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## BIG PHONE TRUST IN BLUFF POVERTY PLEA

### City Council Will Soon Wrestle With Rates; Watch It.

The national platform of the Socialist party of the United States declares for national ownership of telephones.

#### Telephone Trust

While cities are in the habit of regulating telephone rates, the fact is that the telephone system of the United States is in a trust.

The holding company of this trust is the American Telephone and Telegraph company, capital stock \$500,000,000. This company owns the controlling interest in the American Bell Telephone company. The American Bell Telephone company was in its modest way, the telephone trust till within the last year.

#### Owned Patents

Its hold on the telephone business of the United States was gained through the ownership of patents on fundamental devices for the operation of telephones.

#### Only Thing on Market

Local telephone companies using the Bell apparatus, which was for a long time practically the sole telephone material on the market, bought from the Western Electric company.

The American Bell Telephone company made it a business to be the heaviest owner of the stock of the local companies.

The local companies made money on the service furnished to the public, after paying trust prices for all equipment, and the American Bell Telephone company spread like an octopus with extended tentacles over the telephone business of the United States and exacted profit.

#### Original "What's What"

There is now a sort of counter trust formed by a more or less coherent alliance of the "Independent" telephones, "The Home Telephone Companies," and many others, but the Bell Telephone system is the original "What's What in the United States."

Now the American Telephone and Telegraph company is a sort of super-octopus.

#### Takes Full Advantage

It takes full advantage of these chances. At the time when the consolidation described was announced, it was decided to capitalize the modest little trust at \$500,000,000.

Fairly early in 1910 the American Telephone and Telegraph company made an announcement of its financial condition at the close of 1909.

It had taken in that year \$2,761,000 in gross earnings. As a surplus, after the payment of all interest charges and expenses, it had \$2,095,000.

This would have given a 10.8 per cent dividend on the average outstanding liability. This included water and all. But after a liberal dividend had been paid the company had a surplus of \$4,059,000.

#### Gross Earnings

The gross earnings of the entire combine for 1909, which was prior to the absorption of the Western Union Telegraph company, but including the American Telephone and Telegraph company and the Bell companies, were \$18,914,000.

After the deduction of all operating expenses and of \$4,838,000 as a charge for depreciation of the equipment, there remained net earnings of \$4,357,000.

There was the sum of \$19,221,000 paid by the combine as interest on bonds. There was the sum of \$2,916,000 paid in dividends on stock. Then there was the sum of \$14,235,000 to carry to the surplus account.

#### Wire Millage

The mileage of the combined wires was reported as over 10,000,000 miles. The number of telephone connections which had reached a daily average of 260,000.

This was pleasant for a modest little trust which was getting ready to swallow a telegraph company.

It would appear that the telephone trust and all its octopuses were thriving.

It must appear from the phone trust story that the telephone companies which operate in the various cities are forced to pay above the market price for most of their material.

#### Buy From Themselves

That they buy this material from their parent company. That the whole question of the cost of materials, which forms the basis of the cost of the telephone plants, must be easily subject to misrepresentation by the companies.

In other words, inflated figures on cost and on many items of expense are indispensable in the very nature of the organization of the combine described.

#### See the Joker

Thus there is a joker in the proposition when a telephone company, as the Chicago Telephone company is now doing, through Arthur Young & Co., public accountants, gives the impression that if present rates of charge for telephone charges in Chicago are not increased the time will come when the company cannot be able to make good the worn parts of its equipment.

There will be a tangle when the time comes in the very near future when the city council wrestles with telephone rates.

## FUTURE PLANS FOR THE 'DAILY'

### To Recruit Entire Fighting Force of Cook County Socialists.

At the meeting last night of the board of directors of the Workers Publishing Society, just elected by a referendum vote of the membership of the Socialist party of Cook County, plans were laid for immediate improvement in the paper and the possible enlargement soon to eight pages.

#### Letter to Socialists

In order to make the comrades acquainted with the real feelings of the board on the matter, the following communication to the Cook County party members was ordered published in the paper:

To the members of Local Cook County, Socialist Party, and Friends of the Daily Socialist.

The Board of Directors of the Daily Socialist ask your attention.

We seven men, constituting the board, were elected by the members of the party to supervise and direct the literary and business management of the Daily for the ensuing year.

This task we accept as a duty to be performed with no compensation except the satisfaction of aiding the cause of Socialism.

#### Ask Quick Co-Operation

To succeed we need your immediate co-operation in the work of increasing the circulation of the Daily in Cook County, thereby increasing its value to the party and its advertisers, who are at present located exclusively in Chicago.

This co-operation is a direct, quick and permanent way of making "The Daily" self-sustaining and of developing the great possibilities of "The Daily" and the printing plant as instruments of party organization.

The Board desires to call your attention to the following very important facts:

First, "The Daily" is now controlled and practically owned by Local Cook County, and in proportion as the members of this local co-operate in maintaining and developing it so will the Socialists of the United States contribute their moral and financial support.

Second, the first fact is demonstrated by the second as follows:

Individualistic Socialist enterprises over which the Socialist party has no control and in which it has no ownership have the enthusiastic co-operation of "armies" of Socialists and hundreds of party organizations.

#### Hustler Army Needed

The assistance thus given for Socialism to these private enterprises is in total contrast to the Socialist principle of the collective ownership and control of the means of party organization and party propaganda and seems to demonstrate the superiority of the capitalist principles of private ownership and individual control.

This second fact prompts the Board to ask for the immediate and united co-operation of a Daily Socialist Army, first in Cook County and as soon as possible in this and other states.

#### Large Field to Call Upon

Third, in Cook County there is a population greater than is found in the total population of nine states of this nation.

Of the two million and half of people within a circle of twenty miles there are at least a million and a half who belong to the wage class, and five hundred thousand of these are organized in unions and other societies in which there are over thirty thousand Socialist voters, and at least two hundred Socialist and Socialist organizations.

The Board believes that the majority of these Socialists and these unions and Socialist organizations—a hundred of which are branches of Local Cook County, can be organized into a co-operative Daily Socialist Army trained to fight for Socialism by the distribution of the Daily and gathering financial support.

Fourth, the organization of this army can be commenced at once by every Socialist branch in the county electing its most active member as the agent of the Daily at have direct connection with its circulation department, and to enlist the co-operation of every member in his branch to distribute papers from time to time, obtain new subscribers for papers to be delivered by the regular carriers in the employ of the Daily, to get, renewals, attend to complaints of non-delivery and collect funds for the increase of the Daily to eight pages.

Fifth, the increased circulation of the Daily and periodical free distribution of copies in the locality of each branch would increase its membership, increase the Socialist vote, influence the business men to advertise in the Daily as the best means of securing trade.

#### WINNIPEG STREET CAR MEN STRIKE TO PRESERVE UNION

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—Asserting that the street railway company here was trying to break up their union by the discharge of its leaders for alleged drunkenness, 900 motormen and conductors went on strike here today.

## THE BOSSES' ANSWER—



## THINK YOU ARE ALIVE IN MINE

### Rescue Work Pushed in Colorado Mine to Save Life.

(By United Press Association.)

Leyden, Colo., Dec. 17.—A party of rescuers, headed by Prof. J. C. Roberts, of the government mine rescue bureau, equipped with oxygen helmets, early today began exploring twenty miles of workings in the south half of the Leyden coal mine to find ten miners entombed there by a fire which has been raging in No. 2 shaft since Wednesday night.

#### Rescue Work On

Meanwhile other men are bracing off the main entry from shaft No. 1 in an endeavor to reach the passage connecting shafts No. 1 and 2, and thus saving the imprisoned men.

The rescuers are compelled to push their way through clouds of deadly after-damp and smoke, which fill the interior workings.

#### Ten May Live

Prof. Roberts believes the ten miners may still be alive. "If the men kept their heads and remained where they were—down to be working they are safe. If they tried to push their way out through shaft No. 1 they are probably dead," said Roberts.

The cause of the fire is still unknown. It started in the engine room of shaft No. 2 and is still raging so fiercely that long columns of flame are shooting out of the shaft mouth.

#### WISCONSIN PLANS TO HAVE AN INCOME TAX

Madison, Wis., Dec. 17.—An income tax bill has been prepared by a special legislative committee and will be unanimously recommended for passage to Governor Davidson.

The measure provides that an income tax shall go into effect April 1, 1912. Interest, dividend profits of all character from bonds, notes, loans or any other securities, and earnings from a profession or business are among the provisions upon which the tax shall be reckoned.

On incomes ranging from \$1,000 to \$12,000 and over the bill provides for a graduated tax ranging from 1 to 6 per cent.

Single persons with a \$800 income and an \$800 income of husband and wife are exempt from taxation.

#### STEEL TRUST SHUTTING DOWN ITS FURNACES

Steps have been taken by the Illinois Steel Company, a subsidiary of the United States Steel Corporation, to curtail operations further, as a result of the decline in activity of the iron and steel trade.

It has been learned that the Gary standard rail mills, the largest in the world, were closed, down and will not reopen again until the volume of business offered warrants their operation in addition to the mills at South Chicago.

The capacity of the Gary mills is about 4,000 tons of rails a day. The South Chicago mills, with a capacity of some 2,500 tons a day, are operating slowly. The combined output of the two works at their full capacity, would be close to 2,500,000 tons of steel rails a year.

## SOCIALISTS PROTEST MURDER OF GARMENT WORKERS

A resolution of protest against the wanton killing of a striking garment worker and the clubbing of others was passed by the Twenty-eighth ward branch of the Socialist party. The resolution will be sent to Mayor Busse. It reads:

"That city detectives, private police and hired thugs did willfully shoot, after which they did mercilessly beat and shamefully kick certain striking garment workers at Girard street and Bloomingdale road as a result of which one striker is dead, another near death and many others injured and

Whereas, such uncalculated violence on the part of police officials and hired detectives has been altogether unnecessary to preserve the public peace;

"We, as citizens and brothers of the garment workers, protest against such violence and brutality and ask that proper action be taken by the mayor and chief of police to prevent such abuse of power in the future."

#### NEW YORK JUDGE FAVORS THUGS AS AGAINST STRIKERS

New York, Dec. 17.—That there is one law for scabs and another for strikers was evident in the strike of the metal polishers, buffers and platers.

While following up a scab on his way home, for the purpose of inducing him to join the strike, Charles Nathan, a striking polisher, was arrested on 123d street.

Nathan was later arraigned in Harlem court and held in \$500 bail to appear for trial today. While the picket was held in \$500 bail for merely following up a scab, two thugs, believed to be in the employ of Weinglass, a brass bed manufacturer of West and Java street, Brooklyn, who were arrested charged with carrying concealed weapons, were held in only \$100 each to appear for trial in Manhattan Avenue court next Tuesday.

#### MEET TO WAR ON FLIES AS DISEASE GERM CARRIERS

(By United Press Association.)

Washington, Dec. 17.—Today was "Fly day" at the annual meeting of the American Civic Association at the Willard hotel. The house fly and the error of its ways was given serious consideration by the health experts of the conference.

"The newspapers as an educational factor against the fly," by Leroy Boughter of the Minneapolis Tribune, and a series of motion pictures illustrating the habits of the typhoid fly, exhibited by Secretary Richard B. Watrous of the Association, concluded the program.

#### SPECIAL MEETING TO BE HELD BY SOCIALIST WOMEN

The Central Socialist Women's Arbitration Committee will hold a special meeting at the county headquarters Wednesday evening, Dec. 21, to discuss a matter of great importance.

This matter was not acted upon at the last meeting, because so few of the members of the committee were present. All members are urged to reserve the evening and to be present.

#### FIRE-TRAP SCHOOLS LEFT AS LEGACY FROM OLD ASIES

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—As a result of the policies of Democratic and Republican administrations in the conduct of public school affairs, the Socialist city officials find themselves confronted with a situation which menaces the lives of the school children.

Building Commissioner Koch declares that many of the public buildings in this city are fire traps. Sixth District school No. 1 and Twelfth district No. 1 are called the most dangerous buildings.

## CRISIS HANGS ON KING'S WORD

### Refusal to Create Liberal Peers Would Peril Crown Itself.

(United Press Cable.)

London, Dec. 17.—Whether England is to have any relief from political agitation and consequent business stagnation depends today upon one thing—the creation of enough new Liberal peers by King George to give the government control of the upper body.

#### Expect a Refusal

Although the king has given no indication of what he will do in the matter, the consensus of opinion is that he will refuse the demand of Premier Asquith.

This will leave the situation, at the conclusion of the present election, precisely where it was at the dissolution of the last parliament, for it is now practically certain that the Conservative and coalition parties will have about the same strength in the next parliament as in the last.

#### Seek New Election

The Tories are hopeful of forcing an immediate re-election, believing that a continuation of the struggle, with its blight upon the business interests of the country, will finally drive the voters to elect a Conservative administration for the purpose of gaining peace.

The Liberals and their allies are just as confident that a prolongation of the fight will eventually turn the people to their standard in such overwhelming numbers that the king will be forced to abandon his well-known Tory sympathies and change the complexion of the house of lords through fear that his continued refusal might endanger the crown.

#### Coalition Is Strong

While the coalition majority in the coming parliament will probably be at least 124, the majority in the last parliament, undoubtedly 84 or 85 of its votes will be Irish Nationalists, who are making the only appreciable gain in the present election.

Their loyalty to the Liberals is conditional upon the latter's fight for home rule.

In view of their failure to show increased strength, it is doubtful if the Liberals will claim that the result constitutes an emphatic popular approval of the Liberal proposal to destroy the conservative character of the lords by the abolition of the lords' veto power.

#### Conservatives Angry

The Conservatives themselves are violently insistent that a mere coalition majority, of practically the same size as in the last parliament, is an insufficient warrant for such revolutionary changes as the Liberals propose.

There is absolutely no proof that King George ever promised Asquith that he would change the complexion of the lords in the event of a government victory.

The premier has allowed this impression to obtain, but he has never positively said that the king has made this promise.

## WAVE OF PROTEST SWEEPING CITY FOR MURDERED STRIKER

### TAFT MESSAGE HELPED TRUSTS

#### La Follette and Bryan Say the President Favored Special Interests.

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)

Washington, D. C., Dec. 17.—The most recent message of President Taft, which satisfied friends of the administration policy, is criticized by both Senator La Follette and William Jennings Bryan in their publications.

#### Helps the "Interests"

Bryan has his say in part as follows: "The president's annual message is notable for its length. If Mr. Taft's sympathies with the special interests had not already been made known to the people, the message would be notable for its distinct leanings toward the very system the people are seeking to regulate—the system against whose encroachments upon popular government the people have but recently rendered an explicit verdict."

#### Crumb for People

La Follette says in part: "There is in the president's message scarcely the faintest echo of the clear, decisive, resounding note struck by the people on Nov. 8. Hence it leaves the public unmoved."

With one hand the president extends a few crumbs to the people; with the other he passes out a ban to the system."

#### PREPARE TO ARREST STRIKE BREAKERS FROM CHICAGO

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)

Ottawa, Ont., Dec. 17.—J. Sinclair, representing the central labor body here, has received a telegram from Chicago advising that a shipment of fifty strike breakers left Chicago last night for this place to be used in the street car strikes in Winnipeg.

The Canadian authorities have been notified and are on the lookout for the men. They will be immediately deported under a law forbidding the importation of persons for law-breaking purposes.

#### BERGER REFUSES TO SHOW HIS HAND IN LIBEL SUIT

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Victor L. Berger, Socialist congressman-elect, stood on his legal right not to testify against himself which had led to the publication of the articles about Thomas J. Neacy.

Neacy, who is a department store owner, is suing the Social-Democratic Herald for libel.

#### SOCIALIST PLAY WINS FIRST PRIZE IN CONTEST

Madison, Wis., Dec. 17.—Phillips Chynoweth, Madison, won the first prize in the annual junior play contest at the University of Wisconsin with "The Servant of the People," a play dealing with the politics of the Social-Democratic party.

"You and I," submitted by Walter Buchen, Theresa, was second.

#### VICTOR BERGER SEEKS MORE MONEY FOR LIBRARY WORKERS

Milwaukee, Wis., Dec. 17.—Victor L. Berger, chairman of the salary committee of the public library system, has recommended a classification of the employees of that institution, according to service and the making of an automatic scale of salary increases. Data will be gathered as a basis for future action.

#### PROTEST AGAINST SLAYING JAPS PLEASES SOCIALISTS

New York, Dec. 17.—New York Socialists are encouraged over the result of the protest meeting held here against the proposed execution, without trial, of twenty-six Japanese Socialists.

The word that the National Executive Committee of the Socialist party had asked for a world-wide protest was well received.

#### CANADA TO DEPORT STRIKE BREAKERS AS LAWLESS MEN

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.)

Winnipeg, Man., Dec. 17.—Seventeen strike breakers imported by employers for the purpose of breaking the street car strikes have been deported from Canada under the law that no person can be brought into the country for unlawful purposes.

### Big Funeral Is Planned for the Dead Francisco Nogricks.

The shooting of innocent men and women strikers by detectives, special agents and strike breakers, all working in the interests of the heartless clothing corporations must stop.

#### Cry Heard Over City

This is the cry heard all over the city of Chicago.

The murdering of the unarmed men, the probable fatal wounding of another and the wholesale clubbing of peaceful men and girls has at last roused the public, but every interested citizen and the most strenuous steps to end the outrages in the city will be taken within the next few days.

#### Funeral Monday

The first demonstration on a wholesale order will occur Monday, when the body of Francisco Nogricks, 1722 Girard street, will be borne to its last resting place.

Thousands of strikers will march behind the hearse all the way to the cemetery, where speakers will touch on the sad occasion.

Every one of the strike officials are determined to bring the outrages to an end. None of them have carried concealed weapons and none of the 363 strikers arrested have been caught with a weapon of any kind in his possession. Yet they have been shot down like the worst criminals wherever caught.

#### First Step

As a first step toward forcing the police to put an end to the murderous tactics of the special police and strike breakers, a mass protest meeting will be held in the largest hall in the city.

Labor organizations, progressive societies, clubs and churches, and all other citizens will be called upon to arrange for protest meetings in their various localities in order to make the wave against brutal assaults and murders as effective as the united voices of the population of Chicago can make it.

#### Protest in Resolutions

Committees of strikers and sympathetic citizens are today securing the city for signatures on a resolution protesting against the brutality and non-balance of the police authorities in prosecuting the hired slugs who have shot and slugged strikers persistently while in the employ of the strike-bound concerns.

Assistant Chief of Police Schaffer in an interview today stated:

#### What Schuetzler Says

"I am unalterably opposed to the reckless use of revolvers by any person, be he striker, police officer, special detective or the president himself.

"I am doing my best to prevent order in Chicago and cannot preserve fights that occur suddenly anywhere.

"This strike is terrible and ought to be stopped before it leads to even more wholesale damage to limb and life.

#### Can't Express Sentiment

"I would like to see the poor workers get what they want, but as a police officer I am only supposed to see that order is preserved. I can not express sentiment in one way or the other."

The position taken by Assistant Chief Schuetzler today is very different to that credited to him in the capitalist papers, where he is quoted as saying that he is not surprised now that European countries find it necessary to get rid of certain elements and that the strikers are now showing their vicious nature.

#### Stop Baby Play

He is further quoted as having said that the baby play will be stopped and an end put to the assaults upon the girls going to work.

Quiet grief, slightly overshadowed by anger, was seen in the faces of the strikers at the various meetings today.

All of the strikers are waiting for a report of the coroner's jury, which will give out a verdict after the inquest which will be held today over the remains of Francisco Nogricks.

#### Call at Hospital

Committees of the striking girls and men called at the St. Elizabeth hospital all day today anxiously inquiring after the condition of Michael Lingewiese, who is still lying in bed with a bullet through his lungs.

His condition is slightly better today, but there is little hope of recovery entertained by the doctors.

#### JOLIET FURNACES SHUT DOWN

Joliet, Ill., Dec. 17.—The Illinois Steel Company yesterday shut down three of the four furnaces that were operating at the works here. The fourth is operating on rods for the wire mill. This is another step in the direction of bringing the supply of steel and iron material into closer conformity to the demand.

## APATHY OF WOMEN IS TO BLAME

(By United Press Association.)

New York, Dec. 17.—"Women are still comparatively scarce in America, and, like any other rare product, are correspondingly valued," declared Mrs. Philip Snowden, the noted English suffragist, who is sailing for Europe.

"No one who has not lived both in the United States and England can appreciate the difference in the masculine attitude toward women in two countries.

"The Englishman, even the educated Englishman, still regards the women of his family as his belongings.



SCENE IN ORGANIZED LABOR COMMISSARY WHERE THE STRIKERS RECEIVE THEIR PROVISIONS



RIGHT TO DRIVE HARD BARGAINS

Post, Editor of The Public, Tells About Societies' Enemies.

(Editor's Note.—Louis F. Post, editor of The Public, has written the following article on "The Drivers of Hard Bargains" by special request for the "Christmas Strike Special". Mr. Post, both as a writer and a speaker, is playing a prominent part in the local labor movement.)

BY LOUIS F. POST.

There are no greater enemies of society than those employers who stand out for the right to drive hard bargains with working girls.

They are the real pirates of the "white slave" traffic; and the more respectable they appear to be, the worse they are.

Would you know the business method whereby these "white slaves" drive their hard bargains?

It is by playing the hopeless poverty of one worker off against the hopeless poverty of another.

There is the secret of the power of the oppressive employer.

He preaches about the right of workers to work without molestation, whether they get enough out of it to live on or not.

But what such employers really demand is the right to play off the weaker victims of a plundering industrial system against the stronger ones.

Men who cannot afford to strike because they have hungry wives and children to support, and girls who cannot afford to lose work because they have feminine virtue to conserve—these are among the hapless creatures upon whom your sordid strike registers rely to drive their hard bargains with workers.

They Wish It So

And those employers wish it so. If you don't believe it, make the experiment of proposing such improvements in social adjustments as would lessen their bargain-driving power of making terms with labor.

They would resist that, too. Of course, they would be virtuous about it.

With sickening hypocrisy they would call it confederation.

Oh, how they do object to confiscating property after it is in the hands of labor exploiters!

But they have no objection to confiscating property in the hands of its producers, even though they thereby increase the prosperity of the "white slave" traffic.

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THANKS SOCIALIST MAYOR, EMIL SEIDEL

BY ABE GORDON, (National Organizer of the United Garment Workers.)

In all my experience during organization work dealing with officials in cities and states, I have found no one as sincere in the interest of the working class as Emil Seidel, mayor of Milwaukee.

To prove my statement, I have only to cite that Chief of Police Janssen of Milwaukee, avowed enemy of the working people and known as the "Napoleon of Milwaukee," tried to break the strike in every way possible, in spite of the order issued by Mayor Seidel instructing the police not to interfere with the strikers.

Mayor Seidel not only issued an order against police interference, but kept in touch with me from day to day. Inside of three days we forced the manufacturers to realize that the administration was with us, and they asked for a conference.

The first conference was held in the mayor's office and there we convinced the clothing bosses that they were wrong and arranged an agreement.

The clothing manufacturers refused the first and second agreements not because they thought them wrong, but because they were influenced by the chief of police against them.

He did not want to see the Socialist mayor ending a strike and thus gain favor among the workers.

Then it was that Mayor Seidel secured the aid of two prominent business men, A. Stone of the Boston Store and Mr. J. L. Ritter of the Bitter Department Store. We all met in the mayor's office in another conference and a third agreement was framed which the bosses accepted.

The agreement was unanimously ratified by the strikers and the conflict of only a few days' standing was at an end, with the strikers victorious.

After the agreement was accepted in

Fred Gemeinde hall, Mayor Seidel gave the strikers a talk. He spoke to them like a father to his children and urged them to remember that 40,000 men, women and girls were fighting a similar battle in Chicago and that every cent donated by Milwaukee would be highly appreciated and gratefully accepted.

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Cambridge University Press, Encyclopaedia Britannica Dept., 35 W. 52nd St., New York City.

Gentlemen:

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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 Encyclopaedia Britannica in a non-union printing office in Chicago, Ill.; and

"Whereas, Many trades unionists and sympathizers were purchasers of former editions of the Encyclopaedia Britannica; therefore, be it

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"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. JOHN FITZPATRICK, President. E. N. NOCKELS, Secretary.

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## ENGINEERS NOW AWAIT ARBITERS

### Neill Called to Conference Between Rail Magnates and Unionists.

Negotiations between the railroad managers and the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers have been broken off and the managers telegraphed to Chairman Knapp of the interstate commerce commission and Labor Commissioner Neill to come to Chicago at once and use their efforts to settle the controversy.

Commissioner Neill will leave Washington today and begin his work here tomorrow.

Warren S. Stone, grand chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, refused to join with the managers in the request for mediation unless they first would agree to accept article 4 of the engineers' demands.

Extra Time Pay The article deals with payment of extra time when an engineer may be delayed in making his run, and the managers assert that it is unreasonable.

The increase offered by the managers varies from 7 1/2 to 14 1/2 per cent, without changing the long established method of computing time and overtime. They assert that the least increase any engineer would receive would be \$12 a month, and that some would get more.

To Postpone Strike No strike steps will be taken by the engineers until the friendly offices of the federal officials have been tried.

## LABOR REPORT GIVES CONTRAST

### Brewery Trade Pays Highest Wages; Tobacco Workers Underpaid Fearfully

Trenton, Dec. 17.—In the annual report of Winton C. Garrison, chief of the bureau of statistics of labor and industries, which has just been filed with Governor Fort, it is shown that the capital invested was \$715,926,268, an increase of \$66,634,919 over the preceding year.

The average amount invested per establishment increased from \$396,261 to \$512,495. The value of the stock used increased from \$411,719,864 to \$502,971,252, and the value of the goods made from \$669,352,296 to \$824,218,794. The average number of persons employed in 1909 was 279,331.

The average yearly earnings per employee were \$500.41 in 1908 and \$516.57 in 1909. The greatest number of persons employed during the year was 304,067 and the least number 252,836.

Over 25 Per Cent Women Of the aggregate number of persons employed 202,715, or 72.6 per cent, are men 16 years old and over; 70,590, or 25.2 per cent, are women 16 years old and over, and 6,947, or 2.2 per cent, are boys and girls who are less than 16 years old.

An interesting part of the report is a table showing the average yearly earnings per employe in each of the great industries. As heretofore the making of brewery products commands the highest wages.

Low Wages in Tobacco Line The average wage in this industry was \$312.08, and the lowest average of \$22.54 was paid to cigar and tobacco employes.

The average wages paid in the industries previously enumerated were as follows: Artisans' tools, \$52.37; boilers, \$674.91; brewery products, \$912.08; brick and terra cotta, \$454.27; chemical products, \$255.87; cigars and tobacco, \$223.54; drawn wire and wire cloth, \$383.90; electrical appliances, \$609.69; furnaces, ranges and heaters, \$722.77; glass, \$539.35; hats, \$842.59; jewelry, \$661.19; leather, \$355.94; lamps, \$425.61; machinery, \$611.78; metal goods, \$492.49; oils, \$567.40; paper, \$329.64; pottery, \$700.29; rubber, \$510.03; shipbuilding, \$706.43; silk, \$486.07; structural steel and iron, \$678.60; steel and iron forgings, \$658.94; woolen and worsted goods, \$411.

### TRADE AND FARMERS' UNIONS TO CO-OPERATE IN OHIO

Canton, Ohio, Dec. 17.—A grandized labor of Ohio, with the assistance of the farmers organized into granges, will work together in the coming constitutional convention for progressive articles in the revised organic law.

As both the farmers and the workers in the city have many interests in common, it was felt by both parties that they should fight in common for their interests. One of the things to be demanded from the legislature immediately will be the passing of a law for the election of delegates to the constitutional convention by direct primaries.

### RAILROAD STRIKE BREAKER KILLED WHILE AT WORK

Washington, Ind., Dec. 17.—John Wolf of 200 East 53d street, New York city, aged 36, a strike breaker at the Baltimore & Ohio Southwestern shops here, was instantly killed while at work under an engine in the roundhouse. A workman, ignorant of Wolf's presence under the engine, set the air brakes and the man's head was caught in the mechanism. Wolf leaves a widow in New York city.

### GIRL NECKTIE WORKERS ORGANIZE INTO UNION

Necktie workers in Chicago who, up to the present time, have been practically unorganized, are coming in forces into the union of their craft.

Already one shop has been thoroughly organized and has signed a closed union shop agreement. This entitles the manufacturer to the use of the union label in each tie made on the premises.

The union agreement provides for good wages and sanitary conditions. A tie with the union label costs no more than without. Ask for the union label in the next tie that you buy.

If your dealer cannot furnish you with the labeled tie you will do the girls in the necktie industry a great service by making the fact known to Miss Anna Epstein, 4866 Lincoln avenue, Chicago.

## GOTHAM POLICE SCAB PROCURERS

### Pickets of Metal Workers' Union Catch One Cop in the Act.

New York, Dec. 17.—That the police are acting as scab agents in the metal polisher's strike was evident when policemen detailed on strike duty near the shop of the Dale Chandler company, Hudson and 12th streets, approached a group of Italians who were warming themselves at a street fire and asked them whether they would go to work.

Cop Furnishes Six Men One of the strikers who was on picket duty reported at the strike headquarters that policeman No. 7954 asked one of the men, "Are you looking for work?"

I have a good job for you upstairs if you want to work." He said that this policeman, with several others, got six men from the group and escorted them upstairs to the Dale shop, where they went to scab.

Help to Break Strike It was said yesterday that the cops are active in trying to break the strike, because the Shmittberger Agency is supplying guards for the company. It is said that Shmittberger is a son of Police Inspector Shmittberger and the cops like to please him.

John J. Flynn, organizer of the Metal Polishers, Butlers and Platers' union, will call on Deputy Commissioner Driscoll tomorrow and ask him to see to it that the pickets are not interfered with.

May Petition Mayor "If Driscoll fails to take the matter up at once the union will carry it to the mayor and ask him to see to it that the right of peaceful picketing is not taken away from the striking polisher."

J. McNulty, president of the International Brotherhood of Electrical Workers, visited the strike headquarters, 25 Third avenue, yesterday, and assured Organizer Flynn that he will try to stop all outside fixture workers and electrical wires.

Await Polishers' Head No action will be taken until Timothy Daly, president of the Polishers' International Union, arrives here. It is expected that Daly will be in this city by tomorrow, when he will go into conference with McNulty and try to stop all outside fixture workers from hanging fixtures for the Lighting Fixtures Manufacturers' Association.

### MONEY FOR STRIKERS SENT TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST

The following amount was taken over the counter of the Daily Socialist office for the benefit of the striking garment workers: Sam Moravia, \$1; L. Kohn, \$1; Staudel and Rubin, \$1; N. Tarius, 75 cents; Demie, 50 cents; H. Circh, 50 cents; F. Sharp, 50 cents; Anna Hurowitz, 50 cents; Maggie Powers, 50 cents; Barbar Friedl, 50 cents; Mrs. Sharp, 50 cents; Etta, 50 cents; W. H. Zangwill, 50 cents; M. Standel, 50 cents; Mary Angonday, 25 cents; total from M. Kuhn, \$9; Virden Mine Workers' Union, \$50.

## WANTS ALL TO SERVE IN ARMY

### Col. Green, of Illinois Militia, Favors Compulsory Military Training.

"No man should be allowed to vote in the United States until he has served an enlistment of three years in the military force of the country, in which at least one year should be under continuous discipline and instruction."

This plan, according to Col. L. D. Green, division adjutant general of the Illinois national guard, is the solution for the military weakness of the nation which today is engrossing the attention of congress.

Interviewed on Secretary of War Dickinson's suppressed report as to the weakness of the United States, Colonel Green today put forward his plan as the only way to escape conscription in America.

"If our country became involved in war with a first-class power," he said, "the chances are big that we would get

a disgraceful beating. There is no doubt that our military and naval strength is insufficient even for defense.

All military men know this. Our world-enriching fleet of battleships were a credit to the nation, but the colliers, which were their real life on the trip, nearly all flew the British flag. Not one of them was an American merchantman.

In time of war we could not hire these colliers from a neutral nation and, in consequence, we would be left practically powerless for operations at sea.

"On shore, too, we are as weak. Conscription is the proper system to insure that each man does his share in the national work, but in America that is impossible. There is a way, however," said Colonel Green, and then outlined his plan of limiting the franchise to those who had borne arms.

"Several state constitutions would have to be amended to produce this end," he continued, "unless it was made a national requirement, but it could be done."

(By United Press Association.) Washington, D. C., Dec. 16.—The War Department and the "Jingoes" have joined in an effort to hobnob the entire country," said Representative James Tawney of Minnesota today in discussing the national defense problem.

"This effort to get the confidential report of the Secretary of War before the American people is part of a propaganda on the part of the military enthusiasts to secure support for larger appropriations. Any one who has heard the Hobson lectures on the 'yellow peril' and has read this report will find it difficult to distinguish one from the other."

## EXTORTS MONEY FROM BEREAVED

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) NEWARK, N. J., Dec. 17.—The fire at the Wolf Undergarment Manufacturing company, in which 25 girls lost their lives, had a grim sequel in the collection of \$15 by Undertaker J. J. Mullins from J. M. Cohen, the uncle of three girls by the name of Gottlieb, who had perished in the fire and whose bodies had been taken to the undertaker's because of the failure of the county to have a morgue of its own.

Officials Dodge Blame When asked why it was that Mullins had been allowed to collect a charge for such services, the county officials were unable to explain.


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