

GENERAL MENTION

Brief Bits of Labor News Picked Up Here and There

Wages in Brazil and Chile averages 80 cents a day.

Spokane printing trades are in a new allied trades council.

The Canadian Pacific railway employs hands to the number of 76,000.

Every man engaged in hauling coal in Boston belongs to the union.

Europe is far ahead of the United States in providing pensions for civil employees.

Chicago, Ill. Typographical Union has voted \$500 for the striking coal miners of Illinois.

It is said that the Chinese make 75 to 80 per cent of the blue flannel shirts in San Francisco.

Among the trade unionists about 70 per cent are unemployed, even during prosperous years.

The pay roll of Krupps in May last numbered 63,905 men, an increase of about 5,000 in two years.

The total number of persons idle in England as a result of labor disputes is 200,000.

Owning their own railroads, several Australian states propose to establish steamer lines to Europe.

Government owned and operated telephone lines are being reconstructed and extended in British Columbia.

The San Francisco Labor Council is organizing a union label league for the purpose of increasing the demand for the union label.

By order of the prime minister of Australia all public exhibits of trophies and instruments of war are packed away out of sight.

With automobiles geared to hit the road at 140 miles an hour, and doing it for a few miles, the 60 mile auto crank begins to feel like a has-been.

The National Sailors and Firemen's Union of New England complains that the ship owners refuse to agree to the establishment of a conciliation board.

Brand Whitlock, mayor of Toledo, O. has ordered the instant dismissal of any policeman interfering with any public meeting of any kind.

A recent election in Germany to fill a vacated seat in the Reichstag was won by a Socialist, who was elected on the issue of the divine right of kings.

The union pressmen on the Denver morning papers struck recently. The papers are being issued in reduced size on old-style presses.

The Hazel Brook Colliery of J. S. Wentz & Co., employing about 500 hands, resumed operations recently, after being in idleness since July for repairs.

From 1845 to 1907 Germany paid in old age pensions and sick and accident benefits three hundred and sixty million dollars. In pensions to working people Germany leads the world.

New York city has just completed a million dollar armory, but it has 3,000 children unable to go to school for want of buildings called school houses, New York is civilized too.

In the New South Wales (Australia) Industrial Court recently Judge Heydon fined the Newcastle Municipal Council

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THE HUMPHREY GAS ARC LAMP, Is Not an Experiment

*Hundreds of thousands of them are
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Lincoln Gas & Electric Light Co.

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£3, with £7 cost, for a breach of the painters' award.

South Australia's Labor Government, in order to encourage native industry, has decided where it is possible it will procure materials from within the Commonwealth.

Machinists of the Baltimore & Ohio and Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern railroads who went on strike a year ago, will be reinstated. No announcement of the terms of settlement was made.

The fighters of unions in New York have fled to Connecticut and hope there to rally round the flag of lower wages, slave labor and child killing. The courts are helping them in the Nutmeg state.

Printers in Calcutta, India, recently went on strike in the government offices and paralyzed the departments, after which a few old mossbacks and dignitaries had to grant the demands and remedy abuses of long standing.

BOOSTING BRIDWELL.

Omaha Plumbers Want Conrad Elevated to Vice Presidency.

Recently John Parmentier of Buffalo, N. Y., fifth vice president of the United Association of Journeymen Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Steam Fitters Helpers, passed into the great beyond. This has necessitated the election of a successor, and the Omaha local is pushing one of its members, Henry L. Bridwell, for the position.

Mr. Bridwell has been a member of No. 16 at Omaha for a number of years and for three years last past has been financial secretary and business agent. Wherever he has been

tried out he has made good, and he commands the respect and confidence of all with whom he comes in contact. The membership of No. 16 guarantees that he will make good if elected to the fifth vice presidency. The endorsement of sister locals throughout the central district is solicited by the Omaha local. Mr. Bridwell's candidacy is being pushed to the limit.

THORNBURG, LEADER.

Well Known Musician Now Heads Orchestra at Lyric Theatre.

Grant Thornburg, secretary of the Musician's Union and one of the best known musical directors in this section of the country, has been selected to lead the orchestra at the Lyric theatre. This means that the Lyric orchestra will continue to be one of the best theatre orchestras in the west. Mr. Thornburg has numerous pupils in Lincoln and nearby towns and is kept busy all the time. But he is never too busy to pause and say a few words for unionism wherever he may be. He has been the efficient secretary of the Musicians' Union for a long time.

The Musicians will meet next Sunday and a full attendance is desired as election of officers for the ensuing year is to be had on that date.

LABOR'S MIGHTY ARMY.

There are affiliated with the American Federation of Labor 120 International Trades Unions, with their 27,000 Labor Unions; thirty-nine State Federations, 632 City Central Bodies, and 688 Local Trade and Federal Labor Unions having no Internationals. There are 1,456 volunteer and special organizers, as well as the officers of

the unions and of the American Federation of Labor itself, always willing and anxious to aid their fellow workmen to organize and in every other way better their conditions.

ORGANIZED CHARITY.

A study of the report of the Organized Charity Society of Lincoln will be interesting. It will reveal that one-half the money received by the society is expended in salaries; also that it requires about \$4.50 to investigate and extend help to each applicant. One-fifth of the revenues of the society is derived from the sale of clothing donated to the society by the charitably inclined.

THE CHRISTMAS WAGWORKER.

The Christmas edition of The Wage-worker will be issued on December 16. As usual with The Wage-worker's special editions it will be a hummer with horns and a seven-time winner. Cover in colors with a Christmas poem thereon by Will M. Maupin, thirty-two or more pages, handsomely illustrated, and replete with interesting reading matter and still more interesting announcements of Christmas bargains in Lincoln stores.

THEY GOT EVEN.

Governor Draper of Massachusetts vetoed an eight-hour work day bill, and just to get even the trade unionists of the Old Bay State got busy with their pencils on election day and elected his Democratic opponent by a handsome majority. This is the prescription that effects a cure.—Kansas City Labor Herald.