

THE MUSICIANS.

Prospects Good for Further Enlarging of Theatrical Fair List.

The indications are that in a very short time the management of the Elite and Joyo theatres will be "squared" and the musical end in the charge of musicians. Negotiations with that end in view have been under way for several days with every prospect of success.

The Musicians' Union of Kansas City had a parade all its own recently. With a magnificent brass band of 100 pieces the musicians marched through the principal streets of the city, serenading the daily newspapers, the principal hotels and several music stores. Fine banners were displayed. One of them informed the public that the Musicians' Protective association numbered 60,000 members, and another stated that union musicians of Kansas City owned more than \$300,000 worth of real estate. All the music rendered by the big band was composed by members of the local union. Now, wouldn't it be a good idea for the

union musicians of Lincoln to turn the same trick one of these fine fall days?

The dancing season is opening up and orchestra men are feeling better. The band season is about over, save for desultory engagements at political demonstrations. "We may toot for Taft, but we'll vote for Bryan," said one of the musicians who was in the Taft parade Wednesday evening.

The official organ of the musicians is a pretty good "Bryan organ" these days.

A crowd of trades unionists, together with several public men, were discussing politics under the trees at Casino Park, last Monday. In the group were all beliefs, and when Congressman Sherwood joined the party he entered into the spirit of the fest, by declaring that:

Bryan is the Peerless candidate. Chaffin is the Fearless candidate. Debs is the Fearless candidate. Taft (if Teddy dies) is the steeriess candidate.—Toledo Union Leader.

In Labor's Realm

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

Philadelphia.—In response to John Wanamaker's announcement that 1,000 men would be put to work demolishing the last section of the old store to make way for the completion of his mammoth new one, fully 5,000 unemployed mechanics and laborers gathered around the building. So dense was the throng that the police reserves had to be summoned to open a way for traffic, and only a few hundred were given work, the contractors not being ready to begin the actual work of demolition on time. Those turned away took their disappointment good-naturedly and there was no disorder.

Fair Haven, Mass.—Determined to establish a model mill settlement in which American factory hands can live under conditions far nearer the ideal than ever before, H. H. Rogers, multi-millionaire oil magnate, has completed plans for a great innovation. In this city, his summer home, he will build in the near future a village of pretty, fine-appearing cottages, and these will be given outright to workmen who will agree to keep them a model. A beautiful park will also be constructed, also schools and a high-class library.

Paris, France.—Three Paris music-hall singers, Messrs. Mansuelle, Castel and Pommay, won an extraordinary suit in the courts against M. Pataud, who is head of the Electricians' union. The actors asserted that a strike of electricians on a recent evening made them lose the amount of their pay, and claimed damages. The judge sustained them, and M. Pataud is forced to pay the damages and costs.

Winnipeg, Man.—To all intents and purposes the strike of the Canadian Pacific machinists is a thing of the past as far as the company is concerned, for by importing men from Great Britain, added to those arriving from the United States, practically every position is filled in the various shops of the company from coast to coast.

Wesson, Miss.—The employees of the textile mills corporation have presented to President Odenheimer of that company a proposition to accept a reduction of ten per cent. in wages until the depression in the textile industry is overcome, when they will expect a resumption of the former scale of wages.

Boston.—The Journeymen Tailors' union celebrated its one hundred and second anniversary on September 12. It claims to be the oldest union in continuous existence in the country.

San Jose, Cal.—The California State Federation of Labor convention is to meet here during the week commencing Monday, October 5.

London, Eng.—James Kier Hardie is the founder of the labor party, and is the chief figure in the party in England. He says that the time is ripe to organize a labor party in Canada, and that by a better union of their forces the laborers of America can obtain legislation for their advancement.

London, Eng.—Steps are being taken to close the Powell Duffryn (Wales) collieries in consequence of the strike of 6,000 men.

Reading, Pa.—The Reading Company has posted notices at its locomotive and car shops in this city, notifying the men that they will work longer hours. The car shop men, who have been working 45 hours a week, will work 53 hours. The men employed at the locomotive shop, who have been working four nine-hour days a week, will work five nine-hour days. The order affects 2,400 men.

Washington.—Uncle Sam is the country's greatest employer of labor, with 1,623,518 names on his payroll. Of these 286,902 are in the executive civil service; 75,577 in the postal service; 62,663 are postmasters; 60,000 are in the army; 38,000 in the navy; 18,376 laborers in navy yards; 30,000 employed on the Panama canal; 19,000 in the reclamation service; 25,000 are on the miscellaneous list and 1,017,000 on the pension list.

Indianapolis, Ind.—The printing course established by the Kansas State Agricultural college was favorably commented upon by the Typographical Journal, the official magazine of the International Typographical union. The college is located at Manhattan, Kan., and the newly established course takes four years.

Melbourne, Australia.—The fifty-second anniversary of the eight-hour demonstration was held here recently. Since the beginning of the movement organized labor in the colonies has made wonderful progress and accomplished great results.

Rome, Italy.—Under the new labor law, promulgated this year by Italy, persons of either sex under 12 years of age are not permitted to engage in building operations, outside work of any kind, in mines or tunnels, nor in any industrial establishment.

Paris, France.—The National Miners' Federation of France, with a total membership of 80,000 men, has decided to affiliate with the General Federation of Labor for the purpose of acquiring greater strength and influence over legislation.

Melrose, Minn.—A new union of retail clerks has been instituted.

Reading, Pa.—It is expected that at least three anthracite blast furnaces along the line of the Reading railway will be placed in operation before the close of this month. The one at Temple, belonging to the Temple Iron Company, is ready to resume as soon as the business warrants it. In the Lehigh valley there are 25 stacks, eight of which are in blast with a weekly capacity of 8,628 tons. In the Schuylkill valley there are 15 furnaces. Of this number four are in blast with a capacity of 5,551 tons weekly. In the Lehigh valley there are ten stacks, three of which are in operation. Those in blast have a weekly capacity of 2,058 tons.

Nottingham, England.—The trade-union congress passed a resolution condemning the British workmen who engaged themselves as strike-breakers in Germany and the colonies and asking parliament to enact a measure under which the organizers of strike-breaking movements, as well as the men themselves could be prosecuted. The congress voted down a motion for amalgamation with the labor party, which is controlled by the socialists.

Washington.—Another big international union will establish headquarters in this city. The general convention of the stone cutters voted to make the president's position a salaried one, so that he might devote all his time to the organization, and decided upon Washington for the general headquarters.

Wheeling, W. Va.—In this city there are more than forty stogie factories. All of them are union shops. In them over 800 stogie makers, all union men, are employed, and, in addition to these, between 400 and 600 apprentices, not to mention the several hundred tobacco workers, employed.

Indianapolis, Ind.—With a general resumption of work in the coal mines of Indiana, the district officials of the United Mine Workers are claiming a victory in their fight with the operators, and that, too, after rejecting the proposition submitted by National President Lewis at the recent conference.

New York.—The Stereotypers' and Electrotypers' union has been greatly increased during the last year, in which seven new locals were formed. The membership is 3,500 in 92 locals, and the treasury holds \$20,000.

New York.—The movement for perfecting the amalgamation of the various branches of the Lithographers' unions into one central body will mean the merging of over 100,000 members of the lithograph trade into one organization, which will have great strength throughout the United States.

Seattle, Wash.—The Alaskan fisheries now give employment to more than 5,000 fishermen, the majority of whom are now organized. A few years ago there were scarcely any unionized fishermen engaged in the large Alaskan districts.

Manchester, Eng.—Two hundred thousand cotton mill operatives have been notified by the Federation of Cotton Spinners that a reduction of five per cent. in wages will be enforced by the masters. If the spinners should protest, a lockout will follow, which will throw as many more out of work in the other department of the business.

Toronto, Can.—The Lodge of Machinists will keep a close watch on civic contracts affecting the trade.

Glasgow, Scotland.—The problem of unemployment has reached an exceedingly acute stage. For 25 years there has been nothing like the present situation, and it is more than probable that unless some unexpected revival in trade takes place, the situation will have become intensified by the arrival of autumn and winter.

New York.—At the convention of the International Brotherhood of Stationary Firemen the by-laws were amended so as to permit the holding of conventions annually instead of bi-annually. Next year's convention will be held at Yonkers, N. Y.

San Francisco.—The anti-injunction committee of the Labor council has decided to recommend to the 110 unions affiliated with the council to give as much as possible to the fund that is being raised to fight injunctions and to suggest that, in addition, individual members contribute to the same fund.

Fall River, Mass.—The Spinners' union, which had decided to withdraw from the sliding scale agreement between the unions and manufacturers of that city, has decided that it will act with the other unions and continue the agreement.

Clarksburg, W. Va.—Primary arrangements are now being made for the annual convention of the West Virginia State Federation of Labor, that is to be held in October.

San Francisco, Cal.—The Broom-makers' union has taken preliminary steps in starting a campaign against brooms made by Chinese and those made by convicts in eastern states.

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