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RAILROAD MEN TO DEMAND 8 HOURS

Shorter Work Day Is Universally Desired

ALL MEET IN DECEMBER

Cleveland, O., Nov. 25.—The four railroad brotherhoods, including more than 350,000 engineers, firemen, conductors and brakemen on all railroads in the United States, announced today they are preparing to make formal demand about March 1 that the railroads grant them an eight hour day with the same pay they now get for 10 hours.

Enginemen Join Trainmen.

The eastern associations of the general chairmen of the engineers and trainmen's brotherhoods in joint session here Wednesday night, decided to join the conductors' and trainmen's brotherhoods in their eight hour day and time and a half for overtime demands.

MINERS HAVE A NARROW ESCAPE

Shamokin, Pa., Nov. 24.—Completely covered by a rush of coal at 11 o'clock yesterday, John Purcell and George Honicker, both of Shamokin, employed at the Hickory Swamp mine, were rescued at 11 o'clock last night. The men were repairing a breast when an immense body of coal rushed in and filled the breast, engulfing the men.

Detective Agency Furnishes Spotters for Manufacturers

Can Break Up Strikes and Furnish Professional Strike Breakers

EUSY IN WORCESTER

Worcester, Mass., Nov. 24.—The numerous strikes in this city have attracted the attention of strike gunmen and so-called detective agencies who are asking business men to give them an opportunity to create trouble. One of these concerns is the "American Detective Service company," with offices in Park Row building, New York City. In a letter signed by J. W. Weccard, general manager, and mailed to local manufacturers, the latter are given the following assurances:

"While you are having or about to have labor trouble, why not engage our services, by placing a working operator in your factory, reporting to you of the conditions, not only of furnishing you labor information, but of time killing and of all irregularities, as well as of your loyal and disloyal employees.

"We also guarantee you through our services we can break up your labor combinations or strikes. We also furnish guards to protect your property, and men to take the strikers' places."

CANAL EMPLOYEES ARE BEING LAID OFF

Panama, Nov. 24.—Owing to the tying up of the Panama Canal by the recent slide, many employees, mainly in the operating divisions, are being furloughed or given vacations, which is taken here to indicate that the canal will remain closed for a much longer time than was first expected. In most cases employees are being dismissed.

It has been learned that it is the intention of Maj. Gen. George W. Goethals to force a temporary channel through the slide as quickly as possible and pass through the waterway a few ships which have been waiting since the canal closed, and then again shut off traffic through the canal until all danger of slides has been definitely ended. This probably will be not less than six months, according to the best available estimates.

The condition at the slide remains virtually unchanged, though slight gains are now being made by the dredges.

Lima, O.—A \$2,500,000 order received by the East Iron & Machine Company for the manufacture of rifle cartridge machinery, practically insures the construction of the proposed new plant of the company on 13 acres of land which it owns at the intersection of the Pennsylvania railroad and Cole street, west of town.

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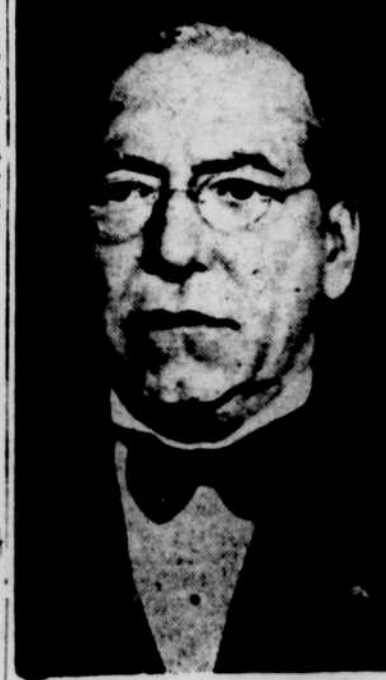
FEDERATION RE-ELECTS GOMPERS

Baltimore Selected for Next Convention of A. F. of L.

METALWORKERS VICTORS

San Francisco, Cal., Nov. 23.—President Samuel Gompers and all other officials of the American Federation of Labor were re-elected.

Baltimore was selected for the 1916 convention. John H. Ferguson, of that city, made a nominating speech that employed a



Samuel Gompers

was the gem of the whole convention. It was one prolonged and sustained flight of poetic imagery. On the first ballot Buffalo ran second, Fort Worth third and Providence fourth. The second ballot gave Baltimore a majority. Driven to action by the accumulation of business at the end of this convention, the Federation amended its action last night so as to limit the introduction of resolutions to the end of the second day of conventions. This will allow the convention to begin its real work two days earlier than usual, and, in the opinion of delegates, prevent the jamming of most of the work into the last half of the second week.

Metal Workers Victors. New York was a big factor in bringing into the convention the most spectacular jurisdiction fight it has witnessed. It was the controversy between sheet metal workers and carpenters on jurisdiction of hollow metal doors and trim. One sheet metal worker said his organization had spent \$500,000 in seven years in this controversy, "fighting not the employers, but men with cards in their pockets."

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Alamosa Judge Dismissed Case Against Hawkins

Juror in Lawson Case Is Forced by Deputy to Bring in Verdict

FARRAR COMPLAINT

Trinidad, Col., Nov.—Judge Wiley of Alamosa has dismissed the charges of perjury against H. N. Hawkins and F. W. Clark, counsel for the United Mine Workers' union, growing out of an affidavit of Grever Hall, a juror in the trial of John B. Lawson. In his affidavit Hall declared that he stood for the acquittal of Lawson until coercive measures were taken by the court bailiff, who told him his (Hall's) wife was sick. Sub-juror swore that he was not permitted to visit his home and that he, together with the other jurors, were not given food during one entire day. Under these circumstances, Hall swore his mental condition was such that he voted for conviction that he might see his wife. Hall also declared the bailiff told the jurors Judge Hillier gave orders that they could not eat until they had reached a decision.

This affidavit was used by counsel for the mine workers in their fight to secure the supreme court order prohibiting Judge Hillier from presiding in future cases growing out of the coal miners' strike.

State Attorney General Farrar, who is conducting the fight against the mine workers, realizes the harmful effect the Hall affidavit has had on his case, and in his attempt to discredit it, filed charges against the workers' attorneys.

When Judge Wiley dismissed these attorneys from the charge of improper conduct, Farrar filed a similar complaint along different lines.

R. R. PRESIDENT BIG JOB, SAYS WOMAN

Chicago, November 24.—Mrs. Meta J. Erickson, president of the twelve-mile-long Amador railroad in California, is in Chicago. She declares that being head of a railway is too exciting and interferes with running her family, cooking, sewing, music, caring for the chickens and taking a course of agriculture at the University of California.

SHOPS TIED UP IN N. Y. TEAMSTERS STRIKE

New York, Nov. 24.—Newark teamsters, on strike since Friday, have so completely stopped freight and package traffic that factories were forced to close down yesterday for lack of supplies. About 400 men are out. Their demands are \$17.50 a week and double time for overtime. The strike is a splendid example of labor solidarity.

The Newark taxicab drivers went out on strike with the teamsters and won in a day.

SERIOUS LABOR TROUBLE AT HARTFORD

Two Thousand Factory Workers Out at Pratt and Whitney

REFUSE TO ARBITRATE

Hartford, Conn., Nov. 24.—Hartford, ever since summer, has been facing a general strike situation. The agitation was started many months ago by the Capwell Horse Nail Company's employes. Labor conditions have been intolerable in this city for a number of years past, and the discontent of labor, both organized and unorganized, has been like a smoldering volcano, liable to burst forth in flames at any time.

The Pratt & Whitney employes, to the number of 2,200, walked out in a body and have now been on strike for six weeks. Next to strike were the employes of the Rhoades Machine company, to the number of thirty-two (the entire working force). Next came the Taylor & Fenn workers, to the number of fifty-two, followed by the Hart & Hegemann and the Arrow Electric company, to the number of 675, the major portion of them women.

Many Strikes.

Next to strike was the Billings & Spencer company, to the number of 150, and with every prospect of the Colt's Patent Fire Arms company, the Underwood Typewriter company, the Royal Typewriter company and the Whitney Chain Manufacturing company falling into line.

Euthusiastic shop meetings are being held daily, and the general public is manifesting sympathy and interest in the strikers' cause. Most contemptible tricks and tactics have been resorted to to discourage and break the strike, but the determined men and women are standing firm and undaunted.

The women strikers are an inspiration to the men on strike, doing picket duty alongside the men. As is usual in labor and industrial troubles, the capitalist press is misrepresenting the cause of labor.

General Works Manager Hanson, of the Pratt & Whitney company, not only stubbornly refuses to receive a mittee of former employes, but also declines to confer with a committee of representative citizens. Honorable Joseph M. Lawler, mayor of Hartford, hearing the same as chairman. Two great labor parades have been held and two highly successful tag days have been carried out. The strikers will fight to a finish, even though it takes all winter.

Jas. P. Nelson, member of the valuation committee of the Chesapeake & Ohio, and the Chesapeake & Ohio of Indiana, placed in charge of the engineering work of the committee.

Girl Is Scalped in Box Factory

Investigation and Inspection of Factory by Labor Commission

HAIR CAUGHT IN A BELT

New Orleans, Nov. 22.—Miss Effie Boyer, 23 years, was scalped yesterday when her hair caught in the belt of a machine in the dressing room of the Crescent City Box Factory. Her long tresses were pulled from her head and with them almost all of her scalp and a portion of the flesh on her forehead was also pulled off. The girl has an even chance to recover, it was said last night at the Charity Hospital.

A dozen other of the girls employed at the factory were thrown into panic when the accident occurred—several of them fainted. An investigation probably will be made by the Commissioner of Labor, it was said last night, to find out why the belt of the machinery was placed in the dressing room, where, the police charge, the accident occurred.

One Deaf Girl.

Fully a dozen girls were in the room at the time of the accident. Miss Boyer had let her hair down and in bending over in some way the top of her hair caught in the belt.

Screaming and struggling vainly to free herself she was dragged up from the floor by the belt and her hair was torn from her head as she came in contact with the floor above. With her head a mass of blood she crumpled to the floor in a sobbing, almost unconscious heap. The machinery was stopped as soon as the screams of the other girls gave notice of the accident, and the girl's scalp dangling from the belt, further heightened the panic of the other girls.

Miss Boyer was suffering intensely, but despite her pain, when she saw the terrible cluster on the belt as it came into view, her chief anguish was for her hair.

"My beautiful hair," she cried. "Oh, my beautiful hair—it's gone now."

MERIDEN SILVER WORKERS JAILED

Meriden, Conn., Nov. 23.—Twelve of the strikers arrested here last Sunday morning during the disturbance at the International Silver Company's plant, were today sentenced by Judge Fay, in the local court, to sixty days in jail and costs.

An appeal was taken in each instance, and all the defendants were held in \$200 bonds for the Court of Common Pleas. Three were acquitted.

Domenico Moratori, charged with carrying a weapon and destruction of private property, was sentenced to 120 days in jail. His bail and that of Joseph Fazzalari, who was also found guilty of carrying a weapon, was fixed at \$3,000.

The trouble followed an attempt to smuggle strikebreakers into the plant.

Samuel Murry appointed acting chief engineer of the Oregon-Washington Railroad & Navigation Co., vice J. R. Holman, granted an indefinite leave of absence; office, Portland, Ore.

THIRTY KILLED IN COAL MINE EXPLOSION

Twenty-one Bodies Are Still Undiscovered at the Mine

RAIN ADDS TO DISASTER

Ravensdale, Wash., Nov. 21.—With nine bodies recovered and twenty-one men still in the lower level and believed to be dead, a new danger is faced by the rescue parties working in the Northwest Improvement Company's coal mine at Ravensdale, the scene of an explosion Thursday afternoon.

The peril is rising water, and until the wrecked pump in the main slope can be repaired it will not be safe to penetrate farther into the chamber where the victims are held.

At least twenty-four hours may elapse before any more bodies are brought to the surface, and some of the men may never be recognized. In a similar accident at Ravensdale fourteen years ago eleven bodies of entombed miners remained unfound.

If the mine waters flood the lower level before the main pump can be repaired the work of recovering bodies of the victims of Tuesday's disaster may be delayed indefinitely.

New Development.

A new phase in the situation developed shortly before noon today, when the prevalence of after damp led the men to halt further operations until stoppers could be put in. The rescue parties are still about 300 feet from the space where the entombed men were at work when the explosion occurred.

The wives and relatives of the entombed miners have about abandoned hope of ever seeing their loved ones alive. A few women still stand grouped about the mouth of the slope, but the hysteria that marked their demeanor Tuesday and Wednesday has given way to mute grief.

Official figures given out by the Northwest Improvement Company last night fix the number of men in the mine at the time of the accident at thirty-three. Three of these escaped death and were taken out of the slopes. Mike Cominski, believed at first to have been in the mine, later was found safe at his home.

The bodies of T. J. Kane, mine foreman; Dominick Novara, president of the local union; J. S. Davis, timberman; Charles Martini, cager, and John Errington, timberman, were recovered Tuesday night.

Rescue Crews Work Hard. Almost superhuman efforts have been exerted by the mine rescue crews from Black Diamond, Newcastle and Barnett and by the volunteer squads who have gone into the wrecked slope and levels.

David Botting, former state mine (Continued on page 4.)

Serious Labor Trouble at Hartford, Conn.