer for the American Federation of Labor, recently visited an overall factory at the progressive little city of Somerville, Tenn., and reports it as the finest example of the benefits of organization he has seen. Not a child s employed in any capacity, every worker is a union man, and not a particle of dirt or speck of dust is visble from engine-room to office. It is a safe prediction that no cases of consumption will be developed in such environments

Fall River, Mass.—The Spinners union recently voted to notify the manufacturers that they will withdraw from the sliding scale wage agreement now in force at the end of the present six months' period. It was because of the severity of the last reduction and the prospect of still further reduction in wages that the spinners decided that they wanted no more of this slid

Pittsburg, Pa.-The Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers and the Western Bar Iron association have reached a settlement affecting 10,000 men in Ohio, Pennsylvania, Michigan, Wisconsia, Illinois and Missouri. The puddlers are re duced from last year's scale about eight per cent., and the finishers accept an average cut of nearly two per

Zanesville, O .- Failing to agree after an all-night session with representatives of the operators, 2,500 coal miners of the Crooksfield district struck. "Meetings had been held for the last eight weeks in an effort to settle a controversy over the removal of "bone coal." The strike closes 28 mines and means a loss of \$28,000 monthly in wages.

Winningg, Man .- A quarter of a mil-Information as to Where You Can Get lion dollars was paid to the Canadian Pacific railway strikers at the Mer-Following is a list of the union bar chants' bank by Paymaster McPher ber shops of Lincoln, the name and son. Over 2,000 men were in line. With the amounts paid out at other points in the west the sum distributed was nearly \$1,000,000.

> Cleveland, O .- After being shut down six weeks the Empire rolling mills put on a full force of men, beginning August 17. Four hundred emploves were put to work to turn out bar iron. The plant will be run day and night.

Glasgow, Scotland.-Two trade disputes of considerable magnitude are Chapman & Ryan, 127 North at present going on. They are connected with the slating and the handsewn boot and shoe industries. Both are being carried on with determination on both sides, and both societies are receiving support from kindred organizations. The trouble in each case results from a question of wages.

Boston.-About a dozen more unions recently added their profests to those previously made against the decision of the A. F. of L. executive board, as stated by President Compers, which would prevent state branches, central labor unions, district councils or local bodies placing any firm or person on the untair list without first submitting the dispute to the A. F. of L.

Boston.-The International Typographical union decided to hold the next convention at St. Joseph, Mo. The only change in laws decided on v - that abolishing substitute lists in all anion offices.

Washington.-The only industries employing considerable numbers of children under 16 years of age are glass, shirts, tchacco, cigars and cigarettes and the textile industries.

Washington.-Printers are greatly aside so that civilization may not be interested in a movement to exhibit photographs and literature et the Union Printers' home and Tuberculosis Sanitarium Annex at Colorado Springs, Col., at the coming world's tuberculosis congress, which will be beld in this city the latter part of September.

Washington.-An amicable agreement has been reached between the Chicago, Rock Island & Pacific Railroad company and its force of telehave the sympathy of a host of friends graph operators in regard to the long standing controversy over an interpre-I tation of the nine-hour law.

World of Labor

News from All Parts of the World, of General Interest to the Worker



Cleveland, O.-Rather forced out of work through the closing of the mills, with the attendant distress, steel workers in the Ohio districts have agreed to accept a wage reduction, thereby making it possible for the plants to keep running and work to keep up. The cut came in the form of a newer and lower scale, which the scale committee selected by the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers signed in behalf of the men after a long conference with the employers' representatives in Detroit. It provides a general cut of ten per cent. in all, or nearly all, branches of the trade.

Cleveland, O .- Some of the carpenters' unions are making arrangements to hold political debates at their weekly meetings. The plan is to invite speakers from the various parties to participate in the discussions The doors will be thrown open to the public and all visitors will be treated courteously. The union officers believe that the debates will have a tendency to enlighten the members regarding the political issues of the day. and all parties will be given a fair chance to define their position on any or all questions.

New York.-Judge Thomas A. Davis of Orange, N. J., has given the officers of Orange Local 17, of the United Hatters of North America, a legal opinion to the effect that the creation of the new hat finishers' local by the board of directors of the United Hatters of North America is illegal. Alexander McHenry, president of the new union said that Judge Davis' opinion would not affect his organization. The old union, he said, had already recognized the new union by turning over to the new union certain cards and docu-

Philadelphia. - Shoemakers were among the first of the trades to organize a union in this country; also among the first to engage in strikes. In the fall of 1792 the pioneer union of the shoe workers was organized in Philadelphia. It grew to be considered a power, and in 1796 a strike in all the shops of the city was ordered to enforce a demand for an increase of wages. It lasted but a few days, the employers recognizing the deman

St. Paul, Minn.-Three hundred railroad employes met in this city to organize an association to fight legislation hostile to railroad interests. They are of the opinion that by standing by the railroads in their fight they will be benefiting themselves. After considerable discussion an executive committee was selected, with two members for each rallroad, which will form locals on each railroad in the state.

New York.-Cooks, pastry cooks and chefs of Greater New York, to the number of 300 and upward, have formed a local union of the Hotel and Restaurant Employes' International Alliange. The 5,000 and odd cooks of Greater New York work from 14 to 16 hours a day in the fall and winter time, but during the summer there is little or no employment to speak of.

Atlanta, Ga.-The Georgia supreme cort affirmed a decision of the su-perior court which means that the courts of Georgia will enjoin the "picketing" by strikers of the premises of employers with the view of coercing or intimidating persons from entering or remaining in the employ of said employers whose men have gone on a strike.

Bedford, Mass.-Three unions of carpenters and joiners have appointed a committee to examine applications for admission into either union. The applicant must demonstrate by working out 15 or 20 problems with his tools, and if he can do that he is admitted, otherwise rejected. This rule has been adopted because of many complaints that membership in a union is not absolute proof of com petency.

Washington.-The department of labor is having printed a report covering 25 years, showing that there were 36,767 strikes and 1,546 lockouts in the United States from 1881 to 1905, inclusive, a total of 38,303 labor disturbances, involving 199,945 establishments. There were 6,728,048 strikers and 716,231 employes locked out, making a total of 7,444,279 wage earners affected.

London.-The committee of the American monetary commission has held several meetings at which information with regard to the British financial system was discussed. Following the policy adopted by the commission in America, no information will be given out.

London, Eng. - The Journeymen Bakers' society of the United Kingdom have taken a vote modifying their eight-hour bill, which now permits of relays of eight hours. The decision was carried by a very large majority, the vote being one of the largest ever taken in connection with the union.

London, Eng.-The first annual report and balance sheet of the National Union of Journalists shows that the union, which 12 months ago had not one formally constituted branch, has now a large number in England and Wales, which embrace a membership of over 1,000.

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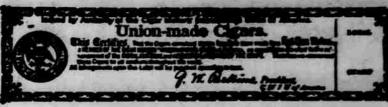
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