

LABOR'S PROGRESS IN OTHER LANDS

SWEDEN.

In the past year, 29,944 persons emigrated from Sweden. This is the largest number in the last ten years. In 1894 there were only 8,246 emigrants from Sweden.

SWITZERLAND.

The carpenters in Geneva, by peaceful methods, have obtained a five years' contract that their lowest wages shall be 12 cents an hour.

The book printers of Canton, Tessin, after a strike of about two weeks, have obtained a working day of nine hours. The strikers all went back with demands for higher wages still pending.

BELGIUM.

The Belgium minister of commerce and industry has appointed a permanent committee of eleven members, including several physicians, lawyers, members of parliament, employers and workers, who are to treat the questions arising from the enforcement of the workers' accident insurance law which was passed Dec. 21, 1903.

ITALY.

The revolutionary Socialists of Milan, as soon as a sufficient fund is collected, will publish their "Avanguardia Socialista" daily; it is now a weekly.

It has been announced that "Gustizia" of Reggio Emilia, which was founded as a weekly paper in 1883, would be made a daily at the beginning of this year, with Comrade Prampolini, M. P., as chief editor.

These new daily papers will add great strength to the Socialist press of Italy; it was planned to start the three at the beginning of this year.

The Socialists of Italy have gained a new daily journal without the usual task of collecting funds for several years. The editor of "The Province of Mantua," Signor Bacchi, formerly a democrat, has become a Socialist and now issues his paper as a Socialist daily journal in the city of Mantua.

FRANCE.

Ex-Minister Millerad's expulsion from the Seine Federation of the French Ministerial Socialist party has been reported from Paris and is widely discussed. This electoral committee upheld him and shared his expulsion. The charge against ex-Minister Millerad was that he voted against Deputy Hubbard's plan for disarmament; it was on Nov. 23d that Deputy Hubbard's brought the matter before parliament, asking the government to submit to the powers a plan for international disarmament.

The election of officers of the French parliament has caused a new party division; 65 members of the Radical-Socialist group in parliament having left that group because it upheld the candidacy of Dubief as vice-president against the wish of the four groups of the left that opposed his candidacy.

Members and Friends of Organized Labor:

Be sure and write to the United States Congressmen or Senators from your state, requesting a copy of THE STATEMENT OF THE WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS, INTRODUCED IN THE UNITED STATES SENATE BY SENATOR PATTERSON OF COLORADO. This statement is a condensed history of the corporate war against the Western Federation of Miners, compiled by the officers of the organization, and carefully reviews the "Colorado Strike."

This is a public document free to you on application. Send for it.

NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

The Musicians' Protective Union of Passaic, N. J., gave a concert and ball on March 6. It was a grand success. Alvin Appel, literature agent for the S. P. of San Francisco, subscribes for 200 copies of the Journal.

A bright hustling union worker in Western Montana is Charles A. Larson, president of Union No. 50, A. L. U. of St. Regis, Mont.

The Millwright and Machinery Erectors' Union of Chicago have been chartered by the American Labor Union.

The trouble between the Bozeman, Mont., Federal and Neave's barber-shop has been settled. The shop is now fair.

The Cut Sole Workers No. 445, A. L. U. of Lynn, Mass., are pushing steadily forward and making membership gains right along.

Bricklayers and Stonemasons I. U. No. 4, of Helena, Mont., have forwarded a donation of \$10 in aid of the Colorado miners.

The Brotherhood of Operative Potters of Camden, N. J., have forwarded \$7 for the benefit of the Western Federation of Miners.

Wages in Chicago are being slashed in many industries. It looks as though a determined fight will shortly be on in that city.

The labor conditions in Carson City, Nevada, are bad at present. This is usual, however, in that locality during the winter months.

San Francisco Federal of the A. L. U. orders a bundle of four hundred extra copies of February 25 and also of March 3. It helps organization.

John Hanley, a member of the Butte office employes, died Sunday evening at his home in Centerville. Pneumonia was the cause of his death. Bro. Hanley was employed in the coroner's office.

The Hand and Machine Shearers are spreading rapidly in Arizona, no less than thirteen individual applications for membership having come in from that territory within the last few days.

South Tacoma Division No. 87 of the U. B. of R. E. have forwarded \$61.50 to A. L. U. headquarters for the "relief of the brave lads in Colorado. You are built on a rock and are bound to succeed," writes Agent Hagen.

William F. Dick, of the executive board of the Montana Federation of Labor, forwards \$26 as a donation from the United Mine Workers of Chestnut, Mont., to aid the Cripple Creek strikers. "More next time," says Billy Dick.

The joint executive board of the A. L. U. Boot and Shoe Workers of St. Louis will hold a grand ball at West

St. Louis Turner hall on March 26. A. L. U. musicians will furnish the music and A. L. U. Bartenders and Waiters will serve the refreshments. A good time is promised to all.

The 22nd Assembly District, New York, has headquarters with free reading rooms at 241 East 42nd street. Many socialist and trade union papers are on file, but one which is getting so much praise from all sides is missing, except for the stray copies some one leaves. Put us on your subscription list," writes C. Classen of New York City.

According to the statement of a trusted A. L. U. official the City of Chicago is full of labor union spies and "knockers." This bears out the statement of the manager of The Corporation Auxiliary union wrecking concern exposed in No. 430 of The Appeal to Reason. To the representative of that paper he said that he had the eastern unions well in hand, and did a large business in Chicago.

When buying shoes ask for the Acorn union stamp. It is a guarantee that your shoes are made under fair conditions. It is a bona fide union label stamp. It is not the kind of stamp which is farmed out to scab manufacturers by an oligarchy who call themselves an executive board. The Acorn stamp is the stamp of shoe workers who insist that union goods shall be union in fact as well as in name. Ask for it. Endorsed by the American Labor Union.

The American Labor Union of Musicians at Ogden, Utah, have had an experience with five members of the Utah militia who organized a band under a Gompers charter and then had the brazen effrontery to ask that Foster's military band, which is made up of A. L. U. musicians, be declared unfair. The U. B. of R. E., which is exceptionally strong in Ogden, entered an emphatic protest, which had the desired effect. The American Labor Union of Musicians is made up exclusively of men who are workmen and members of organized labor.

The Butte Teamsters' Union gave one of its deservedly popular entertainments on Saturday, Feb. 13th, to which was invited the "better half" of the union, or, at least, the present "better half" of the married men and, in some instances, the prospective better half of those who were not. There were numerous songs and recitations, all of more than average merit. The ladies who participated acquitted themselves splendidly. A number of boys also spoke. Among the latter little Elisha Jackson deserves more than passing notice. Though only 9 years old he gave a recitation covering more than ten minutes in length, dealing with the changed conditions in the American republic and acquitted himself in a manner that would have reflected credit on one twice his years. He is a son of a member of the Teamsters' Union, and is a splendid example of the possibilities of young Western America.

A NICE "GINNEY."

Man Who Seeks to Injure the Shearers' Union in California "Will Join if Compelled To."

The attention of Montana sheep shearers is called by California men to one Frank Roadogus, a large, one-legged man, who is at present in that state, and who is opposing the union. He has expressed an intention of coming to Montana. He says, it is stated, that he will join the union when he comes to Montana, provided he is compelled to. He is doing what injury he can to unionism in California, says an informant who thinks that shearers everywhere should be warned concerning him.

THEY WERE ACQUITTED.

Sherman Parker and Thomas Foster, who were charged with having attempted to wreck a Florence & Cripple Creek train at Cripple Creek, Colo., were acquitted by a jury, after a brief deliberation. The district attorney then called the murder charge against them in the Vindicator mine explosion case.

THOMPSON GOES TO KANSAS.

Accepts Position of Deputy State Organizer of Kansas, Dating From Next August.

Carl D. Thompson has been invited to accept the position of associate editor of the Vanguard, the bright Green Bay, Wis., magazine. He has also been appointed deputy state organizer for Kansas. He will take up the work in that state in August. In the meantime, he will, at the unanimous request of the Minnesota state committee make a lecture tour of that state, beginning his work after the Chicago convention. His Wisconsin tour has produced good results.

In Dundee 600 engineers have struck against a proposed reduction of wages of 24 cents a week.

In the French parliament when disarmament was recently discussed, the Socialists were energetic, as they always are, in opposing militarism. De Bressense (Socialist) stirred up the patriots and warriors to furious ebullience by saying that everybody talks of revenge on Germany, but nobody really wants it.

THE AMALGAMATED SOCIETY OF ENGINEERS.

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In every sense of the word. It numbers close to a hundred thousand men, is composed of a dozen merged crafts and has \$2,000,000 in its strong box. It has a beneficial system that is ideal and scientific and its members pay higher dues than nearly all other unions. The "malls," as they are familiarly known, have a method of equalizing their funds, so that the poorest union in point of membership is at once made as strong as the most powerful in financial matters, and local strikers can be supported for an indefinite period.

Furthermore, by referendum vote, they have decided to assess themselves for the purposes of taking political action along with other unions and Socialist parties Europe, Australia or America, and at present General Secretary George Barnes, a pronounced Socialist, is a candidate for the British parliament from a Glasgow district.

The reason given for the withdrawal of the charter of the amalgamated engineers is that they refused to yield jurisdiction to the machinists, locksmiths and pattern makers in trade affairs, to do which would simply have meant their complete effacement on the Western hemisphere. The position taken by the federation executive council will no doubt tend to settle the jurisdiction controversy, although it may be accompanied by bitter strife for some time, if the Amalgamated Society of Engineers can be expelled, the brewers, the Tongshoremans, the printers, the amalgamated carpenters, the woodwork-

ers and the other national bodies, including even the miners, must be treated in the same manner if the council is consistently upheld. That several other national unions are utterly indifferent as to whether they lose their charters or not is generally known. Their national officers are quoted as saying that they will advise their organizations to join the new American Labor Union.

RUMORS AGAIN.

Pennsylvania men think Roosevelt will appoint John Mitchell as successor to Carroll D. Wright. Mitchell's resignation is intimated by him.

A dispatch from Tamaqua, Pa., says:

"The intimation of John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers, that he might soon resign, is believed by miners' leaders here to foreshadow his appointment as United States Commissioner of Labor. He is a close friend of President Roosevelt, who has a great admiration for him, and it is known that Commissioner Carroll D. Wright will soon retire." Mitchell's friends have several times denied that he would accept a political appointment. He himself is also quoted to the same effect. Such an appointment to be valuable to the Republican party must be made before election, one would think, and as the campaign will be on in a few months, it will speedily develop whether Mitchell is or is not to be a cabinet officer.

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Eugene V. Debs Says of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees: It is gratifying to know that progressive men are joining the U. B. of R. E., and that in spite of the opposition of railway companies and their reactionary allies, it promises to become a power in the labor movement.

RIPON KNITTING WORKS Ripon, Wisconsin Manufacturers of Leather Gloves and Mittens. Woolen Hosiery sold by Leading Merchants in Montana, Colorado and Idaho. UNION MADE Leather Gloves and Mittens

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