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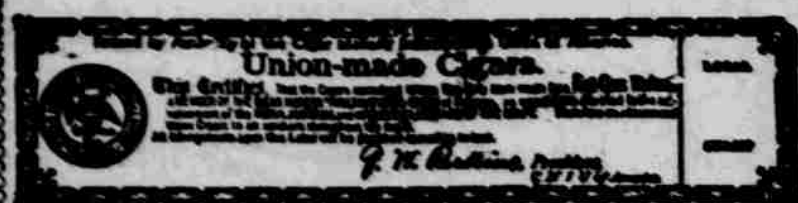
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In Labor's Realm

Matters of Especial Interest To and Concerning Those Who Do the Work of the World

Pittsburg, Pa.—Mines and furnaces and mills in the Pittsburg district and surrounding country are working to far greater capacity than they did at the beginning of 1909. It looks as if by July 1 a majority of the larger operations will be working to full capacity, which a number of companies are now doing. With January 1, 1909, the working forces of this district were engaged at about 25 per cent. of capacity. With June 1 the working will be operating about 85 per cent., and by July 1 there should be between 90 and 100 per cent. The greatest industrial increase has taken place in the steel mills. These were barely working to keep the rust off the machinery with the beginning of the year. Now every department except the rail mills are working almost to capacity. The tube and pipe industry, which started this year with few orders and only operating three to four days a week, is now working full time. The two largest steel car plants in the country, located near here, were closed absolutely at the beginning of the year with none but the watchmen about the plants.

Terre Haute, Ind.—The Vandalia Mining Company is in trouble with the officials of the United Mine Workers over the demand by the men that they be permitted to remove the top coal at mine No. 65, east of the city. When the company ordered that coal be left at the top, the mine committee ordered the men to quit work, and the superintendent in turn discharged the committee. The company contends that the coal must be left as a support to the roof of the mine; that a state mine inspector has served notice that it must not be removed. The miners say they have a right to mine all the coal of the vein, and if any is left they are entitled to extra pay. The company may ask the court for an injunction to restrain the miners' officials from stopping men from working.

Berlin, Germany.—A most remarkable clause has been added to the German mines bill at the instigation of Emperor William. It is a clause of a most socialistic character, since it gives to labor organizations the right of supervision over the arrangements made for their safety in the pits. Of course, this right is limited to the men employed in the mines concerned, and to their organizations, and does not extend to any outside labor unions or professional agitators.

Youngstown, O.—Employees of the Republic Iron and Steel Company received notice that a readjustment of wages will be made June 1. While the terms of the readjustment are not given, it is believed the men will be again placed on the scale in force prior to the ten per cent. reduction of April 1. About 4,000 men are affected locally. It is thought here the readjustment will be general in the Republic plants.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The district council of carpenters is to call a meeting of representatives from the various unions in the building trades to establish a central point arbitration board, with a view to preventing sympathetic strikes in the building trades without the joint consent of all trades involved in any given dispute with a contractor or builder.

Salt Lake City, Utah.—The plant of the American Smelting & Refining Company at Murray shut down on account of the strike of 400 of its employees for higher wages.

Washington.—The trade unionists on the other side seem to be developing a company of specialists who direct them in their efforts to obtain specific legislation in parliament, or in obtaining concessions from their employers. In such matters as child labor, old age pensions, woman's place in the state and in industry, in educational questions and in temperance, the English workers in particular have a group of leaders who have no superiors in any walk of life. They are the authorities on these subjects.

London, Eng.—The Amalgamated Society of Toolmakers, one of the youngest of the unions started in the British engineering trades, has now branches in London, Lancashire, Yorkshire and other counties and in Scotland. The superannuation fund has now come into operation, so that the union is nearly abreast in its benefits of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers.

Washington.—The new union of women employees of the bureau of engraving and printing has upward of 300 members.

Red Lodge, Mont.—This city is to have a labor temple within a few months.

San Francisco.—At the convention of the anti-Japanese Leagues of California, held here May 9, there was presented a list of all persons who, to the detriment of the white race, are patronizing and supporting Japanese, and a request was made to have some measure passed by which such persons may be induced to have a change of heart in the matter.

Greenville, Tex.—A trades assembly was organized recently with 21 unions of farmers affiliated.

Omaha, Neb.—On June 21, International Printing Pressmen and Assistants' union will convene in this city.

Indianapolis, Ind.—During the year of 1908 the Cigar Makers' International union distributed among its members in benefits \$586,255.73. The organization has sick, strike, out-of-work, death and total disability benefits, and has three divisions. These divisions are: Contributing members paying 30 cents a week and entitled to all these benefits; members paying dues of 15 cents a week, joining the organization after becoming 50 years old or are afflicted with chronic ailments, and entitled to strike and minimum death benefits; beneficiary retiring card holders, paying 20 cents a week, and entitled to sick and death benefits. Strike benefits are scheduled at \$5 a week, with \$3 after a stipulated period until the close of the strike or lockout. Sick benefits are \$5 a week, with \$3 after a stipulated period until the close of the strike or lockout. Sick benefits are \$5 a week for 13 weeks in any one year. Death benefits range from \$50 to \$550, depending upon the length of membership and out-of-work benefits are \$3 a week, the fund being guarded by suitable laws.

Pittsburg, Pa.—The United States Steel corporation has made no announcement of an increase in wages, but it is said that the Jones & Laughlin Steel company, the Republic Iron & Steel company and other independent companies will restore the wages paid prior to the 1st of last April, when a general cut was made. At the general offices of the Republic Iron & Steel company notices have been posted of a revision of the wage scale. The Republic Iron & Steel company employs about 10,000 men at Chicago, Massillon, Youngstown, Birmingham, Moline, Ill.; East St. Louis, Muncie, Ind.; Gate City, Ala.; Thomas, Ala.; Sharon and New Castle, Pa. The Jones & Laughlin Steel company employs 10,000 men in this vicinity, and their wages, it is said, will all be increased. It is also announced that independents will not accept any orders for steel at the present prices.

Memphis, Tenn.—An organization to be known as the Hucksters and Peddlers' Protective association, which it is planned to affiliate with the American Federation of Labor, has been formed here, and, according to its objects, will be of considerable benefit to the general public. Under-selling and favoring of customers will be things of the past in Memphis, according to the plans of the organization.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The Cigar-makers' International, pioneers in many union matters, has solved a question in a novel way. The cigar-makers have a graduated death benefit, ranging from \$50 for new members to \$550 for a member whose card has been clear for 15 years. Realizing that many old members become incapacitated, the plan has been evolved to allow such as are unable to work, who have held continuous membership for a period of 15 years, or more, to draw the death benefit, less \$50, which is reserved for actual funeral expenses.

Boston.—A Hebrew local of the Typographical union will shortly be formed in this city by Hyman Rosen of New York, Hebrew organizer of the International Typographical union. A scale of 4 1/2 hours for night and six hours for day work has been established by a similar local in the New York newspaper offices, where the wage scale calls for \$26 a week.

Paris, France.—Notwithstanding the decision of the General Federation of Labor reached to call off the strike, the sailors, stokers and stewards of the merchant marine have gone out at Marseilles, Toulon and Havre, and the movement is likely to extend to other French ports. The grievances include the nonapplication to them of the weekly day of rest law, equalization of salaries on passenger and freight boats and objection to being paid off when a ship has been out of commission less than a month.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Announcement is made here that 35,000 employees of iron and steel companies having headquarters here and in this vicinity will receive an advance in wages averaging ten per cent. about the 1st of July.

Los Angeles, Cal.—The craftsmen of the building trades council are all to contribute labor and material to build a modern bungalow that shall be displayed as a float in the parade of the Elks in July.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Fifteen unions of hodcarriers and building laborers have been organized in the last month.

Topeka, Kan.—The Kansas legislature passed 11 laws advocated by union labor.

New York.—John Kirby, Jr., of Dayton, O., was unanimously elected to the presidency of the National Association of Manufacturers at the session of the annual meeting. The election was made the occasion of a demonstration in favor of J. W. Van Cleave, the retiring president, whose policies Mr. Kirby pledged himself to follow.

Oneida, N. Y.—All municipal printing in this city must bear the union label.

Ottawa, Canada.—Canadian civil servants have organized a civil service federation.

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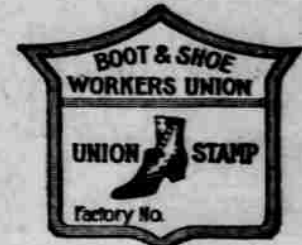
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SECRET OF GOOD PIE CRUST.

Given the Right Ingredients, the Best Depends on Proper Use of the Rolling Pin.

The second secret of good pie crust lies in the proper use of the rolling pin. Always work from you, not that there is any superstition about it, but because there will be less danger of breaking open the thin sections that enclose the air. Do not roll, but lift the rolling pin and drop it in a vigorous patting motion, beginning on the part next to the worker and going forward and sidewise to keep the dough in an oblong shape. As soon as the dough is one-quarter of an inch thick fold it lengthwise with one-third under and one-third over the middle third. Turn half way round and fold in thirds in the same way. Now pat out thin again. Fold and pat out form five to seven times to make paste very light, stopping to chill it if it grows in the least bit soft and greasy. Each folding makes numerous layers that enclose air. After the last patting out roll the paste up like a jelly roll, cut a thin slice from the end and pat out round to fit a plate, handling as little as possible. Plan to have as few trimmings as possible and keep them separate, or at least never use them for top crust. The old saying that it is a poor pie that will not grease its own plate is entirely true, for there is no need of preparing a plate for its crust.

SOMETHING NEW IN PICKLES.

Good for Anything, But Especially Do signed to Serve with Cold Fowl or Game.

This sweet pickle will be found quite a novelty among pickles. It is delicious served with cold fowl or game. It is made as follows: One pound of crystallized cherries, one pound of layer raisins, six dozen tiny Tim cucumber pickles. Put a quart of elder vinegar in a porcelain-lined kettle, add one pound of granulated sugar and cook to a syrup, seasoning it with two level teaspoons each of nutmeg and white pepper, one teaspoon of mace and one-half a teaspoon of ground cloves. Bring the syrup to a boil, then put in the crystallized cherries; when they are plumped, take out with a skimmer and put in the raisins, which have been cut in clusters of two or three raisins each.

As soon as the raisins are plumped, skim them out of the syrup and put in the tiny Tim cucumbers. Let them come to a boil and then cook them for a minute or two longer. They should be tender but not soft. Take the cucumbers out of the syrup and fill the glass jars, putting in a layer of cucumbers, then one of cherries, and then one of raisins, repeating the layers until the jars are nearly full. Then pour the syrup heated boiling hot over the pickles and seal.—Good House-keeping.

BASEBALL NOTSE.

John I. McCloskey, the former manager of the St. Louis Cardinals, is making good with his Milwaukee "Brewers."

McGraw intends to give his team a large shakeup unless his men manage to win more frequently. Josh Devore, who has been warning the bench all season, may be sent in any day. Devore is said to be faster than anything now playing the gardens for the New Yorkers.

Major league managers and scouts are keeping close tab on Phil Barry of Philadelphia, the 17-year-old pitcher of the Villanova college, who has been doing grand work for his team so far this season. He has had some tempting offers, but will not give up his college year just yet.

Several big league managers still sigh sadly over the fact that the great Cuban pitcher, Mendez, is a black man. This fellow is as good as any white pitcher in the business, and would do wonders in the big leagues.