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flying machines, Ruling the depths of the ocean, lords of the deep-sea marines.

Into the bowels of earthland pressing for treasures they hold, Wresting and wrestling to surface wealth

of the ages untold; Taking the forces of nature, elements leashing in chain. We are the legions of progress, we are the powers who reign.

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and deed;
Marching resistlessly onward, blazing and burning the way.
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New York.-Italian cigarmakers re ently organized in this city.

Boston.-Union labor is renewing nterest in a proposition to establish a abor temple here.

Wilkesbarre, Pa.—The lace mills have advanced the wages of 1,100 employes ten per cent. Newark, N. J .- One of the pioneer

labor unions of this country is the

journeymen stone cutters of this city, organized May 10, 1834. Boston.-Owing to Chinese competi tion an anti-Asiatic league has been formed in New England to advocate

Chinese poll tax of \$5,000. New York.-International Photo Enravers' union has signed a five-year irbitration agreement with the Na

ional Publishers' association. Washington.-The headquarters of the International Union of Carriage and Wagon Workers of America will shortly be established in this city.

London.—The British government has appointed Mr. Ernest Aves as com missioner to investigate on the spot the workings of the various labor laws of Australia

London.-The iron puddlers' wages in the midlands of England were increased recently. At the same time other mill forge wages were increased 21/4 per cent.

Swansea, England,-A recent conference between the unions engaged in the steel trade and the employers resulted in an eight-hour working day being conceded.

South Omaha, Neb.-The entire working force of all the packing houses, comprising about 6,000 men. were recently notified that an advance in wages of from 5 to 15 per cent. has been granted them.

Washington.-No sign of a trade union label has been found earlier than 1874. It appears to be wholly of American origin, nor is any evidence at hand that unions elsewhere, except

northwest of Spain may be tied up by a gigantic strike, the beginning of cities in the vicinity of Pittsburg. The which was the declaration of a general strike at the meeting of several the country has been felt among the thousand miners at Bilbao. It is believed that the movement will spread rapidly to the mine districts of Santander and Asturias. The labor unions of the whole of Catelonia are preparing for a general strike.

Washington.-The most potent and far-reaching influence at work in the labor world are the labor journals, of which 185 monthly and 79 weekly publications are issued in the United States and Canada.

Washington. - The payment of money by the Eric Railroad company to secure immunity from strikes will be investigated by those in this city belonging to the International Association of Machinists. A meeting of Washington lodge of machinists was held to have a committee appointed and sent to New York to investigate the allegations and secure further information.

Minneapolis.—The Minneapolis convention of the A. F. of L. directed that in order to extend the propaganda work of the federation organizers, and also to furnish a theoretical as well as a ready reference guide to speakers and writers on labor topics, that there should be compiled, under the supervision of the executive board, a textbook containing the essential principles of unionism and such other information as may be deemed neces sary. The compilation of the data is being speedily completed.

Paris, France. - The authorities have discovered an emigration agency which is shipping Roubaix weavers to Paterson, N. J., and Lawrence, Mass. thus enabling those cities to compete with the products of French cities producing similar manufactures.

Seattle, Wash.-Speaking to a large gathering of the Christian Endeavor delegates here, the Rev. Edwin Heyl Delk, pastor of St. Matthew's Lutheran' church, Philadelphia, denounced the action of the governor of Idaho in the alleged kidnaping of Moyer and Haywood. He also asserted that the judiciary of Idaho was corrupt.

Washington -- More attention is now given southern states by the American Federation of Labor, which is planning to build up a stronger movement in that section.

Portland, Ore.-Union labor of this city has decided to enter the coming municipal campaign with a full ticket of its own. Because of the attitude of the present municipal administration labor has decided to alter its former policy, which was to indorse candidates of other parties.

Columbus, O.-The Wertz law was declared unconstitutional by Common Plaas Judge Bigger on the ground that it is not of universal operation and that it is retroactive. It will be appealed. The law provides that not more than 10 per cent. of the number of men employed in any trade in the state can be used in the penitentiary for like labor.

New York,-A very remarkable labor organization is the United Hatters' Union of America. It dates its permanency from the time of adopting the three per cent. dues of each member's earnings. Two per cent. goes to the international union and one per cent, is retained in the local treasury. There are 9,000 members, and each member must make at least three dollars per day, while some make as high as seven and eight dollars, which is on niecework

Toronto, Ont.-All fear of a possible strike of the Toronto street railway employes has been removed by the adoption by the company and the men of an agreement under which the latter receive an advance of two cents per hour in their wages, to date from June 16, while other conditions are satisfactorily adjusted. The agreement is binding for three years. One hundred men are affected and the wages bill of the company is increased to the extent of \$84,000 a year.

Berlin.-Count von Posadowsky-Wehner, the vice chancellor and minister of the interior of Germany, has undertaken the preparation of a scheme for the maintenance of persons out of work while they are seeking employment. The state is already carrying out old age, sick and disability pension systems. The official bureaus operating these systems are further charged with bringing persons seeking work in contact with employers wanting labor, and also with force ing vagrants to labor.

London.-The British board of trade returns furnish an interesting comparison of the amount of weekly wages paid to agricultural laborers in England, Scotland, Wales and Ireland. It appears that in England the highest average wage is \$5.32, and the low-est \$3.48. In Wales the highest is \$5.10 and the lowest \$3.76, in Scotland the highest is \$5.32 and the lowest \$3.26, while in Ireland the highest is \$3.12 and the lowest \$2.10. The highest wage in Ireland is 14 cents lower than the lowest in Scotland.

Pittsburg, Pa.-Advanced wages and shorter hours, in the large majority of cases without resort to strikes, i n Canada, show special interest in it. the report that organizers are sending San Sebastian, Spain.—The entire in to the American Federation of Labor from several of the towns and result of the continued prosperity of workingmen. There is hardly a trade that has not received an increase, at least somewhere in the district. In some places it is the carpenters, in others the bricklayers, and so down the line.

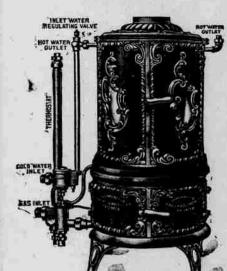
Detroit, Mich.-The biennial convention of the International Longshoremen Marine and Transport Workers' association, in session in this city, adopted resolutions of sympathy with Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and voted \$200 toward their defense. Accompanying the report of the execu-tive council were letters from Samuel Gompers, John Mitchell and other labor leaders, strongly recommending the creation of a reserve fund by the longshoremen. The matter was re ferred to a special committee.

New York.-Anthracite coal operators say the miners at last seem satisfied with the way they are being treated, as after four years of activity the board of conciliation, created to settle disputes between men and employers in 1902, have a clean docket. During the four years 159 differences have been settled, the board itself disposing of 132 of the cases, and an even division reference of the other 27 cases to an umpire. Of the grievances considered only one was presented by the United Mine Workers of America as a body. Thirteen were presented by the operators and 146 by the

Indianapolis, Ind .- At a recent meeting of Bookbinders' union 103 female bindery workers were admitted. The extra effort for the organization of the bindery women is to strengthen the position of the bookbinders in their demand for an eight-hour day on October 1.

Wilkesbarre, Pa .- According to the annual report of President Nicholis, of District No. 1, United Mine Workers, read at the session of the union, 21,000 mine workers have been dropped from the rolls of the organization because they failed to pay their national assessment.

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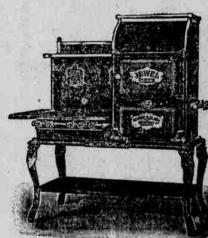
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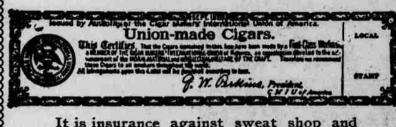


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