

## PLAN TO END BIG RAILROAD STRIKE BY ARBITRATION

Good Offices of Gov. Eberhart, Invoked by Labor Officials Plea, Used to Bring About Conference.

### LABOR HEADS MEET WITH MANAGERS IN ST. PAUL

Believed That Plan of Arbitration Has Been Agreed on Subject to Approval of Head of Managers' Committee at Chicago.

At present writing the end of the switchmen's strike is in sight.

The end of the week may see arbitration well under way.

Governor Eberhart, after having instituted a rigid investigation into the state of railroad traffic on north-west lines, Tuesday sent his private secretary, R. W. Wheelock, into a conference with G. T. Slade, third vice president of the Northern Pacific and General Manager J. M. Gruber of the Great Northern, with the result that later that day another conference was had at which the same gentlemen, with ten officials of the railway labor, were present.

The result of this conference was by unanimous agreement held from the press but it is positively stated that arrangements were formulated for arbitration subject to the agreement of J. C. A. chairman of the general managers' committee.

Another meeting was held in President Slade's office Thursday, the business of which was sacredly guarded from the prying eyes of the reporters.

Did Governor Eberhart, at the end of his investigation, state that the railroad laborers were in the state of traffic obstruction? It looks as if the strike had been given him conclusively that the cause of the railroad managers that night was moving with a whirl on their road was all over.

His act in consenting to have his private secretary represent him in a

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## THINK LEWIS, MINER'S HEAD, AGAIN VICTOR

Reports in Annual Election of Mine Workers' Officials Indicate Re-election of Former President by Increased Majority.

INDIANAPOLIS, Dec. 23.—The ballots cast in the election of officers of the United Mine Workers of America are being received at the national headquarters in this city, and private advices accompanying them are regarded by the friends of Thomas Lewis as clearly indicating his re-election over William Green, of Ohio. Lewis is said to have carried the anthracite districts by a large majority and to have more than held his own in Iowa, Kansas and other Western states. Green nearly divided the Ohio vote with Lewis and in the bituminous fields of Western Pennsylvania, Virginia and West Virginia is said to have secured a majority.

In this state, because of the revocation of the charters of some locals who struck contrary to the rules of the organization, and who were supported by the Indiana district officers against Lewis, Green received a majority of the Indiana vote and it is believed that the Illinois vote is very close. Friends of Lewis claim that he will have a larger majority than he had last year when a bitter fight was made against him.

## War Against Butterick Firm Is Now Carried Into France

Prominent Member of New York Typographical Union Goes to Paris to Post Workers of Gay Capital Against Unfair Patents.

PARIS, France, Dec. 23.—E. M. Martin, a well-known printer of New York and prominent member of the Big Six Typographical union of that city has arrived in Paris on an important mission.

Martin has been delegated by the International Typographical union to carry the fight against the Butterick Publishing Company into France, where many of the publications of this concern are sold. After relating the causes which led up to the strike of 1905-6, and after showing how the union had established the eight-hour day, even in the most powerful newspaper offices, Martin says in a local

### STRIKING SWITCHMEN TO SHARE BENEFITS WITH BROTHERHOOD AND NON-UNION MEN

An order was issued Tuesday by President Frank T. Hawley of the striking switchmen from strike headquarters in St. Paul ordering the heads of all locals of the striking switchmen to make up and send in a complete list of all men out on strike, including all Brotherhood and non-union men.

This list will be used by the officials of the union in paying out strike benefits in case a settlement of the strike is not reached within a few days.

These benefits will be paid alike to the members of the switchmen's unions, to the Brotherhood men and to the non-union men who stuck by the switchmen in the strike. The officials of the union feel that this will be but a slight return to those outside the switchmen's ranks for the loyalty shown by them in refusing the alluring offers held out by the railroad managers.

It is expected that the lists complete will be in at headquarters by the first of next week when plans for paying out strike benefits will be made.

## Miners to Raise Fund of \$100,000 For the Orphans

PITTSBURG, Dec. 23.—The United Mine Workers of America will attempt to raise \$100,000 as a permanent relief fund for the widows and orphans of the victims of the Cherry mine disaster, according to the announcement of National President Thomas L. Lewis.

Lewis estimates that 1,000 children have been made homeless by the disaster. While the Red Cross society is attending to the immediate needs of the destitute families at Cherry he believes a fund should be raised for the care of the little ones in the future.

A formal call will be sent to the 2,300 local organizations of miners asking for contributions.

All contributions distributed by a special committee to be provided for either by the national executive board or by the convention.

It is the plan to have the fund held in trust of the committee.

## JOKER IN CONTRACT CAUSES SCHENECTADY WORKMEN TO STRIKE

SCHENECTADY, N. Y., Dec. 23.—Nearly a thousand boiler-makers and tank-makers of the American Locomotive company have gone out on a strike and unless an agreement can be made the whole plant will be tied up.

The strike in question has been brewing for about a year, when a new system of time went into effect whereby the men were paid a bonus for doing quick work, but a joker in the schedule appeared when the men found they had to work twice as fast as formerly to make the same wages as before. During the last few weeks orders have been coming in fast and the men decided that the time was ripe for a strike.

### THEIR CHRISTMAS WILL BE A CHEERLESS ONE

LOWELL, Mass., Dec. 23.—Christmas will be a sad affair in a thousand or more families here.

In accordance with the curtailment policy adopted by the cotton mills of New England, the Tremont and Suffolk mills closed Monday last.

## Star of Hope Shines Bright This Christmas Tide for the Organized Toilers of America



In conveying at this time to the members of organized labor its best wishes for a happy holiday season and a prosperous year to come The Labor World wishes to emphasize more than ever its faith in a coming era of prosperity for the organized toilers of the land.

Never before did the wage earners' horizon glow more brightly with hope of things, long deferred, that bid fair to soon be theirs. Never before was there more need to emphasize in the most urgent language the doctrine of solidarity. Never before has the motto "United We Stand, Divided We Fall" possessed more significance than at the present period.

United we can present a solid and unfrightened front to the aggressions of those who would crush labor to a merest pittance of wage reward. Divided we are easy victims for the foes within and without who would first of all undermine our solidarity then obliterate our very existence.

The Labor World urges on both leaders and followers alike the need at this time of caution in every move. The massed wealth of the country is at the disposal of those to whom organized labor is a thing to be feared and, fearing, to be wiped out at any cost.

Never did times carry heavier portent of great things to come than in these declining days of 1909. Let solidarity and watchfulness be the countersign for 1910.

## Their Yawning Hose Awaits The Coming of Santa Claus

The following letters were addressed to Santa Claus in care of the Labor World this week and as the writers did not specifically request that they be kept secret the Labor World takes the liberty of reproducing them.

Dear Santa Claus:—What I want for a Xmas present is for you to settle the Switchmen's strike so that my papa can go back to work and we can have nice things to eat again. Please fix it this time that my papa can come home sometimes while me and my little brother is awake so we can see what he looks like in daylight. And please have the railroad men give him more wages as we need new stockings awful and mamma has to darn so hard on the old ones.

Yours respectfully,  
A SWITCHMAN'S CHILD.

Dear Santa Claus:—What we want and want right away is a settlement of the switchmen's strike. It's eating into our profits something fierce. The country people—our legitimate prey when the city people are asleep—can't ship any hay or other produce in to us and we can't work that "revelled in bad order" gag on them as often as we would like to. No matter who loses in the deal, fix it up quick, there's a good Santa, so we

can get to work again. Yours hungrily  
COMMISSION ROW.

Dear Santa Claus:—So great is my love for Duluth and the head of the lakes in general that I want nothing better in my stocking than the continuance of the switchmen's strike—at least until the switchmen come to my railroad managers on bonded knees and ask for their jobs back at any old wages. Also I would like, please Santa, the head of that reporter of the News Tribune who is writing such scurrilous stories about the way my roads are hindering the growth of Duluth and raising the price of living there.

If you can't get me his head, Santa, please put it into Gil Hartley's heart to be easy on me. I know I'm playing it down low on Duluth but there's no sense in putting people on to me who would otherwise think me a philanthropist and a demi-god.

Yours in sheep's clothing,  
JIM HILL.

job and my pals is being cut down every day in the yards with mistakes in signals and frozen switch-points.

The feller what bunks with me in the company's car was cut in two in the Superior yards yesterday and beat me my eyes. It was awful. The papers did not say anything about it and I heard the boys say that all the accidents was being kept quiet by the company. I hope they'll notify his wife and kids back east. Please have it settled so I can go back to a seat next the stove in "Red" Cassidy's place in Harlem.

Yours in desperation,  
A STRIKEBREAKER.

Dear Santa Claus:—What I want in my stocking and want right away is a settlement of the Switchmen's strike. And I don't care how soon it comes or if it's the asylum for me. You know that I want to do what is right by the striking switchmen but if you only knew what the railroad managers are doing to me these days in the way of "pressure." Hey! It's something awful, so please stick a satisfactory settlement in my grey sock and let it go at that. I am willing to pass up the next gubernatorial nomination if I can get this peaky strike fixed up. Yours in hot water,  
A. O. EBERHART.

## WAISTMAKERS OF QUAKER CITY GO OUT ON STRIKE

### STEVEDORE MADE BIG FINANCIAL TOE LINE ON STEAMSHIP DOCKS

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—J. P. Morgan, Jr., went to the pier of the White Star line yesterday to confer with L. H. Smith, a banker from London. In the midst of the conference Morgan lighted a dollar cigar.

A red-headed stevedore named Lowery touching Morgan on the arm, said:

"Will you just look up a second?"

Morgan glanced upward and found he had been standing under a sign which in letters a foot long conveyed this command: "No Smoking."

Morgan hesitated, then walking over to the edge of the pier threw the cigar in the water.

Lowery walked away, and a fellow workman said to him:

"Do you know who that is? It's J. Pierpont Morgan, Jr."

"I don't care," said Lowery.

"I'd do the same thing if it was Bill Taft."

Lowery has been at work on the pier for thirty years.

### Blind Men Strike In a Philadelphia Home for Workers

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—Sixty-five workmen of the Pennsylvania Working Home for Blind Men, at Thirty-sixth street and Lancaster avenue, have formed a union to work for higher wages. They met secretly in a hall in West Philadelphia, and pledged loyalty to their organization and to the cause.

Their chief demand is that the wage limit regulation at the home be rescinded. Until four weeks ago each man was permitted to earn as much as he was able.

Now a married man is allowed to earn not more than \$9 a week, a single man, living outside the home, \$6, and those living in the home, \$4.

In addition, the board of the inmates has been boosted from \$2.25 to \$2.50. The superintendent of the home has told the men that the high price of broomcorn has made the new rates imperative. All of the men work in broommaking. The home employs 105 blind men.

### LOSES LEGS IN GOV'T SERVICE, IS BARRED FROM ADOPTED LAND

WASHINGTON, Dec. 23.—After losing both legs while employed by the United States government on the Panama Railroad, Alessandro Comba, an Italian workman, has been denied admission to this country as incapable of self-support.

Comba is attempting to have Congress include his case in the injured government employees' compensation act, passed a year after the injury to him occurred. Awaiting the decision of Congress, Assistant Secretary of Commerce and Labor Cable granted Comba permission temporarily to remain at the Ellis Island Hospital.

### PAINTERS GIVE \$1000 TO CHERRY MINE FUND

CINCINNATI, Ohio, Dec. 23.—At last Friday's session of the National Convention of the Painters' Union resolutions of sympathy with the survivors of the Cherry mine disaster were adopted and \$1,000 was donated to the Cherry relief fund of the United Mine Workers.

### LINQUIST IS REELECTED.

STOCKHOLM, Dec. 23.—At the labor party's congress of Sweden which has just closed its sessions, Herman Linquist was reelected president.

It was decided to have always on hand an emergency fund of 1,000,000 crowns (\$270,000).

## R. R. Employees Win Strike for More Heat in the Workshops

Force Master Mechanic of Southern Road to Install Heating Devices Removed to Save Insurance Cost.

ATLANTA, Ga., Dec. 23.—The employees of the Southern Railway at the Inman Yard's shops, house have this week won a fight to obtain heat in the buildings.

A strike was called at about 7 o'clock in the morning, and the men returned to work victorious at 10 o'clock. The management agreed to put in stoves in all departments, and had the stoves, about twenty-five in number, delivered and fired up before the day was ended.

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Thousands of Girl Operatives of Philadelphia Shirtwaist Factories Follow Lead of New York Comrades.

### CZARISM OF DIRECTOR PRECIPITATES STRIKE

Injustice of New York Courts and Police Enlists Sympathizers to Support of Shirtwaist Strikers in That City.

PHILADELPHIA, Dec. 23.—After deliberating several days on the advisability of a general strike the shirtwaist-makers of this city Monday last went out in a body tying up all the principal factories of the town.

The number of the strikers is estimated at several thousands and increased wages and better working conditions are the principal demands.

The strike was precipitated by the action of Director Clay of the public safety department of this city who on the eve of a mass meeting to have been held last Sunday issued orders forbidding the meeting.

The meeting was to have been held in the Arch Street Theater and it was announced that Mother Jones, C. O. Pratt, leader of the recent trolley-men's strike; John J. Murphy, president of the Central Labor Union; and B. Feigenbaum, associate editor of the Yiddish Daily Forward of New York, would deliver addresses of the town.

Clay's reason for taboing the meeting is incomprehensible and the grounds on which he bases his action have not been made public.

### COURT'S INJUSTICE IS REACTING FOR STRIKERS

Unfair Tactics of New York Police and Justices is Bringing Many Friends to Banks of Girl Waist Makers.

NEW YORK, Dec. 23.—As day by day there leaks out to the general public details of the valiant fight the organized waist makers of this city are making against the persecution and mistreatment of their bosses, many not hitherto interested in the struggle are daily being enlisted under the banner of the strikers.

For some time Rose Ellis Pastor Stokes, the famous settlement worker, wife of a millionaire, has openly cast in her lot with the girls on strike and has with them withstood the insults of the hired thugs and the un-

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## SAY MILL OWNERS AT LUDLOW BROKE THE ALIEN LABOR LAW

BOSTON, Dec. 23.—That action will be taken by the Federal authorities as a result of the investigation made by Immigration Inspector Burke into the conditions under which the striking mill operatives at Ludlow were induced to come to work in the plant of the Ludlow Manufacturing Associates is almost certain.

The Department of Commerce and Labor has referred the matter to United States District Attorney French who asked Assistant District Attorney Sullivan to make further investigation. Sullivan, after a conference with Immigration Inspector Hoe, said that he was sure that there had been a violation of the contract labor law by the mill owners of Ludlow.

He said that the issuing of circulars in foreign countries with a view to the securing of employees in America by that means was a violation of the law. It is understood that the associates admit having sent circulars to Poland, setting forth the advantageous conditions under which their employees worked.

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the shops. He sent word by the foreman for the men to go back, and he would grant the demands, but this was not acceded to. He was obliged to appear in person, and promise delivery of the stoves that day, before the men would return to work.

Up to a short time previous to this, open fires had been used to furnish heat. This the insurance companies objected to, and rather than go to the slight expense of stoves, the bosses decided to let the men suffer.

LONGSHOREMEN TO HAVE  
A MONTHLY NEWSPAPER

SAN FRANCISCO, Dec. 23.—The International Longshoremen's Association of this city is to publish an official organ, the Longshoremen's