

LABOR THE WORLD OVER

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

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

GERMAN TOILERS WELL ORGANIZED

English Labor Officials on Investigation Tour Surprised by Observations.

London, Dec. 29.—C. H. Langham and John Chatworthy of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers, who were in a party who recently made a tour of Germany to investigate industrial conditions in that country, give the following observations as a result of their mission:

Union Movement Impressive
"We were immensely impressed with the trade unions. In Berlin we found a building erected by the trade unions at a cost of \$500,000, used as the meeting place of sixty-four affiliated unions.

"During the last three years in Berlin no less than 50,000 men have joined the unions. The out-of-work pay averages from \$1.75 to \$5 per week.

"At Leipzig we saw another trade union hall, where fifty-four grades were represented, with a barrister in his office doing nothing but giving legal advice to the members of the unions.

"He is a salaried official who gives his whole time to the job. While we were there about 100 men applied for work. The percentage of unemployment at the end of June was about 2 per cent.

Ninety Per Cent Organized
"At Nurnberg 90 per cent of the workers in all trades were found to be organized; 356 were registered as out of work and 28 were found employed on the day we were there.

"The peculiarity we noticed was that most of the men who were out of employment were young men just 'out of their time.'

"They have in Germany statistical departments in connection with which a periodical census of the employed and unemployed is taken.

Take Unemployment Census
"At Nurnberg at the last census 150 canvassers were employed by the municipality. Printed forms are left at every house, and if an occupant fails to return the paper he is summoned before the department.

"At the census taken on July 24, out of a population of 234,000, 934 were out of work. In July last the number of unemployed was 1,526. During the re-

WARNING

Painters, decorators and paper hangers, stay away from Chicago, as there is not work for one-half of our men (4,000 men idle). The outlook until spring is not very bright. Brethren contemplating coming this way, profit by our warning.

PAINTERS' DIST. COUNCIL No. 14.
A. C. ANDERSON, Secretary.

riod of depression in 1908 the out-of-work men numbered 2,518.

Union Men Are Socialists
"We found that in city after city inquires at trade union bureaus revealed the fact that in some trades as many as 98 per cent were organized, and in all trades our average for the places visited throughout the tour came out at about 85 per cent.

"But this is not all. The trade unions of Germany are nominally not a political body, but we found that the members of the union were, almost to a man, Social Democrats; the trade union leaders were Social Democratic leaders, and in several cases Social Democratic members of the reichstag.

German Message Clear
"The message of Germany rings clear—organize, organize, organize! and then from our midst will spring our own emancipation. These are the outstanding impressions we have gained during the tour. All these things are inferred as a natural sequence when the great cause of all is known, viz., Social Democracy working through the ranks of organized labor."

WHITEHAVEN DISASTER IS BLAMED TO GAS
London, Dec. 29.—At the inquiry at Whitehaven into the Wellington pit disaster of May 11, by which 126 men and boys perished, Professor Galloway, formerly inspector of mines, said that from an inspection of the mine his theory was that an explosion of gas led to a second explosion of dust.

Nothing could be said in palliation of the state of affairs shown to have existed before the explosion. The safety of the men demanded the absence of explosive gas from the neighborhood where they worked, and a return to the conditions which formerly obtained in the mine must by some means or other be made absolutely impossible in future.

BOSSES WANT "OPEN SHOP" FOR PANAMA EXPOSITION
San Francisco, Dec. 29.—The management of the Panama-Pacific exposition here has been notified by some of the Seattle (Wash.) metal trades employers that they will endorse the great project provided the management assures them that the labor in connection with the exposition be of the "open shop" order.

UNIONS HELP CAR STRIKERS

Garment Workers Won't Make Scabs' Uniforms; Labor Men Walk.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST)
Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 29.—Union Garment Workers, employed at the Manitoba Clothing company, here, are determined to strike if the company insists on filling an order from the street railway to make uniforms for scabs.

All Unions Rally
This is only a sample of the support which the street car union men on strike are receiving from their fellow unionists. The men and women of organized labor, with the slogan "We Walk," are refusing to ride on the scab-driven cars.

Company Lie Branded
The assertion on the part of the Electric Street Railway company authorities that the "rikers refused arbitration is being proved to be a lie.

Car Men Walk Out
It was in no sense an arbitration, but merely an investigation and, after it was over, feeling their rights to be sure to suffer from further delay, the street car men struck.

90,000 ITALIAN WORKERS VOTE FOR RAIL STRIKE
Rome Italy, Dec. 29.—More than 90,000 railway employees in Italy have completed the task of a referendum to determine what attitude they should assume to bring about an amelioration of their condition. By a great majority the men declared in favor of a strike.

HUSTLERS COLUMN

CONDUCTED BY WM. CHERNEI

Higher Up!

Last week we went up another notch. Not only was there a gain, but there was a bigger gain than the week before, and the total number of subscriptions received was big. This is the encouraging part, because it shows that all of you are in harness and are tugging away together.

Here is the report:
Total number of subscriptions received during the week ending Dec. 24 1,003
Number of expirations during the week 599

Net gain for week 404
The month of December has been a RED one on the subscription calendar. Gains—big gains—and steady gains from the very beginning. And the only thing left to go down in history is that we close it up with gains.

This week is another holiday week. Last week we had a big increase in spite of the holiday season. Now duplicate these big doings this week and we will nail our colors to the mast for 1911.

The first days of the week show that you are keeping up your reputation. The subscriptions received are running ahead of the expirations. Keep it up.

This is the time that every single subscription counts. That ONE which YOU can get will help considerably. Don't wait until the new year to make a resolution to get after new readers. Now is just as good a time and it's sooner. A big job to be done in a short time.

THREE MORE DAYS!
FALL IN LINE.
The Socialist League all over the country are still steadily making that Sustainer's list bigger. Local Hanna Wyoming, sends in twelve dollars and so pays a dollar a month in advance. Below are others who have remitted since the last report:

THE LIST OF ONES.
C. S. Bird, Wisconsin.
Peter Farback, Ohio.
J. C. Leonard, Iowa.
J. B. Derwin, Oregon.
Samuel Tucker, Oklahoma.
Michael Cassid, Michigan.
O. P. Chevillot, Michigan.
N. Ballet, Tennessee.
Charles Amory, Illinois.
Elmer Daniels, Iowa.
Martin Halibork, Indiana.
Mrs. R. M. Sparks, Idaho.
W. S. Wilson, Pennsylvania.
George Wasick, Illinois.
E. Tucker, Oklahoma.
W. D. Carl, Minnesota.
John T. Sheffer, Illinois.
Edwin Anderson, Iowa.
Clinton L. Williams, North Dakota.
P. S. Millers, Ohio.
W. A. Wood, Indiana.
Jacob Kutach, Kansas.
H. Sherman, Indiana.
C. J. Isberg, Minnesota.
George Kupfer, Nebraska.
F. M. Wampler, Indiana.
Max Nemchen, Canada.
John P. Duncan, Oklahoma.

A lively dollar gives the Sustainer's fund an awful wallop. It comes from Mrs. Max Hohenstein, Pennsylvania.
The following letter has been received from a comrade in a nearby state. The name and address is omitted by request:
"I can not claim to be a hustler. Some of us are not in a position to do heavy agitation. But you can put me down as one of the regular subscribers to the Daily as long as I have a job. If every man who votes the Socialist ticket would support the press, victory would not be so far away."

"The Old Man" whoever he is, drops into the office and lays down a nice crisp five dollar bill, and says he doesn't want it.
Send in that one sub and watch the result this week.

CONSUL FURNISHES LIST OF ENGLISH LABOR AGREEMENTS

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Consul Augustus E. Ingram of Bradford, England, reports:
The labor department of the British board of trade has just issued a report titled, "Collective agreements between employees and workpeople in the United Kingdom," and the importance of the subject is shown by the fact that 1,696 such agreements affecting directly 2,400,000 workpeople, are now in force. Of these agreements 20 are sliding scales, 543 are piece price lists, and 1,103 are working agreements.

In many cases the agreements are connected with permanent conciliation boards and joint committees in the various trades, of which there are at present 262, also fourteen district boards, which afford general mediation and are not confined to any particular trade, and two boards whose work is restricted to questions affecting employees of co-operative societies.

As stated in a government report, the functions of these conciliation boards vary considerably, but their real value depends on preventing stoppages of work rather than on settling strikes or lockouts which may have already taken place. Of the 7,558 cases settled by conciliation boards in the ten years, 1900-1909, only 104 (or about 1 per cent) were preceded by a stoppage of work.

B. & O. STRIKE SETTLED; MUTUAL AGREEMENT MADE

Baltimore, Md. Dec. 29.—After being out eighteen months the striking machinists of the Baltimore & Ohio system reached an agreement with the company Tuesday and will return to work.
The terms of the settlement were not officially announced by either side, but it is understood that certain concessions were made by both parties which made the settlement mutually satisfactory.

The difficulty had its origin in the extension of piecework at the Mount Clare shops here. The men originally demanded, among other things, a nine-hour working day and that all men be employed on the hourly basis at increased rates of wages.

MORE BEER AND LESS WHISKY CONSUMED BY THE ENGLISH

London, Dec. 29.—Workmen are more and more frequenting the coffee shops where coffee and cocoa are sold, and a palatable meal can be had for a small sum, according to a report of the English excise bureau.

The average falling off of public house licenses has been 1,338 per year since 1905. There are now 92,575 license in force in England and Wales.

Many social clubs are being organized to afford the members the opportunity to secure intoxicating liquors without frequenting licensed premises. Since 1905 the increase of these organizations has been an average of 20 per cent yearly.
Beer is being consumed in greater quantities, but whisky has received a hard blow due to the increased high duties on the product.

1,198,037 ALIENS COME IN 1910

Bulk From Southern and Eastern Europe; Ask Stricter Laws.

Washington, D. C., Dec. 29.—Secretary Charles Nagel's annual report contains many recommendations for changes in the various branches of the department of commerce and labor.

Great interest attaches to the immigration and naturalization of aliens, and much of the secretary's report is devoted to that subject.

Condemns Present Laws

One of the hardships of the present immigration laws, Secretary Nagel believes, is the separation of families. In many instances a father is admitted and his wife and children are barred out after the pioneer has made a home.

The secretary believes that a more equitable system could be found to prevent this separation. He suggests that some system of inquiry should be put into practice concerning the families of immigrants before fathers and sons are admitted.

Unless immigration can be diverted from Ellis Island or reduced, there is need for additions to the facilities there. Stricter regulation of steamship companies in the immigration traffic is urged in the report, and a system of fines for companies which bring insane immigrants or those afflicted with contagious diseases is proposed.

While the fiscal year 1910 brought a total of 1,198,037 immigrants to the United States, the prediction is made that the coming year will approach the banner year, 1907, when more than 1,255,000 aliens came in. Of all those who came this year more than 274,000 admitted they had been assisted by friends. All the immigrants brought a total of \$28,197,745 with them, a per capita of about \$27.

Bulk From Southern Europe

The bulk of the immigration continues to be drawn from southern and eastern Europe. Two per cent of all who applied for permission were turned back. They numbered 24,579 in all, as against 10,411 in 1909.
Though no increase in attempts to import contract labor is apparent, 1,700 aliens were deported as such during the year. Stricter legislation to govern that class of immigration is recommended.

Secretary Nagel refers briefly to violations of the white slave law and declares that immigration officials are able to cope with only a fraction of the violations. If the traffic is to be stamped out, he says, the state and municipalities must take more active interest.

Secretary Nagel recommends laws which will permit a closer inspection of steamships and a stricter regulation of their operation which would be conducive to the greater safety of passengers.

There have been many exciting times

was there so clear a fighting line nor a theme so promising of a royal battle. Is there a God? The grand mystery of all the ages. A problem that fascinates the freethinker quite as much or more than the christian. Lewis has promised a line of attack that will be an eye-opener to most freethinkers and Carr's defense will be something altogether beyond the intellectual range of the average preacher. The entire range of science and philosophy will be ransacked and their greatest generalizations will be made to serve as weapons in the battle.

at the Garrick Theater, but next Sunday, New Year's Day, will see them all eclipsed. Never

Question: Does the Evidence Justify Belief in the Existence of God?

YES: Reverend Edward Ellis Carr, Editor of The Christian Socialist

NO: Arthur M. Lewis, Lecturer for The Worker's University



ARTHUR M. LEWIS

A Word of Advice

You will make a grand mistake if you miss this debate. It will be a topic of discussion for many a day in Chicago. Every seat is reserved and all are the same price—25 cents. There is only one place where they can be bought—the box office of the Garrick theater, which is open every day from 10 a. m. to 10 p. m. It costs no more to sit in the middle of the main floor than in the last row of the gallery. It is only a question of how soon you visit the box office.

Ward's Lecture

H. Percy Ward will lecture next Sunday morning in the Garrick at 11 o'clock on "The Woman Question." If you attend that lecture, which will be well worth your while, you might get a good seat for the debate at the close. But for a choice seat you had better get there some day this week.



REVEREND E. E. CARR

