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**NEWS OF TRADE AND LABOR** General Information Concerning Those Who Are Doing the Work of the World. The Song of the Blouse. The Business Men's association, of Omaha, has taken action to offset the Hour after hour, in the stifling heat, She stitches in hunger and care, In a squalld room in a squalld street, The blouze which another will wear Or, with weary effort to try and keep Body and soul together, Will rise from sleep, at the first gray peep Of dawn, in the wintriest weather. The hum of the bees and the breath of the cows, The hedgerows all fragrant and green Are for others-her lot is the cult of the blouse And the song of the sewing machine. No time to laugh and no time to weep With her-none to trouble how fares it-For the blouse was cheap, and the stairs The coal company made its proposition through General Manager John too steep To climb, says the woman who wears it All the day long the rattle and click In the heat and the giare and the dust, Fill body and brain and heart are sick served by the company. The International Woodworkers'

(On a cup of tea and a crust); For there's rent to be earned and, you may be sure, Little to spare when she's paid it— Oh, the difference sore 'twixt the woman

who wore The blouse and the woman who made it

An effort is being made to estabish closer relations between the Canadian eastern labor unoins and hose on the Pacific coast.

President Samuel J. Small of the Inernational Union of Commercial Telegraphers is in Chicago to take charge of the trouble between the operators and the Postal Telegraph Cable company. A referendum vote is being taken by

he members of the International Brotherhood of Shovel and Dredgemen on a proposition to increase the death benefit to \$1,000 on a yearly premium of \$20. After an all day's session, the Broth-

of Locomotive Firemen erhood changed the name of the order by a practically unanimous vote to the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Engineers. The reasons leading up to this change are that fully 25 per cent. of the members of the order are engineers

The Columbia Typographical union, of Washington, voted to expel 70 members who refused to continue the payment of the assessment levied for strike benefits, on account of the strike against employing printers in the District of Columbia, which has been on since last Jaunary. The members dismissed from the union are all employed at the government printing office, and it is said that the number to be expelled may reach

250 before the matter ends. Engineers on the Chicago, Burling ton & Quincy railroad, who are protesting against the recent order ex-

cluding men who have to wear eyeglasses from running passenger engines, from the suburban service and from freight locomotives at congested terminals have refused to submit the question to the interstate commerce commission. Officials of the company suggested that as the safety of the traveling public was concerned. the interstate commerce commission should be allowed to pass on the rule. About 1,600 workmen engaged in

effect of the labor unions' attempt to dictate nominations and elections of candidates for public offices. The association plans to wage a hot fight. As the result of overtures made by the officials of the Vandalia Ccal company to the district officials of the miners of Indiana, the strike at the mines of the coal company, which involved 3,000 men, was declared off.

Hewitt and grants all the demands of the miners. The right of appeal to the courts for a final adjudication of the controversy is, however, re-

Union of America secured an injunction against two of their local organizations at Chicago which restrains them from disbursing any of the funds, amounting to \$8,000, which they have in the treasury. The two locals against which the injunction was issued are locals No. 1 and No. 78. These two unions recently voted to desert the International Woodworkers and join the National Brotherhood of

One of the most extensive railroad

strikes declared in recent years went

into effect when 1.500 machinists.

blacksmiths and boilermakers, togeth-

er with repair shop men. quit work

under orders from their union head-

quarters and effectually tied up the

entire mechanical department of the

Wabash railroad system. The dis-

pute is over wages. The machinists

induced the allied metal trades to go

out in sympathy, and the joint strike

is said to be one of the fruits of the

recent formation of the National Fed-

eration of Metal Trades, which aims

o embrace every worker in the metal

industry. The machinists started the

trouble on the Wabash by demanding

an increase in pay averaging seven

cents an hour. The present scale

ranges from 28 to 30 cents an hour.

A number of conferences held be-

tween officials of the road and representatives of the Machinists' union

failed to be productive of a settle-

ment, and the strike order was the

The anniversary and convention

number of the Carpenter, the official

journal of the United Brotherhood of

Carpenters and Joiners of America,

contains a well written history of the

organization. The brotherhood was

organized in 1881 at Chicago with 12

local unions. At that time the mem-

bership was 2,042. From 1881 to 1900

the union gained 66,421 men, and in

1905 there were 1.759 locals with a

membership of 161,217 totals. The

brotherhood has won a large percent-

age of its strikes, between 1890 and 1900, losing but a single one out of

result.

junction was obtained.

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the street railways o San Francisco and changing the cable of the organization are upon a remarkroads into electric systems, went on a ably firm basis. The total income for strike. The United railways started the year of 1904-05 was \$403,292. The the trouble by discharging workmen expenditures for the same period were because of their affiliation with the \$444,095. This excess was easily union, and the strike was called to encared for by the large previous balforce the reinstatement of the men at ance. The brotherhood has seven an increase in wages, and the demand delegates to the American Federation for an eight-hour day. A great numof Labor. It has also been successful ber of the men belonging to the union in obtaining a normal day, and at the are foreigners brought over by the time of the last report, 481 cities were United railways. working on the eight-hour scale. The "one armed men's" union was At a conference in Philadelphia be founded at Chicago. Its principles tween the officials of the Pennsylvania essentially are humanitarian, it being railroad lines east of Pittsburg and devised with special regard for the Erie and delegates representing the 1,200 maimed, legless, or armless telegraph operators the company switchtenders, flagmen and crossing granted an advance in wages to afmen employed by the railroads in and 'ect all telegraphers on the lines mennear Chicago. tioned, beginning September 1. The F. W. Wilson, representative of the increase will involve an additional ex-International Association of Machin penditure of \$70,000 a month by the ists, has returned to Milwaukee from company. Chicago, where he attended the con At the regular quarterly meeting vention of the Metal Trades associa of the executive council of the Amertion. The result of the meeting may ican Federation of Labor at Washbe the amalgamation of all the metal ington the following members were trade workers in the country, an orpresent: President Gompers, Vice Presidents Duncan, O'Connell, Morganization which, if perfected, will be one of the strongest labor bodies in rison, Hayes, Keefe and Valentine; the world, having a membership of Treasurer Lennon and Secretary Mor-rison. The financial report showed nearly 350,000 workmen. The crafts the federation had on hand September represented were the pattern-makers association, machinists, iron molders, 1 a balance of \$100,425. President blacksmiths and helpers, boller mak-Gompers reported on the question ers, iron ship builders, metal polish of universal labor for all of the iners, buffers and platers, electric workternational organizations, or for the ers, stationary firemen, and steam enuse of the seal of the American Fedgineers. The executive boards of all eration of Labor as a universal deof these organizations have been petisign. A number of organizations optioned and it is probable that a referosed the surrender of their label. endum vote will be taken on the sub-The report will be submitted to the ject of amalgamation by each organfederation convention at Minneapolis in November. ization. The management of the New York The cigarmakers of New Haven, Conn., adopted a novel method of win-City Railway company, which operates ractically all the surface lines in ning their fight against their em-Manhattan borough, has advanced the ployers. In most instances, the things wages of its employes on a graded struck against are usually boycotted scale, the total amount involved being by the strikers, but not so in this more than \$250,000. case. Instead, they demanded nothing With the limbs of trees as banners. but a cigar made in one of the factories struck against. This was done striking laborers in the quarry of the for the purpose of exhausting the sup-Western Stone company, at Joliet, ply of stock as quickly as possible, and then to leave the manufacturers ill., marched from quarry to quarry to get their fellow workmen to lay down their tools. The men have been stranded. The ruse has worked successfully and it is now extre nely hard getting \$1.75 per day, and demand to get anything but outside cigars in an advance of 25 cents. Nearly every quarry ie idla New Haven.

