

### Forty-five States Have Inaugurated Child Labor Laws

Washington, D. C., Dec. 1.—Forty-five state and territorial legislatures and the Congress of the United States in 1915 passed laws affecting children, according to a survey just published by the Federal Children's Bureau.

Arkansas, Florida, and Utah created commissions to report on the needs of the feeble-minded; New Jersey, a commission to prepare a state program for the reorganization of public care of defectives, dependents and delinquents; Missouri and New Hampshire, commissions on the needs of the blind; Delaware, a commission on vocational education; Idaho, a commission to report on the need for a minimum wage law; Florida and Indiana, commissions on the need for mothers' pensions; and California, a commission to study social insurance.

The Bureau in its report declares that twenty-seven states have amended their provisions for dependent children; eighteen have improved their treatment of juvenile delinquents; sixteen have strengthened their child labor law; fourteen have concerned themselves with the needs of the mentally defective or feeble-minded; three states and the District of Columbia specifically permitted the use of public school buildings as social centers, and nine amended or for the first time passed a playground law; and four states passed a model vital statistics law.

#### Alabama Law.

Alabama enacted a new child labor law, a compulsory school attendance law, desertion and non-support law and a state-wide juvenile court law. Florida remodelled its treatment of juvenile delinquents, recognized the principle of compulsory school attendance, passed a model vital statistics law, and appointed two of the state commissions already referred to. Kansas established an industrial commission to regulate hours, wages and conditions of work for women and minors, and a division of child hygiene in the State Board of Health; it also enacted a playground law and a mothers' pension law. New Jersey and Wyoming passed comprehensive acts relating to the care of dependent children, and Pennsylvania carefully drafted laws relating to child labor and vocational education.

The Children's Bureau has included in its review the outlying territories of the United States, and reports that Alaska has forbidden the employment of boys under 16 underground in mines; Hawaii has passed a curfew law for girls under 16 in Honolulu; in the Philippines dental clinics have been provided in the schools and a public welfare board to establish and maintain social centers has been created; and Porto Rico has passed a modern juvenile court law.

### R.R. ENGINEERS IN SESSION AT SPRINGFIELD, ILL.

Springfield, Ill., Dec. 2.—The Illinois State Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, will convene in regular session at the parlors of the Saint Nicholas hotel, Springfield, Illinois, Tuesday, December 7, at 9 a. m. for the purpose of electing officers for the next two years, and other matters which may come before the board. The present officers are: James A. Culp, Blue Island, Illinois, Chairman and Legislative Representative; Charles E. Long, Charleston, Illinois, Secretary Treasurer.

On Tuesday afternoon they will hold an open meeting to which all members of the Joint Labor Legislative Board are invited to attend. All members of organized labor are invited to participate in the meeting. On the evening of the eighth, a banquet will be tendered the officers, and legislative representatives of the B. of L. E. and the legislative representatives of the Joint Labor Legislative Board, the members of the State Public Utilities Commission, and several other particular friends of the engineers have been invited to attend by the committee having the banquet in charge.

The following names are those who are on the committee having charge of the banquet:

#### Committee.

Hon. Thomas J. Condon, attorney at law, a member of Division 460 of Springfield, an ex-engineer, being one of the Q. strikers of 1888. Mr. H. L. Williamson, superintendent of the Edw. F. Hartman Co., printers, and Mr. William Schwarze, a merchant, but who for eighteen years was in the Secretary of State's office, and who has always been a very warm friend of the engineers. Mr. Williamson was formerly State Printer Expert, and was the man who first placed the union label on the state printing.

The following names are those who will speak at the open meeting:

#### Speakers.

John H. Walker, president State Federation of Labor; Victor Orlander, secretary State Federation of Labor; D. McCarthy, chairman State Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen; A. D. Burbank, chairman State Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen; W. W. Carroll, chairman, and H. D. Lawrence, legislative representative, Legislative Committee, Order of Railway Conductors; James B. Connors, assistant president Switchmen's Union of North America; G. Dal Jones, Order of Railroad Telegraphers; Wm. Hall, chairman legislative committee United Mine Workers of America; Miss Margaret Haley, business secretary and legislative representative Chicago Teachers' Federation; Hon. Robert C. Moore, legislative representative State Teachers' Federation; Hon. Homer J. Tice, representative 30th District; Hon. Robert S. Jones, ex-chairman of the railroad committee of the House, and Hon. Lee O'Neil Brown, of Ottawa, warm personal friends of the engineers.

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### TWO TRAIN CREWS STRIKE AND WHOLE ROAD IS TIED UP

Philipsburg, Pa., Dec. 2.—For the first time in the history of the Pittsburgh & Susquehanna Railroad, familiarly known as the "Allegheny" line, incorporated in 1892, passenger and freight trains have failed to move over its sixteen miles of track between here and the terminal at Fernwood, Clearfield county.

The two train crews, one for freight and the other for passengers, who operate the sole rolling stock of the road, have completely tied up all traffic since Friday night, when they inaugurated a strike for higher wages and shorter hours.

Sunday the traveling public felt the pinch most, with no trains to Houtzdale, Ramey and other points where the Pennsylvania Railroad runs no Sunday trains.

#### Will Win.

The strikers are confident they will win. Six months ago a suspension of traffic would probably have been regarded as a serious consequence on

this line, but lately the road has been busy day and night hauling the coal from a score or more of mining operations along its line to the terminal here, whence it reaches the markets over the New York Central Railroad. The strikers believe the stockholders of the Pittsburgh & Susquehanna, some of whom are said to be heavy coal shippers over the road, won't stand for a lengthy suspension.

In the days when passes were the rule no one hereabouts was regarded as of much importance who did not have an annual over the "Allegheny Popper." Last year the road got in limelight, when a film company bought two of its discarded engines and ran them together for a scene in a motion picture. The collision was witnessed by thousands of spectators.

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### Strike Is Still On at Remington Munition Works

Eddystone, Pa., Dec. 2.—The strike at the Eddystone (Pa.) plant of the Remington Arms Company still continues in force. The strike was called by the toolmakers, when three of their members were discharged because of their activity in forming a local branch of the I. A. of M. The three members that have been dismissed from the employ of the Remington are Messrs. Gleitsman, Rollins and Plante. Upon the arrival of Organizer Carroll of Washington, D. C., he immediately went over the ground and tried to obtain a conference with the officials of the Remington. The officials (Garrett and Taylor) refused to have anything to do or say regarding a conference with the representative of the strikers or with the strikers themselves.

The toolmakers were forming a new law in Chester and they had decided to hold a meeting on the evening of October 13, but through a well known party that has been acting as a "splitter" for the concern, the company became aware of the proceedings and promptly discharged the three men mentioned as "undesirables."

#### Men Discharged.

The men were discharged on October 12. On Wednesday, October 13, Organizer Carroll tried to obtain a conference with the officials but it was refused, and of the 78 toolmakers employed in the Remington, 63 walked out on strike. The men have been paid their wages and the company have taken the stand that they will not tolerate members of organized labor in their Eddystone factory. William H. Kelly of Holyoke, Mass., was the first man to be discharged as "undesirable" on account of being a member of the union.

The Avery Company of Peoria, which recently paid off the last of its indebtedness to the banks, has had its full share of the prosperity which came to farm implement and machinery manufacturing concerns this year. According to Director Francis J. Johnson the company should have not less than \$2,000,000 in net quick assets by January 1 next.

Berlin.—Trousers for women workers are recommended by the home secretary for some of the new trades which they have recently entered in place of men gone to the front. In certain factories the ordinary woman's skirt and blouse is a menace, owing to its likelihood to catch in the machinery.

### TO CONTROL THE WORLD'S MARKETS

New York, Dec. 3.—National City Bank, Kuhn-Loeb, Morgan and Rockefeller interests, have formed the American International Company, to finance and control enterprises in all parts of the world.

The capitalization will be \$50,000,000 at the start. It will be increased later as demanded by the acquisition of properties.

Charles A. Stone, of Stone & Webster, managers of upwards of a score or more of traction and other public utility companies, has been chosen to manage the mammoth new banking venture. Frank A. Vanderlip, president of the National City Bank, is the originator of the project.

J. Ogden Armour is one of the directors.

### MEETINGS HELD TO HONOR R. R. VETERANS

Decatur, Ill., Dec. 2.—Mr. James A. Culp, chairman of the Illinois State Legislative Board, Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, attended a meeting of Division No. 155 Thursday evening, at Decatur, Ill., where he was the orator of the evening, at a meeting given in honor of four engineers of that division who have been presented with honorary badges by the Grand International Division of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, for a record of forty years of membership in the order without a break, that means that every payment was made on time, and that there was not a break at any time in their membership. The conveying of these badges makes these members honorary members of the Grand International Division, and entitles them to seats on the platform of the convention when in session.

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### NEW FACTORY BUILDINGS

Chicago.—The Excelsior Steel Furnace Company will erect buildings to cost \$200,000 at Rees and Hooker streets.

Los Angeles, Cal.—A big plant for the manufacture of Ford automobiles is a future possibility for Los Angeles harbor if suitable arrangements can be made for obtaining raw iron ore here.

Brainerd, Minn.—Plans are prepared for Brainerd's new industry, a paper and pulp mill of 70 tons capacity, to be built at a cost of \$300,000 to \$400,000 by the Northwest Paper Company.

St. Louis.—The East St. Louis Cotton Oil Company, three miles north of East St. Louis, near Eagle Park, is making \$100,000 worth of improvements in new buildings to manufacture cottonseed meal to be used in making candy.

Akron, O.—Location of a new rolling mill with the possibility of employment to several hundred men is believed in real estate circles to be behind the recent purchase of about 165 acres of land south of the Firestone, between the Ohio canal and an extension of Main street.

Lafayette, Ind.—Walter J. Ball, trustee for the owners of the old Sterling Electric Works, after selling

all of the buildings to the Duncanson Electric Manufacturing Company, sold the balance of the material, furniture, fixtures and the good will of the business to E. R. Corwin of Chicago, who took charge of the business.

El Paso, Tex.—Contractors began excavating at the smelter for the new steel building, the installation of the ore conveyor and the steel traveling crane which will be included in the general improvements announced by the El Paso Smelting and Refining Company two months ago. The total cost of the smelter will be \$300,000.

Minneapolis, Minn.—The Interstate Oil Company has purchased a four-acre tract of land from the Industrial Holding Association and the Minneapolis Industries Association at Talmage and Division streets on the Belt line, near the extreme northwestern part of the city. On this tract the company will erect a large modern fireproof oil plant the coming spring.

Battle Creek, Mich.—The Argo Motor Company of Jackson has purchased the plant now occupied by it, embracing five acres of land most admirably located for shipping facilities near the central part of the city. With the announcement of the purchase comes the announcement that these backing the enterprise intend to make the 1916 output not less than 20,000 cars, with a possibility of increasing this to 30,000.

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