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BUNCH OF BRIEFS.

Some Little Notes of Labor Deftly Picked and Pilfered.

The Progressive Society of Carpenters in Brisbane, Australia, has voted 10 pounds to the labor daily paper.

The Seaboard Air Line railway on December 3 announced an in-

The grand jury investigating the explosion of the Times building in Los Angeles, Cal., has examined nearly two hundred witnesses. It is believed that a number of indictments will shortly be returned.

In conformity with time-honored custom the San Francisco Typographical Union at its last meeting sent \$10 to each of the six members, inmates of the Printers' Home in Colorado Springs, as a Christmas gift.

The Sydney (Australia) Wharf Laborers' Union has written to the Labor Council asking that body to arrange a fitting welcome demonstration to Peter Bowling, the imprisoned miners' leader, who released from jail.

Two hundred sympathizers with the Chicago garment workers' strike were charged upon by police on November 30. A number of the more stubborn men in the gathering were clubbed. Three leaders, two of them girls, were arrested.

Following a conference between Mayor Gaynor of New York and General Organizer William H. Ashton of the International Brotherhood of Teamsters, on November 29 it was announced that the taxicab strike had been practically settled.

The executive council of the American Federation of Labor adjourned at St. Louis on November 28 to meet in Washington on January 1. At that time the Western Federation of Miners' application of a charter probably will be disposed of.

Exclusive of seamen the number of British workpeople reported as killed in the course of their employment during October was 255 an increase of 40 as compared with September and a decrease of 15 as compared with a year ago.

The changes in hours of British labor reported as taking effect in October affected 1,492 workpeople whose working time was reduced by 2,273 hours per week. The total number of workpeople affected by changes in hours of labor during the ten months ended October 31, was 13,417.

The report of Secretary Leo Michelson of the San Francisco Typographical Union shows that the union has over 1,000 members, and is the fifth largest union of the craft in the United States. The record of the last month shows that the membership is still increasing.

In the criminal court at Tampa, Fla., on November 28, sentence of one year's imprisonment each was passed on Jose de la Campa, Brit Russell and J. F. Bartlum, strike leaders recently convicted of conspiracy to prevent by force cigarmakers from going to work in the local factories.

Sentences of imprisonment imposed on W. S. Harlan, Robert Gallagher, C. C. Hilton and F. E. Huggins of Alabama on peonage conspiracy charges, were confirmed by the supreme court of the United States on November 28. These were the first convictions under the recent crusade of the federal government against peonage.

STUDY THIS FACT.

A Machine-Exhausted Motherhood the Republic's Menace.

We have fought for our religious liberty, but industrial liberty is still a thing of the future. There are 6,000,000 working girls in this country, and what are the conditions of the environment under which they perform their daily labors? Thousands of these girls operate dangerous laundry machinery and receive only \$5 a week. The greatest thing we have to contend with in our industrial life is the speeding up, as it were, of the machinery. The work which was formerly performed in the home by the women is now done in the factories. The great difficulty between yesterday and today is the introduction of machinery which makes of the factory worker a mere machine tender and under conditions in most cases detrimental to health. We are simply becoming a part of a machine.—Mrs. Raymond Robins.

LIBELS ON LAWMAKERS.

By Rolla Myer.

I.
"Public opinion is the one thing which legislators regard."—William Lloyd Garrison.

"They have rights who dare maintain them."—James Russell Lowell.

II.
"Law follows civilization, but never leads it."—Judge Orrin Carter, June, 1909.

"The work of the legislator is always behind the science of his time."—Enrico Ferri.

III.
"The greater or less happiness of a people depends on the degree of promptitude with which the gulf (between legal enactments and society's needs) is narrowed."—Sir Henry Maine.

IV.
"The law of the land is to give wealth to idleness and to fleece industry."—Thomas Hodgskin.

"The corporations do not support parties for nothing."—Duluth Evening Herald, September, 1908.

V.
"Lilly was a congressman from Connecticut. One day he said to me: 'Great heavens, what will the people do with this crowd if they ever get onto us!'"—Victor Muddock, August, 1910.

VI.
"The more one sees of government, the less opinion is he likely to have of statesmen, or, rather, of the men who call themselves statesmen, and pass for such."—Henry Watterson, Democrat.