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SLOWING DOWN OF INDUSTRIES

NO POWERFUL UNION HAS YET BEN EFFECTED.

Agreements in Force Prevent Sudden Change.—What Wisdom Points Out as Reasonable.—Many Reductions in Wages Ordered.—Steel Works Largely Affected.

No startling reductions in wages involving a large number of organized workmen have as yet been chronicled. The fact is, the really strong unions have not yet been attacked by employers' associations. One reason for this is that agreements are in force that do not run out until next year. Where common sense is used there will first be an effort to come to an agreement before any drastic moves are made. Then, if there is really a reduction in the cost of living visible to the naked eye, it is probable that a reduction in wages will be accepted. But the wise unions will suggest, and, so far as possible, insist, that the hours also be reduced, to the end that the any so-called overwork may not be accentuated by long hours and increased production in the face of the lessening power of the masses to consume.

Among the reductions and other indications of a restricted consumption reported the past week are the following: About 10 per cent or more and preparations are making to effect a 300,000 others in various lines of about January 1. Prospects favor like reductions with regard to still some thousands of others. The week is characterized by further slackening industrially, and by spreading action on the part of manufacturers looking to reduction of costs of production.

A reduction of 10 per cent in the wages of the employees of the plant of the American Steel Foundries company at Sharon, Pa., went into effect this week. About 600 men were affected.

A 10 per cent reduction in wages went into effect at the Pacific Steel company this week at Jatterson, N. J. The wages of 500 laborers employed at the Youngstown, Ohio, works of the Carnegie Steel Company have been reduced. Three hundred employed at the furnaces were reduced 8 1/2 per cent, while 200 workmen employed at the steel plant were reduced 6 2/3 per cent. The American Flint Glass Manufacturers' Association has announced a reduction in prices of their products to the trade. As the employees work on a sliding scale this means a reduction of about \$1 per day in wages.

Twenty-five hundred men were let off recently when they reported for work at the plant of the National Steel Company of Bell, Ohio. The works were closed down for an indefinite period by orders from Pittsburgh. A reduction from 10 to 12 per cent in wages was ordered recently in all the Joliet, Ill., wire mills of the United States Steel Company, affecting 1,000 men.

600 Providence, R. I. machinists have been laid off, and working time of others reduced one-sixth, owing to dull business conditions.

25,000 New England moulders will probably suffer a 10 per cent wage reduction soon.

Miners wages in Waynesville, Pa., have been reduced 10 per cent.

TAKES HAWAIIAN BRIDE.

From the Honolulu (Hawaii) Times: The engagement is announced from London of Lily Looney, Kalaiahokalani Neumann, daughter of the late Paul Neumann, to Robert MacDonald Bird, a member of one of England's fine old families. Miss Neumann is to be married in London in the coming spring from the house of Mr. and Mrs. Alfred Fowler. The latter was formerly Miss Eva Neumann. The bride-to-be is the youngest of the four Neumann girls, the three eldest having all been married here. She was educated in England, Germany, and Belgium, completing her studies in Brussels. Miss Neumann is a brilliant pianist and has had the benefit of extensive travel in Europe. She was born in Honolulu November 18, 1884, while her father was a cabinet member under King Kalakaua, being the attorney general of the kingdom. Her Hawaiian name—Kalalohokalani—was given by King Kalakaua and Queen Kapiolani, who at the time wished to adopt her. She was a favorite of their late Majesties up to the time of their death. Miss Neumann's fiancé is a graduate of Oxford, and is wealthy.

THE ACTOR'S MOUTH.

From the Tattler: The actor's mouth is essentially facile, and not infrequently it exhibits a tendency to turn to one side or the other. This is due, in part, to its being constantly used to express emotion, and also to the peculiar, but no less well-recognized fact, that when the mouth is somewhat crooked a greater effect can be produced than where it opened quite straight. Example after example could be cited, but for obvious reasons names may not be mentioned. At one time it was considered the mark of the low comedian, for nearly every one of them had a mouth twisted either to the right or left as the result of "mugging." Some of the most serious actors—even those with a reputation for beauty—could, however, be pointed to as possessing the same characteristic, which has also been observed with not a few opera singers of the first rank.

Get Poor!

From the Chicago Record-Herald: Millionaires are prone to sing the praises of poverty. Having secured themselves against want by accumulating a comfortable supply of bonds or preferred stock, they feel impelled by a sense of humane obligation to warn young men against the dangers of wealth. Nearly every millionaire claims that poverty is necessary to the development of a man. We must feel the stimulus of desire, the pinch of want. But how is the precious jewel of poverty to be attained? Here is where the millionaires leave us groping in the dark.

Somewhat Embarrassing. Kentucky feuds are once more making a position on the grand jury in that state, a very delicate one.

RAILWAY MEN ARE BEING LAID OFF

Fifty-five men employed in the Duluth & Iron Range shops at Two Harbors, and at work tributary to the shops, were laid off Saturday, and it is expected that others will be out of employment in a short time. Only about sixty men are left at work, and it is rumored that the number may be reduced to 20. The shops usually employ from 150 to 300 men. The residents of Two Harbors are discouraged at the outlook.

It is also reported at Two Harbors that there will be little ore moving before next June. Usually the ore begins moving freely at the opening of navigation. Ten days before the arrival of the first boat the ore trains are busy filling the docks, but if present reports may be credited there will be very little ore traffic before the middle of the year. The feeling prevails in Two Harbors that the season of 1904 will be very quiet, and owing to curtailed ore movement, less money in circulation than usual.

A Church Tree Planting by Candle Light.

From the Philadelphia North American: The quarto-centennial exercises of Grace Lutheran church successfully closed in Reading, Philadelphia, last week with a unique "tree planting" exercise. A tree known as the "Quarto-Centennial" tree was planted in front of the church by George H. Hoskins, the first elder of the church in a holding by the deacons. The Rev. W. H. Myers, pastor of the church since it was formed, made an address. Each of the twenty-five members of the Sunday school carried a lighted candle to represent each year of the centennial. The pastor conveyed light from these years to all the tapers of the young people to typify the future. In honor of the quarto-centennial the Rev. Mr. Myers received a handsome silver and gold lined loving cup as a gift from the congregation.

The High-Toned Gaffer's Apology.

From the St. Paul Herald: Yes, I got some; you make a great row over matters of course as we think. With your special reports to load up a scow. And your press to raise hell and—O, you papers that rave, and you preachers that shout, When pickings like ours are laid bare. Do you really know what you're talking about? Have your brains that can weigh your "hot air?"

For you'd find if you'd look in political

That the "standard of comfort" what rules; And if honest yourselves, you'd say "this is one of our weak. Like Italian that somebody fools. My "standard of comfort" you mustn't forget. That standard is more than myself: It's a standard that forces me somehow to get

The stuff to maintain it—the pelf. I'm exceedingly fond of a fragrant cigar— No Stra-ta-grown wrappers for me—

And it's only the best at the toniest bar. That does with my standard agree. I'd rather be dead than a factory slave; I'm no fakir to sail a balloon; My wife and her folks like the Dickens would rave. Should I turn square and keep a saloon!

We've stacks of relations, I'd have you to know; Among them they've culture and pull; We must hold up our end, and we daren't be slow— Empty purse, but live life round and full. We could pinch and be square on six thousand a year; We've never set out to be grand— Don't you see that it's fate, and not I, out of gear. When only four thousand I land?

What's the use? Craft is strong and the people are weak; What we'd do if we had to's a ques. tion; But when graft is so strong and reform is so weak; Reform is but idle suggestion. See New York and reform by the voters divorced— The grafters elsewhere can all laugh too—

And the weak ones that thought to play square we'd be forced. Now see that we really don't have to.

IT NEVER COMES AGAIN.

(By Richard Henry Stoddard.) There are gains for all our losses, There are balm for all our pain, But when youth, the dream, departs, It takes something from our hearts, And it never comes again. We are stronger, and are better, Under manhood's sterner rein; Still we feel that something sweet Followed youth, with flying feet, Something beautiful is vanished, And we sigh for it in vain; We behold it everywhere, On the earth, and in the air, But it never comes again.

Nothing Left.

From the New York Herald: Beat it, the United States has taken highest honors in Bohemia. When the American invasion reaches the European thirst, what is there left to conquer?

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Meeting At Johannesburg Favors Importing Yellow Men.

JOHANNESBURG, Dec. 14.—A mass meeting called here tonight for the purpose of urging upon the government the advisability of taking a referendum before introducing legislation providing for the introduction of unskilled labor into the Transvaal, was completely captured by the element favorable to the importation of Chinese. Special trains brought in thousands of miners from the east and west Rand, five thousand of whom packed the hall where the meeting was held. The miners were well organized and all through the meeting there was frequent cheering for the Chinese. When the chairman attempted to put a motion in favor of a referendum, he was unable to get a hearing. Speeches in favor of the motion were impossible and the excitement was intense. At an overflow meeting, attended by 4,000 persons, a motion antagonistic to the taking of a referendum was carried by a large majority.

MAY REMAIN CLOSED.

RACINE, Wis., Dec. 14.—The 150 moulders employed by the Case Thrashing Machine company did not return to work today and it is probable that the entire plant, employing about 1,500 men will be closed for at least two months. The men have been out of employment for four months, but were expected to resume today.

MY HEART AND I.

Enough! we're tired my heart and I. In this abundant earth no doubt, And wish the name was carved for us. The moss reprints more tenderly, The hard types of the mason's knife, As heaven's sweet life renews earth's life With which we're tired my heart and I.

So tired! my heart and I!

Though now none takes me on the arm To fold me close and kiss me warm, Till each quick breath end in a sigh Of happy languor. Now alone, We lean upon the graveyard stone, Uncheered, unloved, my heart and I.

Yet who complains? My heart and I!

In this abundant earth no doubt Is little room for things worn out; Disdain them, break them, throw them by!

And if before the days grow rough We once were loved, used, well enough, I think we've fared, my heart and I.—Elizabeth Barrett Browning—

He is It.

From the Forsyth (Mont.) Times:

The great city papers think they are smart in having a large staff, and although we have not published ours before, we shall do so to take some conceit out of the city brethren. The editorial staff of the Times is comprised of managing editor, Ira Cole; city editor, I. Cole; news editor, Ra Cole; editorial writer, Hon. Mr. Cole; exchange editor, Cole; pressman, the same Cole; foreman, more of the same Cole; fighting editor, Mrs. Cole.

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From the Providence Journal: Colombia, it is commonly understood, neither pays nor feeds her soldiers. Waging war in such circumstances is expensive, but also likely to be somewhat ineffective.

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