

LABOR THE WORLD OVER

Thank God we have a system of labor where there can be a strike.
—Abraham Lincoln.

In the world's broad field of battle
Be a hero in the strife!
—Longfellow

McEWEN FIGHTS PADRONE SYSTEM

Minnesota Labor Commissioner Unveils Graft in Railroad Camps.

St. Paul, Minn., Dec. 24.—A list of wrongs committed upon Greek laborers on the railroads of Minnesota by the fraudulent withholding of money from their pay, will be presented to the legislature for their perusal at the coming session.

Will Ask for Law
State Labor Commissioner McEwen, who made the investigation that uncovered the vast graft enterprises perpetrated upon the Greek railroad workers will recommend that it be made unlawful for any person to deduct money from wages for any purpose without the consent of the laborer.

In no case, it will be asked, should any deductions be permitted for services which the laborer himself does not require.

Deductions Varied
One year ago a Greek laborer complained that while in the employ of the Great Northern railway company \$1 was deducted from his time check every month for payment as interpreter's fees. Testimony was taken from thirteen Greek laborers at St. Cloud; they declared upon oath that there had been deducted each month amounts ranging from \$2 to \$10.

Law Inadequate
The extortion law of the state was the only statute that seemed to approach the matter, but the attorney general expressed an opinion that it was doubtful whether or not the cases could be successfully prosecuted under that law.

The civil courts were then appealed to and settlements have been made in approximately 200 claims amounting to \$5,000. A great majority of the Greeks have left the state for Chicago and other large cities and will therefore have no redress.

Expressing himself to your correspondent, Commissioner McEwen said: "This investigation has demonstrated conclusively that laborers, particularly those of the migratory type, are not afforded proper protection under existing laws."

SNELL WRITES ABOUT STRUGGLE

British "M. P." Tells How 5,000 Clear Cut Socialists Were Polled.
BY HARRY SNELL
(Elected to Parliament from Huddersfield.)

London, Dec. 24.—Our short, sharp fight at Huddersfield was strenuous and delightful. The men and women never worked harder. The old register was against us, and we had absolutely no means of getting sick and infirm people to the poll.

Movement Has Discipline
The result is, therefore, in many respects, excellent, and the movement has a discipline and a fighting unity such as it has not known for several years. On this basis it will build and prepare for victory.

LABORITES GAINED TWO IN ENGLISH ELECTIONS
London, Dec. 24.—With the result of the polling in Wick Burghs, Scotland, just announced, the election returns are now complete. The final state of the parties is: Unionists, 272; Liberals, 272; Laborites, 42; Nationalists, 74; Independent Nationalists, 10; net coalition gain, 1; coalition majority, 126. The total number of votes cast was 5,229,671, distributed as follows:

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 toll and brighten men. Cheer the home and frsidae. Make the world better for those living today.

All wage workers should be union men. Their progress is limited only by those who hold aloof. Get together. AGITATE, EDUCATE, ORGANIZE! Don't wait until tomorrow. Tomorrow never comes. Don't wait for someone else to start. Begin yourself. Don't harken to the indifferent. Wake them up. Don't think it impossible. Three million organized workers in the American Federation of Labor prove different. Don't weaken. Persistence wins results.

PLAN RISK LAW FOR BAY STATE

To Provide Adequate Compensation for Those Injured at Work.

Boston, Dec. 24.—The commission created by the last legislature to investigate the subject of compensating working men for injuries received in the course of their employment and to report to the next legislature a plan for adoption in Massachusetts has prepared a tentative draft of a bill.

To Give Hearings
The commission has arranged to give several public hearings. The proposed bill covers the employees of the state, counties, cities and towns and all other employments, except where not over five persons are regularly employed.

Recovery is allowed in all cases irrespective of negligence except when injury is self-inflicted or due to intoxication or breach of statutory regulations.

Insurance Companies Liable
The employer is made liable for injuries to employees of a contractor or subcontractor, but he shall have the right to indemnify from such contractor or subcontractor. In case of the bankruptcy of the employer the claim of the injured employee shall have priority under the acts of congress.

GOTHAM LEATHER WORKERS' UNION GROWS RAPIDLY
The Fancy Leather Goods Workers' Union of Greater New York has issued a call for a mass meeting, to be held December 29 for the purpose of devising ways of extending the organization among those who are still out of the union.

NEW YORK CARPENTERS IN MODERN ADVERTISING MOVE
"R. M. Macy & Co. employ strike-breakers at starvation wages." "Union conditions are better than Grippe Nuts to prevent tuberculosis." Blotters with the above mottoes are being distributed by the union carpenters of New York and their sympathizers, showing the way in which that concern has treated the labor organization.

KEEFE PROBES HINDU INFLUX

Seeks Cause of Deluge of Oriental Labor on Pacific Coast.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)
San Francisco, Dec. 24.—An upheaval in the immigration service on the Pacific coast and in the Hawaiian Islands is expected as a result of an official visit to the various stations by United States Commissioner Daniel J. Keefe.

Hindu Deluge Cause of Trip
Keefe's trip was caused by the steadily growing tide of Hindu immigrants. The turbaned residents of India were flocking here by the thousands every month. Charges of lax enforcement of the law relating to the entry of Hindus to this country were brought against Hart North, commissioner at San Francisco, and Hart was suspended.

After his investigations of conditions on the coast and in the islands, Commissioner Keefe will submit a report to congress. One section of his report will relate particularly to the Hawaiian islands, which the Hindus have made a clearing house for their entry into the United States.

60 Per cent Have Hookworm
It has been shown that over 60 per cent of the Hindus coming to this country suffer from hookworm. Many of these diseased people are now working on the railroads and in the vineyards and foundries in the United States.

BILL POSTERS IN CONVENTION ELECT NATIONAL OFFICERS
New York, Dec. 24.—The annual convention of the National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers, which just closed here, elected the following officers:

ILLINOIS MINE BOARD CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Illinois State Mine Examining Board today re-elected the following officers in annual meeting here:

LIST OF UNION STENOGRAPHERS IN CHICAGO MADE KNOWN
The Stenographers and Typists' association of Chicago has sent to all international union headquarters, for their information, a list of union stenographers in Chicago who do public work or are able to do outside work.

RAILWAY EXPRESSEMEN MAY STRIKE IN EAST TODAY
Springfield, Mass., Dec. 24.—Falling to obtain an increase in wages and a ten-hour day, the express men belonging to the New England division of the Railway Express Men's union may strike today. The employees of Adams and American companies in most of the cities between New York and Boston are affected.

PLAN TO SHIP COKE DOWN TO SOUTH AMERICA
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Capitalists interested in a number of coke companies in the Uniontown and Klondike regions of western Pennsylvania are preparing to take out a charter for a corporation that will allow them to ship coke to the South American coast. It is stated that it can be handled at much less cost than German and English coke now used in that market.

WOULD SELL HIMSELF AS SLAVE
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Charles H. Scott, 25 years old, college graduate, typist, bookkeeper, and having knowledge of medicine, after vainly searching three weeks for work, has advertised his willingness to be sold into slavery, stipulating that the purchaser must furnish him food and clothing. The Young Men's Christian Association has taken him in until he can find a master.

SEND SOLDIERS TO CUBA
Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—United States troops are in readiness to be rushed to Cuba to maintain peace and protect Americans and other foreign interests. Officials of the war department look for a crisis in the affairs of the island republic by February.

NO DECISION IN RAIL DISPUTE

Chief Stone of Engineers Fails to Call Threatened Strike.

The question of peace or war on the sixty-one railroads west of Chicago whose 32,000 engineers threaten to strike for higher wages is still unsettled.

Spar for Time
United States Labor Commissioner Charles Neill, to whom the railroad managers had disclosed what their last word was to be, was in conference during the greater part of Thursday with the representatives of the men, who are headed by Grand Chief Warren S. Stone of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers.

Union Men Stand Fast
The union men still stand fast for their demands of a 15 per cent raise and the railroads are believed to have come to the conclusion that some inducements must be offered to prevent the threatened strike. On that basis only was the long conference of the United States commissioner and the union men explained.

Strike Not Imminent
Chief Stone failed to reiterate his former statements that an immediate strike would be called if an agreement were not reached, and the hours spent in consultation with Dr. Neill are taken to indicate that there is yet some possibility of a solution of the trouble by which the west may escape the handicap of a railroad tie-up during the holiday season.

60 Per cent Have Hookworm
It has been shown that over 60 per cent of the Hindus coming to this country suffer from hookworm. Many of these diseased people are now working on the railroads and in the vineyards and foundries in the United States.

BILL POSTERS IN CONVENTION ELECT NATIONAL OFFICERS
New York, Dec. 24.—The annual convention of the National Alliance of Bill Posters and Billers, which just closed here, elected the following officers:

ILLINOIS MINE BOARD CHOOSES NEW OFFICERS
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 24.—The Illinois State Mine Examining Board today re-elected the following officers in annual meeting here:

LIST OF UNION STENOGRAPHERS IN CHICAGO MADE KNOWN
The Stenographers and Typists' association of Chicago has sent to all international union headquarters, for their information, a list of union stenographers in Chicago who do public work or are able to do outside work.

RAILWAY EXPRESSEMEN MAY STRIKE IN EAST TODAY
Springfield, Mass., Dec. 24.—Falling to obtain an increase in wages and a ten-hour day, the express men belonging to the New England division of the Railway Express Men's union may strike today. The employees of Adams and American companies in most of the cities between New York and Boston are affected.

PLAN TO SHIP COKE DOWN TO SOUTH AMERICA
Pittsburg, Pa., Dec. 23.—Capitalists interested in a number of coke companies in the Uniontown and Klondike regions of western Pennsylvania are preparing to take out a charter for a corporation that will allow them to ship coke to the South American coast. It is stated that it can be handled at much less cost than German and English coke now used in that market.

WOULD SELL HIMSELF AS SLAVE
New Orleans, Dec. 23.—Charles H. Scott, 25 years old, college graduate, typist, bookkeeper, and having knowledge of medicine, after vainly searching three weeks for work, has advertised his willingness to be sold into slavery, stipulating that the purchaser must furnish him food and clothing. The Young Men's Christian Association has taken him in until he can find a master.

SEND SOLDIERS TO CUBA
Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—United States troops are in readiness to be rushed to Cuba to maintain peace and protect Americans and other foreign interests. Officials of the war department look for a crisis in the affairs of the island republic by February.

'BIG BUSINESS' DOESN'T SUFFER

Neither Do Socialists Make Concessions to the Exploiting Interests.

Milwaukee, Dec. 23.—The most prosperous year in business that the city of Milwaukee has ever experienced has come to it under the Social-Democratic administration.

Record for 1910
For 1910 the records stand at \$18,373,959 with over eight days still to hear from. Milwaukee has never before had a record like this, showing increases in so large a number of corporations as is shown this year.

Make No Concessions
The Journal makes no comment on the situation. During the spring campaign and again in the fall campaign the cry that has been raised is almost every fight for public office was against the Milwaukee Social-Democrats.

Make No Concessions
During its administration of city affairs, the party has made no concessions to Big Business.

DEMOCRATS PREPARE FOR 1912 PRESIDENTIAL FIGHT

(By United Press Association.)
Washington, D. C., Dec. 23.—Plans to accomplish the election of a Democratic president in 1912 and to secure a harmony program for the next house brought Norman E. Mack, chairman of the national Democratic committee, to Washington today for a conference with a number of the leading Democrats.

WATER FAMINE AFFECTS 50,000
New York, Dec. 23.—Facing the most serious water famine in twenty-five years without likely relief for several days, 50,000 residents of the district lying between Bay an, Sound Beach, on the line of the New York, New Haven and Hartford railroad seem likely to spend a cold and dry Christmas. Freezing weather and lack of rain are responsible for the trouble.

COUNTY TREASURERS LOSE BAKE-OFF ON FORTUNE TAX
Springfield, Ill., Dec. 23.—According to an opinion given today by Attorney General Stead, county treasurers of Illinois cannot retain 2 per cent of the money collected on inheritance taxes, in accordance with their other fees, without special provision by the board of supervisors. The 2 per cent must go into the county treasury. The question was raised by State Treasurer Russell.



Do Not Buy Any Shoe
no matter what its name, unless it bears a plain and readable impression of this union stamp

All Shoes without the Union Stamp are always Nonunion
Do not accept any excuse for absence of the Union Stamp

Boot and Shoe Workers' Union
248 Summer Street, BOSTON, MASS.
JOHN F. TOBIN, President CHARLES L. BAINE, Sec'y-Treas.

SEE THAT THIS LABEL



IS ON YOUR PRINTING

CHICAGO TYPOGRAPHICAL UNION NO. 16
280 LA SALLE STREET ROOMS 224-225-226

Now, All Together!

All members of trades unions and all friends of progress and decent working and living conditions are requested to cut out the following letter and forward it to the CAMBRIDGE UNIVERSITY PRESS.

Cambridge University Press,
Encyclopedia Britannica Dept.,
35 W. 32nd St.,
New York City.

Gentlemen:
The Eleventh Edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica is being printed by R. R. Donnelley & Sons Co. of Chicago. The mechanical work thereon is done largely by unskilled labor and child labor at a wage much lower than is paid for that class of work by fair employers. Also, the workday of Donnelley & Sons Co.'s plant is longer than that which obtains in union houses.

At the 30th annual convention of the American Federation of Labor, held at St. Louis, Mo., in November, 1910, the following action was taken:

"Whereas, Arrangements have been made to print the eleventh edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica in a non-union printing office in Chicago, Ill.; and
"Whereas, Many trades unionists and sympathizers were purchasers of former editions of the Encyclopedia Britannica; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That all friends of and sympathizers with organized labor and members of trade unions who contemplate purchasing the eleventh edition of the Encyclopedia Britannica immediately write the promoters thereof requesting that the mechanical work thereon shall be performed in a strictly union printing office, and in event of refusal to accede to such request that the promoters and publishers be informed that members of organized labor cannot consistently patronize a non-union publication.

"The committee recommended concurrence in the resolution.
"On motion, the report of the committee was concurred in."

I hold membership in a union affiliated with the American Federation of Labor. I respectfully request that you insist that the firm doing your work pay a living wage and cease to compel its employees to work longer than the humane hours enjoyed by more than 90 per cent of the artisans employed in the printing crafts.

Sincerely yours,
Name _____
Address _____

The above was endorsed at a meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor, held Sunday, November 20, 1910.
Approved at regular meeting of the Chicago Allied Printing Trades Council.
L. B. STRAUPE, Secretary. WM. F. MORAN, President.

