

**AMONG THE LIVE ONES.**  
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congress. Lancaster county unionists had an opportunity of sending one of their number to the legislature and failed to seize it. Maybe we'll learn after while.

Isn't it about time the Teamsters revived their local. They ought not to remain longer among the "quitters" just because one or two of their number proved recreant to the trust reposed in them.

The steno-typer and electro-typer make the following report to the A. F. of L. for the past year: Charters issued, 5; surrendered, 2. Gain in membership, 378. In Cincinnati an effort has been pending since 1905 to establish the eight-hour day for the electro-typer, and this year it finally went into general effect in that city. The electro-typer of New York have been on strike for the eight-hour day; all members of this branch now employed are working on this basis, and but few members are "out" of employment. Cost of strikes, \$5,265.34. Death benefits, \$1,740. Continual improvement in wages and conditions.

During the last year the plumbers had 150 charters, 15 were surrendered, and there was a gain in membership of 1,000, according to the report made to the A. F. of L.

The pressmen and assistants make the following showing for the year in a report to the A. F. of L., just published: Charters issued, 32; surrendered, 13. Gain in membership, 940. Number of strikes, 31; won, 5; compromised, 24. Number of persons involved, 1,162. Fifty cents average gain in wages per member per day. Eight-hour day secured in 174 cities in the past year without strike. Attempts to reduce wages were successfully resisted. Cost of strikes, \$3,450. Death benefits, \$13,000. Donations to other unions, \$1,890.

The A. F. of L. reports show the following from the I. T. U.: (June 1, 1907, to May 31, 1908).—Charters issued, 51; surrendered, 8. Increases in wages were secured through new wage scales in eighty-three cities. Strike benefits and special assistance to locals, \$567,775.97. Death benefits \$38,650. Donations to other unions \$1,075. In March, 1905, the eight hour day prevailed in the jurisdiction of only 79 unions. As a result of the general strike which was inaugurated in August, 1905, the eight-hour day is now in force in the jurisdiction of 565 locals.

The Cigarmakers' International union makes the following showing to the federation for the year 1908: Charters issued, 8; surrendered, 11. Gain in membership, 200. Number of strikes, 68; final reports have been received in but 36; won, 22; compromised, 4; lost, 9. Number of persons involved, 3,426; benefited, 1,055; not benefited, 170. Thirteen strikes were against reductions in wages, 6 were successful, 1 compromised and 1 lost. Death benefits, \$172,505.67; traveling benefits, \$59,063.86; unemployed benefits, \$60,000. As a result of the improvement in the conditions of the members brought about by the organization, death rate from tuberculosis has been reduced 15 per cent and length of life increased 6 per cent in males and 8 per cent in wives of members.

In an official report the bookbinders' union, makes the following showing to the A. F. of L. for the current year: Charters issued, 8. Strike for the eight-hour day throughout the trade was inaugurated October 1, 1907, and it has been successful to the extent of 85 per cent, 650 members still on strike to make the effort entirely successful. Cost of strike, \$165,508.96. Death benefits, \$8,250.

The A. F. of L. report shows the following benefits paid to members during the past year:

Death benefits	\$1,257,244.29
Death benefits to members' wives	31,390.00
Sick benefits	593,541.34
Traveling benefits	51,093.63
Unemployed benefits	205,254.31
<b>Total</b>	<b>\$2,144,375.43</b>

Governor A. B. Cummins, of Iowa, who has just been elected to the United States senate, is a carpenter by trade, and a union man. He has retained his membership in the Carpenters' Union during all the years of his political activity, and when he goes down to Washington next month he will carry a paid-up card with him. He will be the first union carpenter, and one of the first union men to occupy a seat in the senate of the United States.

It is only in the organized trades that the woman worker receives equal pay for equal work. The woman in the industrial field who does not favor unionism is working against her own best interests.

**CENTRAL ABOR UNION.**  
(Continued from page 1.)  
The report that the American Federation contemplates putting an organizer in this territory was received with hearty applause. The need is certainly great.

Reverting to the late election—will the minutes of any other Central Labor union in America show that it endorsed the American Federation of Labor's political program before the Lincoln body endorsed it?

**THAT "LABOR DINNER."**  
Teddy was very careful in not inviting any labor leader who espoused the cause of Bryan to his little "labor dinner." Only those who turned tail and acted as strike-breakers are competent, in Teddy's eyes, to suggest remedial legislation in behalf of labor. But their number was so small the "dinner" proved more of a family affair than a White House function.—*Sioux City Union Advocate.*

**HOW THEY WORKED IT.**  
All unions or members of unions that have business to bring before the Federation Council should remember that the next quarterly meeting of the Council will be held in Alexander hall, Minneapolis, on Sunday, December 6, beginning at 10 o'clock. In order that there may be no default in the matter owing to delay or other causes, those who have business with the Council should communicate at once with the secretary, W. E. McEwen, care of the Labor World, Duluth. The meeting will be an important one, as there are matters of great weight to the labor movement to be considered.—*Minnesota Union Advocate.*

**DAYTON'S MAYOR ALL RIGHT.**  
If the present mayor of Dayton Ohio, ever had any sympathy with the VanCleaveites, he has undergone a change of mind. News comes from the city which has been known as the headquarters and fountain head of the Citizens' Alliance that the mayor has given emphatic orders to place the union label on the official letterheads of his office. And this right in the hallwrick of Marsha "Cushing and other rabid VanCleaveite too!

**UNCLE SAM, LABOR CRUSHER**  
According to a story from Philadelphia the United States government has placed itself in the same class with the common, everyday labor crusher. Machinists and toolmakers were hired at the Frankfort arsenal for \$3 a day, with the understanding that they were to receive \$3.25 after six months, and ultimately \$3.75. When the six months' period expired recently, the men received word from Washington that "because of the industrial depression" the government could secure all the machinist desired at the rate of \$3 per day, and consequently there would be no increase as promised.—*Erie Labor Journal.*

**MODERN INDUSTRIALISM.**  
A young man and woman were "keeping company," with a view to getting married. They had not seen each other for a month, when the girl said, "Oh, George, I've got such good news. I will be able to see you every day now, for I have got a position in your office." "Oh!" replied George, with a dawning light in his eyes, "that accounts for me getting the sack." She was "paid \$6 to displace him as a clerk. He had been drawing \$12 a week.—*Baltimore Labor Leader.*

**DEATH OF MRS. MILLS.**  
Mrs. Della Walker Mills died at her home in Lincoln, 1948 North Twenty eighth street, on Friday, November 20. The funeral services were conducted by Rev. B. M. Long at the family home on the following Sunday, and interment was in Wyuka cemetery. Mrs. Mills was a sister of G. A. Walker. A husband and a daughter survive her. The sympathy of a host of friends is extended to the bereaved family.

**Belgrade Bank Removes Coin.**  
Seventeen carloads of coin and the archives of the National bank were Monday removed from Belgrade to the fort at Nish. This step was taken because the government fears that Austria will make a raid on Belgrade, the capital. It is rumored that the government also will be removed to Nish.

**Convicts Boring to Freedom.**  
A stringent investigation at the Missouri penitentiary was afoot Monday, following the discovery Sunday of a plot at a wholesale jail delivery. The plan almost succeeded. The authorities are determined to locate the convicts who nearly completed a tunnel giving them means of escape. Only a foot remained to be bored through. A long underground tunnel had been completed.

A seceding organization from the Brotherhood of Railroad Employees has taken the name of the Brotherhood of Railroad Station Employees.

# FOR THE HOSTESS

## Unique Birthday Party Enjoyed by the Recipient and All His Small Friends— Plan for Musical Evening.

**An Unique Birthday Party.**  
This pretty party was planned by a number of the lad's schoolmates and proved a delightful success. Each one brought a trifling gift and the boy had to follow the instructions given by these jingles. He was handed an envelope which contained this verse and it started the festivities:

Good even, Little Birthday Child, Attention to this letter; Go hunt within the music room, You'll find a gift that's better.

The package contained the following:

We wish you many happy days, Now do not lose your head, But hunt about the sitting room Before you go to bed.

From the sitting room the merry crowd were led by this verse to the kitchen according to this rhyme:

You've found it, easy, was it not? Don't stop, 'twould be a sin, You'll find the brother of all this The kitchen bright within.

As the gifts were unrolled and the lines read excitement ran high and every one acted as if it was the first time they had seen the articles. The next move was to the dining room, as these orders directed:

Now turn into the dining room, And hunt from floor to ceiling, And find a little chocolate, To sweeten up your feeling.

The other verses are given and the whole scheme is so clear that I am sure many will welcome the suggestion not only for birthday parties but as a very enjoyable way in which to give Christmas gifts.

This affair was planned by a South side girl and given for the son of one of Chicago's famous singers, who now lives in Paris, but chooses America as the place for the lad to be educated.

There's another gift to hunt, In the front room you'll find it, Pray heed the verse that lies beside, We pray you heed and mind it. (A framed motto).

Now, by the telephone you'll find, Another thing is staying, Pray take it up and use it well, 'Tis only meant for playing.

Now do not tarry, Ronald dear, But hunt within the hall, And if you look with diligence, You'll find a box that's small.

Now go into our dear one's room, And take a real good look, It may be on a picture frame, Or on the desk or book.

Now, be obedient, dear child, And go into your room, And hiding far behind the bed You'll surely find your doom.

Behind the bed there were two girls of whom he was very fond and who planned this novel affair for the "Birthday child."

**A Musical Evening.**  
An amateur musical society indulged in a regular frolic the other evening and all enjoyed the relaxation. Each member had a picture of a famous musician pinned on his coat or bodice and was hailed with delight as the introductions were made. Then each one was asked to render the piece with which he or she first regaled the public, and they were required to give a description of the event.

The club colors were green and gold, and this scheme was carried out with yellow chrysanthemums and quantities of ferns and vines.

Prizes consisting of musical instrument candy boxes were awarded the ones who were first and last in the following contest.

Well-known musicians are buried in the questions, the answers will be their names:

1. There were verd isles and tender blue of summer skies. (Verdi.)
2. Maud Muller raked the hay; deny it not, O Judge. ("Hayden"—Haydn.)
3. The bell in ivy tower rings knell of passing day. (Bellini.)
4. I arrive, king, most gracious sovereign. (Rive-King.)
5. She still wears her old smile—the sweet modest maiden. (Herold.)
6. The mother of Charlie Ross in idle dreams still clasps him. (Rossini.)
7. We berate our neighbors soundly, but excuse ourselves. (Weber.)
8. How famous the cherub in ideal art! (Cherubini.)
9. If he takes your hand, Eliza, do not say nay. (Handel.)
10. Be brief: Lo, toward life's setting sun man hastens. (Flotow.)
11. You've dropped a beet, ho, vendor, heigh! (Beethoven.)
12. The dog spies a cat, and it makes his tail wag nervously. (Wagner.)
13. A beau, berying, needs a basket and a sweetheart. (Auber.)
14. You have found an egg, lucky boy! (Gluck.)
15. Liz still improves from day to day. ("Lizet"—Liszt.)
16. Whoever else leaves, the Co. stays in most firms. (Costa.)
17. Cattle enjoy herbal feeding ground. (Balfe.)
18. I do not care a sou, Sarah, whether you will or won't! (Sousa.)
19. There will be no confab to-night. (A. B. L.)
20. My chop I nearly always eat with peas. (Chopin.)

MADAME MERRI.



Metal buckles appear on many hats. The one-piece gown has a strong vogue. Very large pocket flaps are predicted. Satin is the leading fabric for evening gowns. Many of the new skirts are crossed in the front. Wings are larger than they ever have been before. Feather trimming upon hats continues very profuse. Voluminous coiffures are predicted for the winter. There are fewer quills on autumn hats than last year. Satin bands and buttons are freely used on tailor-mades. Black will be much seen, both in dress and everyday gowns. One of the novelties of the season is cloth for evening wear. Six out of ten women prefer broadcloth for their street suits.

**Cleaning Gold Braid.**  
This is a season of gold braid and brass buttons. They are expensive to buy and many women might want to use gold braid they have if it were only a trifle cleaner. They may not know that it may be thoroughly refreshed by powdered bluing mixed with dry bread crumbs. This should be sifted over the braid and then rubbed with flannel. After brushing off the crumbs it should be polished with red velvet. This process also serves for cleaning gold lace.

## Stylish Neckwear



Never since Catherine di Medici and Good Queen Bess were incited to murder by the scratching of the starch in their ruffs have women appeared in as emphatic neckwear as they are now preparing to don, writes Marie Montaigne in the Chicago American.

This season's neckwear was primarily designed to support the head under its weight of hat, for the stock portion of fancy collars is sturdy and braced with supports of metal, wood, bone and occasionally jewel bars or "slices."

There is art as well as beauty in the novelties in neckwear prepared for this winter's decoration for the feminine throat. In all sorts of forms and every sort of width the ruff is the thing. This ruff often takes the form of a neat little plaiting or frill of crepe lisse, tulle, net, satin or some filmy material suitable to rim a stock with. Often the ruff springs out from the neck in width capable of burying anything, from cheek outlines to ears and chin. Did you ever see a blooming face half buried in a filmy ruff of pink, delicately dyed with white tulle next the skin? No? Then you have missed a sight prettier than that of an unfolding rose. Rose color is popular, by the way, with neckwear models. It appears in satin folds mounted upon a foundation and topped with more or less flaring plaits of the deintiest filmy materials. Often broader plaiting spreads out below the neck, half way to the shoulders. Broad, soft ribbon of satin or velvet ties one side of the ruff, and ends of varying lengths are tipped by silver tassels, looped chains of silk covered wooden "olives" or balls, gold or silver tassels or some other form of finishing a pointed end of ribbon. The ruff is sometimes fastened in the back, or just over one shoulder, but seldom in front.

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