

BRIEF LABOR BITS.

Small Chunks of News Succinctly Presented.

Boilermakers' assistants in Adelaide, Australia, are on strike for 8s. per day.

The Knights of Labor held a convention in Washington, D. C., recently, at which thirty-four delegates were present.

The strike of the taxicab chauffeurs in New York ended on December 5. The men voted to accept the proposal submitted by the taxicab companies.

The recent convention of the Building Trades Department of the American Federation of Labor suspended the Steam Fitters and Carpenters' unions.

The Barbers' Union of San Francisco has inaugurated an agitation for the adoption of the Kansas law for the regulation of sanitary conditions in barber shops of California.

Fined \$10,000 for violating the Sherman Anti-Trust Act, the Imperial Glass company has issued a statement that it would reduce the wages of its employes proportionately.

Fifty thousand garment workers and their sympathizers marched in Chicago on December 7 in the largest strike demonstration made in that city since the teamsters and freight handlers' strike five years ago.

The Ministers' Union of Sacramento, Cal., is arranging an interchange of speakers between the churches and the labor organizations, believing that mutual advantage, instruction and gain will be the result.

Oregon, by referendum vote, has adopted the most radical Employers' Liability law in the country. It practically abolishes the "fellow-servant," assumed risk" and "contributory negligence" rules of the court.

Men and boys employed in Los Angeles, Cal., by the Western Union Telegraph and the American District Telegraph companies as strike-breakers, quit work on December 8 when their wages were cut from \$3 a day to 2 cents a message.

A commissary system on a large scale has been organized by the Chicago Federation of Labor, working in co-operation with the Women's Trade Union League, for the relief of the needy among the striking garment workers.

James A. Schofield, formerly business agent of District 15 of the International Association of Machinists in New York City, is suing the international officials for \$25,000 damages. The cause of the action arises from alleged slanderous remarks made by one of the vice presidents.

Several cases involving a violation of the Alien Contract Labor laws were dismissed in the Federal courts at San Francisco on December 6, on the ground that the government did not possess sufficient evidence to warrant the prosecution of the cases. The

complaints were filed about ten years ago and the witnesses have disappeared.

STARTLING STATISTICS.

Awful Toll Exact by Greed From American Motherhood.

According to Census Director Durand's announcement, Fall River, Mass., has the heaviest death rate of any city in the United States—nineteen deaths per one thousand inhabitants, as against fifteen deaths per one thousand for the country as a whole. This unusually large death rate is due, the director claims, to an abnormal mortality among Fall River children, caused by the factory system. Greater number of women are employed during long hours every day, with the result that the children of the tired mothers are handicapped, many more of them dying than would be the case under different conditions.

It is hardly necessary to add anything to this statistical argument against the evils of capitalism.

The first duty—the supreme duty—of government is the development of manhood and womanhood.

The Citizen takes no delight in exposing the evils of capitalism. It much prefers commendation to censure. But the public must be made to see the horror, the awfulness, of a system that not only degrades manhood and womanhood, but shortens and destroys life itself.

There is but one remedy, and that is Socialism—constructive democracy—which would utilize government and industry and everything protective and productive for the good of all the people.—Los Angeles Citizen.

ANOTHER POST SCHEME.

Battle Creek Food Foundryman Caught Once More.

Some months ago Charles W. Post, purveyor of predigested preparations for pallid people printed a glowing report from a Michigan factory inspector, showing according to the inspector's figures that Post paid the highest average wages of any similar institution in the state, etc., etc., ad lib and ad nauseum. It made a fine showing for Post and his products.

But—
It has all been explained. The factory inspector who made the report has a son, and that son is in the electrical appliance business. Post needed a report bolstering up his claims. The factory inspector's son needed a nice contract for installing electrical appliances. Post gave the son a fat little contract. The son's father gave Post a nice little boost.

Wasn't it just too lovely? Now it is disclosed that the factory inspector arrived at his "average wage" by including everybody connected with the factory except its officers. Managers, secre-

aries, superintendents and experts were all joined with the underpaid women and girls, and the result was a fine "average wage." Just like this: General Manager Holdrege of the Burlington receives a wage of \$18,000 a year. The section hand receives a wage of \$350 a year. The average wage of the two is \$9,175 a year. That's a mighty good average. The trouble is that the section hand misses the average by \$8,825 a year. But the average, mind you, is \$9,175!

The factory inspector who made the report is now up against an investigation into his official actions, and the pretty little report that he cooked up in order to land a fat contract for his son has been made to look silly in the glare of publicity.

SHROPE IS FIFTY-FIVE.

Easton Unionist Passes the Half-Century Mark.

Marquis DeLafayette Shrope, editor of the Easton, (Pa.) Labor Journal, celebrated his fifty-fifth anniversary on December 10. The Wageworker acknowledges the receipt of a handsome souvenir of the occasion, the same being a replica of the Marquis' smiling phiz and some verses that sound really like poetry.

Here's hoping that Marquis DeLafayette Shrope will live at least another half-century. His like is all too scarce. He radiates good nature and sheds trouble like a duck sheds water. A quarter of a century ago he "pirated" along the Missouri river and set type alongside some of the old "swifts" of those days. Now he has long since settled down and is making money so fast he has to hire a cashier to add up the day's receipts. All this is, of course, cheering to the Marquis and pleasant news to his friends. Here's our hand, old boy. May you send 'em for many a long year to come, and may we be here all the time to receive 'em.

TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION.

The Typographical Union will meet Sunday afternoon at 2 o'clock, it being the first meeting of the new year and on the first day of the year. A large attendance is desired merely to set a precedent for the remainder of the year. One important item of business is the selection of the local's director upon the Labor Temple Association board.

The different mortar trades unions in Washington will hereafter work in close harmony with the State Federation of Labor, although not actually connected with it. A special legislative committee will be kept at Olympia to work for industrial bills along with representatives of the State Federation of Labor.

Three daily papers in Streator, Ill., were completely tied up in consequence of the demands of the typographical artists. All the allied trades went out.

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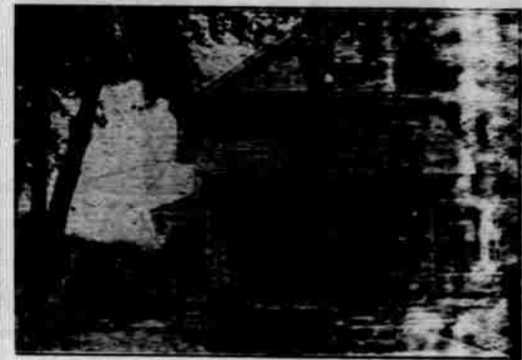
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