

NEWS OF THE LABOR WORLD

Chicago.—The differences between the paving contractors and the striking paving laborers will be submitted to arbitration. This was decided at a conference of representatives of the contractors and the officers of the paving trades council and the Chicago Federation of Labor held in the office of Mayor Busse. Frank C. Gengenback, president of the Paving Trades' council, selected Attorney Daniel L. Cruise to act as arbitrator for the union. President J. J. McCarthy of the Paving Contractors' association will select the arbitrator for the employers, and the two will select an umpire. More than 5,000 street pavers have been on strike since May 1 because the contractors refuse to grant an eight-hour day, as provided for in the agreement. The contractors claimed the men violated the agreement by refusing to begin work at 7 a. m.

Washington.—The capital invested in the various industries last year was \$2,845,234,000 for food and kindred products, \$2,174,441,418 for textiles, \$2,176,738,726 for iron and steel and their products, \$1,223,730,236 for lumber and its remanufactures, \$705,747,470 for leather and its finished products, \$557,112,256 for paper and printing, \$501,266,005 for beverages, \$1,031,965,263 for chemicals and allied products, \$22,262,456 for metals and metal products other than iron and steel, \$643,824,442 for vehicles for land transportation, \$3,291,230,422 for clay, glass and stone products, \$331,117,581 for tobacco, \$82,768,239 for shipbuilding, and \$941,804,873 for miscellaneous.

Columbus, O.—The delegates to the international convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers began their sitting as representatives of the insurance branch of the order. W. E. Futch, president of the insurance department, recommended that indigent members be permitted to draw from a fund during their life instead of leaving it to be drawn by their families after their death. Mayor Bookwalter of Indianapolis was permitted to address the delegates, extending a formal invitation to the brotherhood to hold its next convention in Indianapolis and to select that city as its permanent headquarters.

Washington.—Since 1828, when the first general crisis broke out, the whole industrial and commercial world is thrown out of joint about once in every ten years. Commerce is at a standstill, the markets are glutted, products accumulate, as numerous as they are unsalable, hard cash disappears, credit vanishes, factories are closed, the mass of the workers are in want of the means of subsistence because they have produced too much of the means of subsistence.—Frederick Engels.

Chicago.—The truck drivers' union at a mass meeting in Bricklayers' hall voted to arbitrate the question of an increase of \$1.50 a week in wages, as demanded by the union. Nearly 2,000 teamsters attended the meeting. Officers of the union declared the team owners offered to arbitrate the dispute. Secretary T. J. Cavanagh of the Team Owners' association said, however, that the union asked for arbitration.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Orders have been issued by the H. C. Frick Coke company for the blowing-in of 600 additional coke ovens in the Connellsville field, employing 2,000 men, and for the first time in many weeks an increase in the production of coke by the Steel corporation interests has been noted in that field.

Pittsburg, Pa.—A national delegate convention of telegraphers, train dispatchers, agents and signalmen, who were originally affiliated with the Order of Railway Telegraphers, amended the by-laws of the organization so as to provide that before a strike may be ordered four-fifths of the vote cast must favor it. Another amendment adopted admits to membership telephone operators who handle train orders.

Milwaukee.—A. E. Manchester, superintendent of motive power of the Chicago, Milwaukee & St. Paul Railway company, received orders from headquarters to begin at once on the construction of 70 locomotives of the highest type. This order means an outlay of \$1,400,000 and will result in restoring to employment at the West Milwaukee shops of that company the full force of 5,000 men.

Fall River, Mass.—The reduction in wages which will go into effect in the print cloth mills of this city at once will probably amount to nearly 18 per cent, the heaviest cut ever made at one time here if the six months' sliding scale agreement is put into full operation by the manufacturers.

St. Louis.—The executive committee of the National Prosperity association decided to issue a call to manufacturers, jobbers and commercial concerns in the city to make June 1 "employment day." The various concerns will be requested to take back as many as possible of their laid off employees and to start the wheels moving in their factories.

Columbus, O.—The international convention of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers has voted to admit to membership the engineers of all electrically drawn trains on steam railroads.

Cleveland, O.—Greater progress in settling the street railway strike peacefully and by arbitration was made than any day since the trouble began. Both sides made material concessions. President Du Pont of the Municipal Traction Company said that he would take back the employees as new men. He insisted upon giving the present men at work the preference. This was objectionable to the union. In a later conference with the union the members of the state board of arbitration obtained a slight concession from the strikers. They agreed to have the men go back as new men as a temporary expedient. Coupled with this, however, was the further agreement to allow the future status of the strikers to be arbitrated.

Springfield, Ill.—A mass meeting of the local miners' unions of the Chicago and Alton sub-district was held at Thayer and resolutions were adopted demanding the resignation of the state officers and the officers of the sub-district of the miners' union, owing to dissatisfaction of the miners with the action of the executive committee of the organization in disposing of the shot firers' question. Resolutions were also adopted requesting the governor and the attorney general to enforce the present law requiring operators to pay the shot firers.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Evidence of returning prosperity is furnished by the announcement that the Pittsburg & Lake Erie railroad has ordered the Standard Steel Car company to begin construction of 2,000 all-steel cars for that road. The new cars will be used to handle the tonnage between the coal and coke regions and the lakes. The order calls for 1,000 specially designed all-steel coke cars and 1,000 all-steel gondolas. The contract was originally awarded last summer, but held up. Delivery will be started as soon as the cars can be completed.

St. Paul, Minn.—"Freight rates must go up or the wages of railroad employees must go down." This was the statement made by L. C. Cass, third vice-president of the Chicago Great Western. Mr. Cass said: "The difference between the cost of transportation and the present selling price is not sufficient to produce a reasonable return on the railroads of the country. The cost of railroad operation has increased 33 1/3 per cent. since 1900, while the price of transportation has decreased from 15 to 33 1/3 per cent."

Kansas City.—After 70 days of negotiations the coal mining troubles of the southwest, where 35,000 men are upon a strike, were practically ended when the joint subcommittee of the operators and miners reached an agreement on the wage scale and working conditions. If the convention of miners approves the agreement, and officials assert that it will, the operators will ratify the agreement in convention.

Guthrie, Okla.—Both houses of the Oklahoma legislature have passed a bill authorizing the state labor commission to fix the wages of all employees in the state.

Woonsocket, R. I.—The Alice mill of the Woonsocket Rubber company resumed operation on full time. The mill employs 1,500 operatives.

Kansas City, Mo.—Active efforts to settle the strike of the 800 brewery workers were made by Louis Kemper of Cincinnati.

Kansas City, Mo.—The strike of 700 brewery workers ended when the brewers agreed to grant a small increase of wages.

Superior, Wis.—Plans for the steel plant of the United States Steel corporation are about completed and there is a prospect that work up the river at the site of the proposed plant will be started about July 1. This is not definite, but plans are being made to start work then if the conditions seem to be right.

Kansas City, Mo.—T. L. Lewis, president of the United Mine Workers of America, said that unless the operators came to some agreement at the convention of miners negotiations looking to an ending of the strike of the 35,000 southwestern coal miners will come to an end.

Fernie, B. C.—Nine hundred coal miners in J. J. Hill's mines refused to go to work at Michael on account of alleged discrimination in hiring men. District President Sherman of the union opposed the strike. Feeling against Sherman is strong.

Pittsburg, Pa.—Miner employees are prohibited from drinking intoxicating liquors by the new rules of the H. C. Frick Coke company, a branch of the United States Steel corporation. The ruling applies whether the men are on duty or off.

Chicago.—Judge Walker in the Cook county court declined to issue an injunction sought by eight nonunion employees of the Chicago Railways company to prevent their discharge.

Youngstown, O.—Although the sessions are secret it is reported from a reliable source that the local wage agreement amendment has been adopted after four days' discussion by the Amalgamated association of iron, steel and tin workers in convention here. This agreement will allow the organization of lodges in nonunion mills and will, it is believed, strengthen the organization.



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ENGINEERS ELECT.

Brotherhood Officials Chosen by Acclamation at Columbus.

The following officers of the International Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers were elected by acclamation:

- Grand Chief Engineer—W. S. Stone of Cleveland.
- Assistant Grand Chief Engineer—E. W. Hurley of Cleveland.
- Assistant Grand Chief Engineer—F. A. Burgess of Cleveland.
- Ash Kennedy, general chairman of the general committee of adjustment, Canadian Pacific railroad, was elected to one of the new positions of assistant chief.

THE CARPENTERS.

A Word or Two About Knights of Saw and Plane.

Twenty-four delegates representing the eight Buffalo locals of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners were seated by the credentials committee of the United Trades and Labor Council recently. The carpenters and joiners have not been affiliated with the central body for several years.

The carpenters of Kansas City have voted to increase their union dues from seventy-five cents to a dollar a month.

A new carpenters' union was recently organized at Pedro Miguel, Panama.

NEXT WEEK.

The Wages worker has received from Rev. W. M. Balch, pastor of Trinity Methodist church, a copy of the "labor resolutions" recently adopted by the ecumenical council of that great denomination. They ring true, and Rev. Mr. Balch may well be proud of the fact that he helped to frame them. They will be given space in The Wages worker next week.

TALKING AMALGAMATION.

A movement is on foot in the United Garment Workers' union to bring about amalgamation with the International Women's Garment Workers' union, 27,000 members; the Shirt-waist and Laundry Workers' union, 24,000 members, and the Journeymen Tailors' National union, 22,000 members. The United Garment Workers'

union now has a membership of 67,000. If amalgamated with its allied trades, the membership would reach upward to 150,000, and advance the union to the third largest national organization affiliated with the American Federation of Labor.

"KATY" CARMEN STRIKE.

Shop Employees and Officials Fail to Adjust Differences.

Five hundred carmen employed on the lines of the Missouri Pacific and Iron Mountain system in Missouri, Kansas, Nebraska, Colorado, Arkansas, Oklahoma, Louisiana and Texas are on strike as a result of the failure of conference between General Manager Sullivan of the Missouri Pacific and a committee representing members of the Brotherhood of Railway Carmen.

THE BARTENDERS.

The San Francisco Bartenders' Union, Local No. 41, voted \$200 for the relief of the members of the craft who were rendered destitute by the great fire in Chelsea a short time since.

WORSE AND WORSE.

An injunction has been asked for by the trust and combine and has been issued against the jewelry workers, prohibiting them from putting their union label, the double acorn, upon articles of jewelry of their own manufacture.

Apricot Sauce.

Use one pound of evaporated apples, one-fourth pound of dried apricots, stew together, stirring while boiling, to mix and prevent burning.

CHURCH AND LABOR.

Chicken in Green Pepper Cases. Cut three large sweet green peppers in halves from stem end down, remove the stem and seeds and scald five minutes. Mix one cupful of minced cooked meat, either veal or chicken, one-fourth cupful of bread-crumbs or boiled rice, with enough white or tomato sauce to moisten. Season and pack the mixture in the pepper cases. Sprinkle buttered cracker crumbs over the top, lay the peppers in a shallow pan with water to cover the bottom, and bake about 20 minutes. A garnish of the tops of celery makes an attractive setting for the green pepper cases.

SLAUGHTER OF THE INNOCENTS.

Ten thousand children are killed and 250,000 made degenerates every year by the mills and factories of this country, according to Senator Beveridge of Indiana.

Typical Family of Maine.

One of Maine's old-fashioned families is that of Capt. Usial F. Candage and wife of South Bluehill. They have been married 35 years. They have nine children—seven boys and two girls—three daughters-in-law, one son-in-law and ten grandchildren, making 25 in all. There has never been a death in the family and all are well.

No Half-Clad Hops.

If we were a sculptor we wouldn't use a woman half clad, with yearning eyes fixed upwards, as a figure of "Hope"; a better illustration would be a man with overalls on, who has planted garden seeds, and is looking to see if the neighbors' chickens intend to let them come up.—Atchison (Kan.) Globe.

Erosion Spreads Rapidly.

The rapid water-erosion of parts of Cape Colony is attributed chiefly to burning of vegetation and the starting of paths by cattle and wagons. Once started, erosion is very rapid, and the Ongers or Brak river, which did not exist 60 years ago, now averages 300 feet in width and 15 feet in depth.

Peculiar Clock Weight.

The most remarkable clock weight in Maine is that of the Baptist church at Cherryfield, an old smooth-bore cannon. The old cannon was one of the old smooth-bore type and was brought by Gleason R. Campbell from Boston on one of the return trips of lumber vessels.

Lightens Life's Labor.

A French wit defined manners when he said: "I would rather be trampled on by a velvet slipper than a wooden shoe"—though it must not be forgotten that the velvet slipper tramples not at all. Polite manners trip through life like the velvet slipper, making beauty, injuring no one.

Eye Denotes Bodily Condition.

The eye has a habit of registering the health. Thus a lack luster, heavy lidded expression is generally the result of excessive fatigue or ill-health; a dilated pupil usually means fever; a yellowish tint to the white of the eye bespeaks biliousness, while an extreme bluishness of the white is often an indication of impure blood or a scrofulous tendency.

SOME GOOD DISHES

METHODS OF COOKING AND SERVING MEATS.

Colorado Roast Venison—Something New to the Average Housewife
—Veal Birds an Appetizing Addition to Menu.

Lamb Scallops.—One cup cold lamb, one cup stewed tomatoes, one cup bread crumbs. Arrange in layers in a buttered dish, having crumbs on top with bits of butter; put salt, pepper, and bits of butter between the layers; bake.

Beef Loaf.—Chop or grind together two pounds of the round of beef and one-half pound bacon, crumb one-half loaf of bread, and beat two eggs. Mix the meat, bread and eggs together and season with one teaspoon salt, one-half teaspoon pepper, teaspoon poultry dressing. Pack firmly in a baking dish and bake 1 1/2 hours.

Colorado Roast Venison.—Cover the venison roast on all sides with white paper; secure firmly with cord. Then make a thick batter of flour and water; spreading same all over the paper; dredge with flour; bake 25 minutes to a pound; take from the oven and crack off the batter, which has formed a crust.

Remove the cord and paper, salt and pepper to taste, lay strips of fat pork cut thin on top, and dredge meat with flour.

Place in oven until well browned; make brown gravy and serve with currant jelly. Many who dislike game enjoy it if prepared thus, the cooking of the game in this way extracting the strong taste sometimes objectionable.

Veal Birds.—Use slices of veal from the loin cut thin. Remove the bone, skin and fat and pound till one-quarter of an inch thick. Trim with pieces 2 1/2 by four inches. Chop the trimming fine, with one square lard of fat salt pork for each bird.

Add half as much fine cracker crumbs as you have meat. Season highly with salt, pepper, lemon, cayenne and onion. Moisten with one egg and a little hot water as for veal loaf.

Spread the mixture on each slice nearly to the edge, roll up tightly, and tie or fasten with skewers. Dredge with salt, pepper and flour.

Fry them slowly in hot butter till a golden brown, but not dark or burned. Then half cover with cream and simmer 15 or 20 minutes. Remove the strings and serve on toast. Pour the cream over them. Garnish with points of toast and lemon.