

LABOR THE WORLD OVER

RISK CODE FOR WORKERS FIXED
Liability Bill Is Reported on by Body Representing 9 States.

Claim Agent Eliminated
The measure is designed to replace the present system of recovering damages for personal injuries incurred in industrial occupations by a code which will eliminate the company claim agent, the jury investigator, the fixable witness, and the ambulance chasing personal injury lawyer.

Present Conditions
At present the workman not only carries the risk of contributory negligence, but a still more serious risk in his helplessness to cope with the well organized legal forces of large employers.

Right Established
On the other hand, if accidents do occur, his right of compensation is established automatically and the amount is fixed by arbitration of a form prescribed in the code, which provides for all possible features of the new system and combines many of the ideas now employed in European countries, where compensation acts are effective.

Board Provided For
The board of arbitration, according to the proposed code, shall consist of three members in every county of the state, three to be appointed by the District Courts and to hold their offices subject to its approval.

Result of Years
The joint commission, which has now completed its work is the outgrowth of movements started independently in various states. Believing that uniformity was desirable, these separate commissions a year ago formed a joint conference and delegated a general committee representing all the states to draw up a satisfactory code.

All Actors in One Big Union
Trouble, However, Is Expected When the Matter Faces Chicago Artists.

New York, Dec. 23.—Following the orders given by the convention of the American Federation of Labor at St. Louis, the Actors' union here has turned over its charter of affiliation with the national labor body to the White Rats. The organization is now known as the White Rats Actors' Union.

Will Have Full Control
A joint executive board, consisting of the old executive boards of the old organizations combined will have full control, it appears of the entire vaudeville artists' organizations in the United States.

Trades Unions

Foster education and uproot ignorance. Shorten hours and lengthen life. Raise wages and lower usury. Develop manhood and balk tyranny. Enlarge society and eliminate classes. Establish fraternity and discourage selfishness. Reduce prejudice and induce liberality. Create rights and abolish wrongs. Lighten toil and brighten men. Cheer the home and freeride. Make the world better for those living today.

GOMPERS ASKS GOVERNOR'S HELP

Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—President Samuel Gompers, of the American Federation of Labor, has directed a letter to Governor Stuart asking him to investigate conditions in the Irwin coal field in Westmoreland county, where a desperate strike has been in progress for nine months.

Deny Outside Influence

One camp visited was Salemville. Here the committee interviewed James Camper, Charles Kallia and Anton Yellig. All the men interviewed denied that any outside influence had brought about the strike, that the opposition of the operators was alone responsible and that they were out to remain until relief was assured and the strike settled.

Told What Beer to Drink

In their home town, Latrobe, the men were even compelled to drink certain brands of beer. About 2,500 men in that town met and decided to strike even before they were organized.

POLISH SOCIALISTS TO GATHER AT CLEVELAND

The National Convention of the Polish Section, Socialist party, will meet in Cleveland, Ohio, Dec. 25-27, at Polsko Narodowe Hall, 7525 Broadway, S. E. All communications for the convention should be addressed to J. Antoski, secretary.

JAPAN LASHES FACTORY SLAVES

Girls, Decoyed From Farms, Crushed in Nippon's Cotton Mills.
Tokio, Dec. 23.—The child labor problem is looming large in Nippon. This land that once well deserved the name "the paradise of flowers and children" has become a land of little slaves. And the worst of it is that so many of these little slaves are girls.

700,000 Female TOLLERS
Of a million laborers employed in 10,000 Japanese factories and shops, 700,000 are females. Nearly 70,000 of these are under 14 years of age.

Dr. Kuwada, a member of the Japanese house of peers, is leading a campaign against the child labor evil, with particular reference to young girls, whose lot under the new regime of industrial exploitation is such as to lay the Japanese capitalists open to the charge of being quite up to the western standard in the matter of coining young lives into money.

Come From Farms

According to Dr. Kuwada, the young girls who work in the Japanese factories are now recruited largely from the rural districts, whither industrial agents go regularly to gather new blood to take the place of that vitiated by the factory work.

Some Creep Home

Four or five years later some of them creep back home, broken in health and spirit; physically and morally corrupt. Many of them never go back.

Many Are Whipped

Inhuman methods of punishment are employed. The lash is used continuously. Sometimes girls are shut up in dark rooms; sometimes they must work on reduced rations. Often their wages are so cut by fines that they leave the factory penniless at the end of their contract terms.

BREWERY WORKMEN ORGANIZE THREE NEW YORK PLANTS

Three bottling plants in Greater New York have been unionized during the last week by the Bottlers and Drivers' union, No. 345, of the United Brewery Workmen.

HUSTLERS COLUMN

CONDUCTED BY WM. CHERNEY

Getting Results

A person who does any work for any good and just cause deserves high commendation. Anyone who is willing to devote time and energy to any purpose which makes for progress is surely worthy of the cause he represents. The next thing, though, is to make that work effective. The real value of the work is measured by results—DIRECT RESULTS!

Comrade I. C. Hoffman, Indiana, starts celebrating the holidays by sending in an introductory list of three new ones. Comrade E. P. Buck, Washington, is the next one in line... We want five thousand live ones to be wearing these souvenir medals of the Daily Socialist...

SALESGIRLS TO BE UNIONIZED

W. T. U. L. Plans Campaign Among Workers in Big Department Stores.
BY THERESA MALIKIE
(For the Women's Trade Union League.)

Hours of Labor Long

This harvest is garnered by women and children who are kept at work from 14 to 18 hours daily, with nothing extra for the increased hours of labor except aching heads, swollen feet and feelings of utter exhaustion.

Wages Are Low

The average pay given for this hard toil in our department stores to the girl behind the counter ranges between 35 and 50 cents. True that in some departments, like that of cloaks and suits, it rises to \$1.00 or \$1.25, but in others it falls as low as \$1.50 weekly.

LABOR WOULD HAVE THE CITY'S BUILDINGS SKY-HIGH

Representatives of the Chicago Building Trades Council appeared before the building committee of the city council and urged that the height limit of downtown buildings be removed entirely.

LORIMER FACES SENATE FIGHT

Attempt Made to Curb Full Ventilation of Case Fails.
Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—The majority of the senate committee on privileges and elections, aided and abetted by the interests behind William Lorimer, made a daring attempt, it is developed to bottle up Senator James B. Frazier of Tennessee.

Suppression of Minority Report

Ten members of the committee on privileges and elections exonerated Mr. Lorimer and declared his title to his seat in the United States senate to be valid.

Try to Table Probe

The other—Senator Beveridge of Indiana—formally announced his purpose to study the testimony carefully and then to determine whether to concur in or dissent from the majority report.

To Ventilate Fully

Senator Beveridge opposed the request of Senator Burrows and asked unanimous consent that the report be given early consideration, and that action be taken thereon without delay.

MUNICIPAL COURT JUDGE HEAP IN STRIKE BENEFIT LIST

The following donations for the benefit of the striking garment workers received at the office of the Daily Socialist were today turned over to the relief committee:

- Letts branch, 35; Thos. Herman, 22; Mrs. Goebel, 50 cents; No Name, \$1; Am. Havana Cigar Co., \$24.20; From department stores may help the league in the long run.

OLD ROSE DISTILLING CO.
ALL ONE PHONE HOLIDAY GIFTS
Illustration represents presents which will be given away at all our 13 stores with each \$1.00 purchase or more...

Table listing various wine and liquor prices, including Old Crow, Old Blended, Old Blended, etc.

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Homeless Humanity

James Mullenbach, student of sociology and expert statistician, estimates that the seasonal workers now out of employment in Chicago number over 75,000. He says that it is worse than in the panic winter of 1907-08.

There are remedies which can be applied in Chicago. Some have been tried out elsewhere. Interstate labor ought to be controlled just as interstate commerce is regulated.

The Chicago University

John D. Rockefeller has officially and formally withdrawn from the board of trustees of the Chicago University. He declares that he has made an end of his gifts to the university and re-dedicates to the people of Chicago and the west and their children in the hope that it may be an increasing blessing to them.

The struggle between individualism and collectivism is just beginning in the world. It is to go on for generations to come. However, it will become less and less antagonistic and more and more complementary.

The Rt. Rev. Charles David Williams, bishop of Michigan, sees the trend of events and is not afraid to condemn the cringing servility of many of our people.

THE MAN WHO SAW THINGS TWICE

(A CONTINUED STORY.) BY RALPH KOENIG. Conrad's father married. His wife was a woman of about thirty, rather plump, red-haired, freckle-faced and of none too good reputation.

Harvard and Milwaukee

E. A. LEHRER. To say that our EDUCATION is a fowler, and not a molder of PUBLIC OPINION, admits of no discussion. From primary grade to post-graduate college we have ample evidence of this.

The Young People's Socialist League

BY HENRY E. ALLEN. It would mean literally a new earth, for it would mean good-will and justice to the downmost man.

Questions and Answers

Inquiries addressed to this paper should be addressed to the Questions and Answers Department. They should be short, concise and not more than two or three lines each letter.—ED.

On Being Out of Work

I am the fall guy, you see. Some Wall Street gentleman desired to break some other Wall Street gentleman.

Medicine as a Science

In a recent issue of your paper I saw an editorial in which I have been somewhat interested and, from the viewpoint of a Socialist, fail to comprehend your contention.

Is This a Prophecy for 1911?

Under the heading, "LABOR A 1911 PROBLEM," The Financial World, a Wall Street publication, issues the prediction that the year 1911 will be marked by great labor troubles.

The Whitewashed and the Unwashed

BY FRANK HART. According to the senate committee in the Lorimer bribery case, the cry of outraged political ideals was childish and unwarranted and their supposed distress vindicated.

The fact is, often we must put up with both. But we can't and must make plain the fact that this new load added to the poor man's misery is the result, not so much of lengthy keeping in cold storage, as it is due to the rotten defenders of rotten ideals.

The Masters of the Bread

BY ERIC BRAND. They have bound us with chains, for their selfish gains. They have fettered us foot and hand;

OPEN FORUM

Medicine is the product of evolution, as much so as our present knowledge of biology, sociology or our gropings toward Socialism.