

SATURDAY IS TAG DAY--WEAR A TAG AND SHOW YOUR SYMPATHY FOR COPPER MINERS

UNCLE SAM PROVES SUCCESSFUL MINER

Provides Good Working Conditions and Mines Coal for \$1.74 a Ton.

PAYS HIGHEST WAGES; NO FATAL ACCIDENTS

Government Control and Operation of Alaskan Mines Urged By Senator Borah.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The provision for a government railroad in Alaska is only the first step in the development of that territory. It has been recognized all through in the debate in the senate that a railroad to be a financial success must depend upon the freight tonnage available. For this reason, the opening up of the coal lands is the next logical step in Alaska legislation.

Coal at \$1.74 a Ton. At a cost of \$1.78 per ton, the government is turning out coal at the rate of 5,000 tons a year. This is at the mine run in connection with the reclamation project at Williston, N. D.

INSURANCE AGENTS SEEK TO AMEND LAW

State Insurance in Ohio Distasteful to Casualty Companies. Union Labor Vigilant.

COLUMBUS, Ohio, Jan. 30.—Commissioner Yapple of the state liability board of awards, which has in charge the enforcement of the new state compensation act, hints of a "fine Italian hand" in the shape of insurance companies, who are behind the movement to change the law.

This change consists of either eliminating or defining the term "willful act," as used in the measure. The state board has declared its opposition to a widening of the act, and its many conflicts with the private insurance companies would indicate that they mean what they say.

The Ohio Federation of Labor is alert to the danger of workers losing their present vantage point, and have entered an emphatic protest against diluting the law.

Gov. Cox has referred the matter to Commissioner Yapple and Attorney General Hogan to investigate. It is shown that while the law has only been in existence a few months, 10,000 claims have been passed upon by the board, and in only four instances have the beneficiaries rejected the decision and gone to the courts.

The commission reports that four-fifths of Ohio's wage earners and their dependents are already under the protection of the act, which provides for a maximum benefit of \$3,750 and funeral and medical expenses in case of death, and payment of a maximum of \$12 a week for life in case of permanent disability.

The maximum benefit for temporary disability is \$12 a week for 200 weeks. All claims are to be settled without legal expense to either employer or employee.

MINNEAPOLIS STREET LIGHTING PLANT PAYS

The city of Minneapolis made a net profit of 5 per cent on its investment in the operation of the Tenth ward street lights during 1913. The power for furnishing the light is obtained from the city crematory. The fuel is the refuse picked up about town. In Duluth all this goes to waste. Duluth has the commission form of government; it is a waste of the ward system. Talk about conserving waste under commission form! Well, not with this bunch of commissioners.

BOOT AND SHOE MEN SPEND HAPPY NIGHT

Members of the Boot and Shoe Repairers' union gave their first smoker for the year Tuesday evening at Kalamazoo hall. A number of men working at the trade who are not members of the union were invited, and a very pleasant evening was spent. The union is about to institute a membership campaign, and an effort will be made to have every person working in the shoe industry in Duluth join the union.

CLEAR STATE LANDS WITH PRISON LABOR

Chairman Vasaly of State Board of Control Gives Views on Outside Prison Work.

CONVICTS CANNOT BE EMPLOYED OUTSIDE NOW

Attorney General Has So Held. Says Minnesota Is Not Backward in Jail Reform.

The convict labor committee of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor is greatly encouraged in its investigations of the prison labor problem on account of the attitude of Charles Vasaly, chairman of the State Board of Control.

In a letter to the Duluth News Tribune, Mr. Vasaly gives assurance that he has devoted no little thought to the question of using convicts in clearing state lands. "Not long ago," he says, "on behalf of the board of control, I asked the attorney-general for an opinion as to whether or not prisoners could be used to clear lands, it being the intention of the board to experiment in that way. He replied that this could not be done without further legislation."

In referring to what other states are doing in the matter of placing convicts on their honor and working them outside the prisons, Mr. Vasaly says:

State Not Spectacular. "Minnesota has not been spectacular in its treatment of prisoners and has done little advertising, although in some states advertising seems to be inseparable from the performance of anything. Yet the policy of this state in reference to prisoners and the results therefrom have been such as to receive general commendation."

Mr. Vasaly recognizes full well that no change in our prison labor policy can be of a revolutionary order, and maintains that whatever is done in the line of outside work for prisoners, must be done without jeopardizing the present state account industries. It indeed is a many-sided question, and it will require earnest thought, serious consideration and careful planning to bring about the ideal in the employment and treatment of our prison population.

N. P. TRAINMEN SEEK NEW WAGE SCHEDULE

Committee of Conductors and Trainmen at St. Paul—Duluth Man Is Chairman.

Four grievances committees, representing the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and the Order of Railway Conductors of both the Great Northern and Northern Pacific railways are holding biennial sessions in St. Paul this week.

The Northern Pacific committees are trying to get a revision of the employees schedule of time and working conditions. Members are present from every division point from Duluth to Seattle. Jas. T. Hughes of Duluth is chairman of the O. R. C. committee. E. T. Harrigan of St. Paul, formerly of Missoula, has charge of affairs for the trainmen.

The Great Northern committees, it is said, have no revision to ask of their present schedules. E. S. Richardson of St. Paul is chairman of the Great Northern O. R. C., while W. H. Bradley of Superior is handling matters for the trainmen.

PHELAN TO LECTURE ON LIFE AND LABOR

Dr. Raymond Phelan of the University of Minnesota will deliver before his extension classes a series of lectures on "Life and Labor." The first lecture will be given next Tuesday evening. The course will cover the rise of the modern labor movement, woman labor including the minimum wage, child labor and mother's pensions, industrial accidents and diseases and unemployment.

The course will run for 16 weeks and will be given at the Commercial club auditorium every Tuesday evening. Workingmen and women are urged to join Dr. Phelan's class. The extension course is for them.

CARPENTERS' UNION ADMITS NEW MEMBERS

One new member was initiated into the Carpenters' union Tuesday evening. Business Agent Olson reported trade as rather dull. He said there were a number of carpenters out of employment, but indications were bright for an early spring opening of work in the building line. Four members of the Chicago Carpenters' union who are employed on the Williams residence, were guests of the Duluth local Tuesday evening.

CITY COMMISSIONERS FOR ONCE CARRY OUT SPIRIT OF CHARTER

Time after time The Labor World has been hammering at the City Commissioners urging them to follow the spirit of the charter and take counsel of each other on matters affecting the policies of the several divisions of the city government.

We have at no time attacked the commissioners in malice. Our only object has been to get them to carry out the purpose of the charter, and to help them avoid the breakers that are ever ahead of one-man management of public institutions.

The Commercial club, too, has at last seen the danger of the log-rolling methods pursued by the commissioners ever since they took office, and Monday evening the Public Affairs committee passed strong resolutions commending them for their action in handling the water rate question as a legislative rather than an administrative measure.

Endorses Our Position. The Commercial club committee expresses the belief that when the entire commission determines upon measures of any kind affecting the policy of the city or any division thereof better results will be had than if but one commissioner decides upon them.

And this is all The Labor World has been contending for. We protest against Commissioner Merritt assuming the entire responsibility of the policies and management of the water and light department. We protest against Commissioner Hicken determining the whole policy of the police, fire and public health departments, and of Mayor Prince having the sole

voice in what books shall go into our public libraries, or where playgrounds and free skating rinks shall be located.

Did Hicken Get Cold Feet? It is believed by a great many people that Commissioner Hicken voted to sustain Mr. Merritt's new water rates, not because he believed they were just, but he was fearful lest the commission might find a precedent for "butting in" to his department.

In any event it is felt that the action of the commission in determining the water rate matter by the five commissioners, has set an example to be followed in other matters of general concern, and which will eventually result in destroying the one-man power rule that has obtained ever since the new form of government went into effect.

Practically every material objection that has thus far been made against the commission form of government in Duluth, has grown out of the actions of the commissioner in each department, who has assumed for himself the power of sole legislator thereof. The public mind is in such a state that every recommendation made by any commissioner is looked upon with suspicion, and as an attempt to secure for himself more power.

Confidence Badly Needed. What is needed, now more than anything else is confidence in the commissioners. To enjoy more public confidence they must merit it. They must quit taking to themselves arbitrary powers as heads of the several departments of the city. The policy of each division must be shaped by the commission as a whole, after which it shall be the duty of the commissioner in charge to faithfully carry it out. This is the spirit of the char-

ter as contemplated by the charter commission.

It is too late to complain about the new water rates. The commission has acted, and it acted in accordance with the charter. We can only await the result. If at the end of the present year the earnings of the water and light department are less than they were last year, the commission will be obliged to answer therefor to the people. If they are not, the commission will be commended. That is all there is to it. The proof of the pudding will be in the financial returns.

Hudson Renders Great Service. However, Mr. T. T. Hudson, rendered the people at the council meeting last Monday afternoon a most useful service. He demonstrated to the large number who attended that he knew more about the water and light department than the \$8,000 ornaments who spoke for the division of public utilities. And Mr. Hudson acquired this knowledge by rendering service to the people for many years back, and which did not cost the city a dollar. Commissioner Merritt and Manager Reed were at a complete loss to answer him.

And by the way, while Mr. Hudson was at the meeting, Commissioner Merritt did not make good his threat to prove that Mr. Hudson, to favor the New Duluth Land company of which he is president, fastened an annual debt of \$1,750 upon the water and light plant to benefit his company. Mr. Hudson was there to take issue with Merritt, but the commissioner evidently got cold feet. And it was well for him that he did, for there is not one iota of truth in the charge, and probably no one knows it better than the commissioner of public utilities.

SLAV AND ITALIAN ALIENS HELPLESS

Declared Northern Europeans Can Care for Themselves. Others Have Difficulty.

NEW YORK, Jan. 30.—Speakers at a meeting of the North American Civic League for Immigrants declared that the Jews, Greeks, Germans, Irish, English and French immigrants can usually take care of themselves when they come to New York, but the Slavic and Italian immigrants are, in a majority of cases, helpless, unless luck is with them in the matter of food and work.

It was stated that of the 300,000 Slavic and Italian unskilled immigrants that arrived at this port in 1912, one-third is crowded in herds, hidden away in tenements of this city, without work, and in many cases half starved. This element is divided, approximately, as follows: Italian, 162,000; Poles, 85,000; Russians, 22,000; Ruthenians (Little Russia), 21,000; Slovaks (Austrians), 25,000; Croats, 24,000; Balkans, 10,000; Bohemians, 8,000.

The league believes that the question of handling these immigrants is now one of the city's most pressing problems. It is proposed to create a bureau of employment in the state department of labor, which will license all employment agencies in the municipalities, which is intended to end the padrone system.

38,000 KILLED EVERY YEAR IN ACCIDENTS

WASHINGTON, Jan. 30.—The house committee on labor has reported favorably a bill to create a bureau of labor safety in the Department of Labor. Congressman Bremer, of New Jersey, author of one of the bills submitted, and who is now sick in a Baltimore hospital, forwarded a brief on the subject to the committee, from which the following figures on industrial accidents and their cost is taken:

"Out of 34,000,000 people engaged in gainful occupations, there are yearly 38,000 deaths. There are 2,000,000 accidents, of which 500,000 are serious, entailing an annual loss of \$40,000,000 in earnings. There are 3,000,000 cases of preventable industrial illness, entailing a cost of \$200,000,000. There are 15,000 widowed and 45,000 orphaned."

A. F. OF L. DECIDES TO START LECTURE BUREAUS

At the executive council meeting of the American Federation of Labor held in Washington last week it was voted to establish lecture bureaus throughout the country for the purpose of bringing about a wider understanding of the principles of unionism. This will be undertaken in the near future.

FORD'S EYES OPENED BY MAN WHO STOLE

Employee Could Not Live on Small Wages and Pilfered From Ford's Plant.

The action of the Henry Ford Motor company of Detroit in adopting a modern and just system of profit-sharing, recalls an instance in the works which prompted Mr. Ford to think out the plan he announced the other day.

One Henry Mr. Ford learned that certain machine parts were being taken from his factory. He had a watch put upon the department in which the thefts were occurring.

A young employee was detected. The watcher followed him to where he sold the goods, then to the office of a loan shark, saw him pay the money and most of his salary besides to the shark, and reported to Ford. The latter thought a moment, called his car, and soon was in the office of the loan shark. He paid the young man's indebtedness, took a receipt, returned to the plant and had the young man sent to his office.

The latter wonderfully entered. Mr. Ford handed him the receipt, told him he knew what he had been doing and had cleaned the slate for him in order that he might make a new start and follow the right path. "Your job is safe," said Mr. Ford. "Try again."

The youth burst into tears, and it is said that he is now as faithful an employee as the concern has.

Greece Resents Charges Made Against Her Honor by Bulgaria; Local Greeks Defend Native Land; Point to History

Members of the Greek colony in Duluth and Superior are very much incensed over the charges coming from Bulgaria to the effect that Greek soldiers practiced wholesale atrocities, murder and rapine upon the Bulgarians. They point to the past history of Greece, running over a period of twenty-five centuries, in which their country has been the outpost of European civilization.

That Greece is incapable of resorting to barbaric tactics, as charged by the Bulgarians, is recognized by every student of Greek history in America, which is the grandest of any nation in the world. It can well be said of Greece, that it is the cradle of human liberty, of culture, of learning and democratic ideals. Here was given birth to the first Christian church organized in the world. Here the death-knell of paganism in Europe was sounded by Socrates, 500 years before the birth of Christ, when he taught the immortality of the soul. Local Greeks Make Appeal. At the request of a committee of Twin Ports Greeks, The Labor World cheerfully publishes the following "Appeal For Justice by Greece," in which it is clearly shown that Bul-

garia's charges are made in deception to court the sympathy of the world, and that she really without foundation in fact.

"For some time past the suffering and starving hordes of Bulgaria have been called to the attention and sympathies of the American public with emphasis and persistence—so be it—great suffering and distress undoubtedly exists—the consequence of terrible and devastating war, and the unwillingness or inability of a grasping government and a people lacking both patriotism and co-ordination to grapple with conditions and bring order out of chaos.

"Let America Be Generous. Let generous America give generously to the will—Greece does not ask for alms—but she in doing her protest against the accusations of wholesale atrocities, murder and rapine publicly and officially brought against her by Bulgaria, in an effort to excite sympathy, and most of all, to distract attention from the proved and acknowledged atrocities committed by her troops, which shocked and incensed the whole civilized world. "By declaring themselves the victims, not the perpetrators, of unspeakable

cruelties and want on destruction, they have sought to "put the shoe on another's foot." Their activities in the broadcast dissemination of defamatory literature concerning the Greeks have reached every country on earth. In America they have been given unwarranted publicity and credit—unwarranted in that the dreadful results of Bulgarian ferocity are a matter of public record and are at the disposal of any one who will give the time to ascertain them.

Greeks Are Indignant. "Unfortunately the 'lurid allegations' proved so colorful that they were seized upon with avidity by certain journalistic interests and, with no thought of the injustice involved, set forth as facts to the public. The Greeks of America are righteously indignant—they have not asked help from any other country for their destitute thousands at home—they have co-operated in strenuous self-sacrifice to suffice to these pressing needs—but they do demand and expect common justice and a fair hearing from the American people. "The very paper that is now conducting a whitewashing campaign and

DEMANDS REMOVAL OF MILITIA HEADS

Colorado State Federation of Labor Report Presents Indictment Against Soldiers.

WOMEN AND CHILDREN INSULTED AND BEATEN

Militia Holds Carnival of Debauchery—Strikers Falsely Arrested and Kept in Jail.

DENVER, Colo., Jan. 30.—In a report substantiating every charge of robbery, tyranny and outrages against the womanhood of Colorado, the investigating committee of the state federation of labor, appointed at the suggestion of Governor Ammons, has demanded the immediate removal of Adjutant General Chase, Judge Advocate Broughton and Lieutenant E. K. Lindertel.

The report contains stories of the carnivals of debauchery held by the militia, of how drunken militiamen have frightened children, threatened to shoot a boy of twelve, and insulted waitresses so that they can no longer get services in the restaurants of the strike zone.

Evidence of Robberies. The evidence of robberies ranges from a forced loan of twenty-five cents; or whiskey "for the captain"; or a compulsory gift of \$3.00; or a ton of coal, to the downright robbery of \$300 and other large sums of money and valuable jewelry.

Strikers have been held in jail under Chase's orders with no charge against them, kept awake for nights by jabbing them with bayonets and throwing cold water in their faces in the hope they would confess to crimes occurring in the strike zone. One man died from exposure after having slept on a cold cement floor for twenty-five days.

A young Slavic woman about to become a mother was dragged through the alleys of Trinidad, a soldier's hand over her mouth to smother her screams, until she fainted. This fiendish outrage was committed because militiamen had heard several shots fired in the neighborhood in which this woman lived. It later

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JOHN MITCHELL MAY GET FEDERAL BERTH

Reported He Will Be Commissioner of Immigration For Port of New York City.

According to Associated Press dispatches from Washington, John Mitchell, former president of the United Mine Workers of America and vice president of the American Federation, is to be named as immigration commissioner for the port of New York. It is expected President Wilson will send his name to the Senate for confirmation within a few days. Mitchell's name for this position has been proposed by Secretary of Labor Wilson and President Gompers and other members of the Executive Council of the A. F. of L.

At the last convention in Seattle, Mitchell declined to be re-elected vice president of the Federation, stating that he believed the honor should go to John P. White, now executive of the miners, and White was accordingly chosen. This appointment will be highly gratifying to members of organized labor in every craft throughout the nation.

JOYNER HEADS ST. PAUL BLD'G TRADES COUNCIL

ST. PAUL, Jan. 30.—Charles Joyner, president of the state building trades department of the Minnesota Federation of Labor, was re-elected president of the St. Paul Building Trades council Monday last. Other officers elected were, Bernard McGlynn, vice president; Al Peglow, recording secretary; Chris Jorgenson, financial secretary; S. W. Bush, treasurer, and Mark McGrath, sergeant-at-arms.

NEW UNION INSTALLED BY STATE ORGANIZER

The newly organized union of stereotypers and electrotypers was installed Wednesday evening by W. E. McEwen, organizer for the American Federation of Labor. It will be known as Local Union No. 118. E. D. Carney was elected president, Oscar Simmons of Superior, vice president and W. W. Howett, secretary-treasurer. The union claims jurisdiction over all stereotypers and electrotypers in Duluth and Superior. Another meeting will be held Sunday afternoon at Kalamazoo hall at which local by-laws will be drafted.

MINE BARONS SHOWN UP AS LAND THIEVES

Strike Probe Reveals That 68,000 Acres of Mineral Land Are Illegally Held.

FACTS ARE LAID BARE; UNION LABOR ON JOB

Government May Have to Sue for Recovery As in the Union Pacific Land Case.

WASHINGTON, Jan. 26.—Undoubtedly the most sensational phase of the Michigan strike investigation, shortly to be begun by the house rules committee, will be the development of evidence showing that 68,000 acres of copper lands now held by the copper exploiters are illegally held, coupled with the recommendation that the department of justice institute a suit for the recovery of the same.

The American Federation of Labor has appointed a committee to investigate the facts, and it is now at work. The evidence has been put into the hands of a congressman who will present it to Representative Foster's committee. Those who have studied the case declare that the government will have to sue for recovery of the land because it is already prosecuting a suit against the Southern Pacific Railroad company for the recovery of oil lands valued at \$1,000,000,000, and has based its suit on precisely similar grounds.

The title to the Michigan copper lands first passed out of the hands of the federal government by a congressional canal grant. The deal was the

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SUPERIOR LABOR FOR CITY OWNED RAILWAY

Trades Assembly, Building Trades Council and Carpenters' Union Come Out Strongly.

Organized labor in Superior is coming out to a man in favor of the municipal ownership of the street railway lines. The Trades and Labor Assembly has spoken in no uncertain language, and it comes out strongly for the city ownership and operation of its traction lines.

Now comes the Building Trades council in favor of the plan and its delegates want the election to be held in April when candidates for offices are being chosen by the people. They advance the proposition that if the election is held in April more working men will turn out than at a special election.

The Carpenters' union of Superior, too, is on the job. In a stirring resolution it holds that the question of the municipal ownership of the street railway was not connected with any person's candidacy for office, and that therefore the man and the issue should be differentiated.

"This is an issue aside from any candidate," declared Harry Hatch, secretary of the union. "We believe that there will be a more representative vote if the question is submitted at the regular elections. Our organization is certainly in favor of municipal ownership, but we believe that the question can be decided at the spring elections, without including the qualifications of any of the candidates for office."

The resolution reads: "Whereas, the city commission has decided that the question of voting on the acquisition of the street railway company be held at the spring elections. Resolved, that Local 755, of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America, emphatically endorse the time of holding said election, believing that if held at a special election, a full vote would not be polled and therefore not fully representative of the majority of the citizens." The resolution was unanimously carried.

O. E. EBY PRESIDENT SUPERIOR ASSEMBLY

O. E. Eby was elected at the semi-annual election of officers of the Superior Trades and Labor Assembly last Tuesday evening. Prof. A. D. S. Gillett was chosen vice president. Other officers elected were: Edwin T. Harris, recording secretary; Roy L. Miller, corresponding secretary; A. W. Anderson, financial secretary; C. W. Swanson, treasurer; J. P. Clemens, statistician; Nels Olson, sergeant-at-arms; W. Backstrom, P. W. Oakland and O. A. Mattson, trustees.

LEATHER WORKERS' UNION

The Leather Workers' union held a regular meeting Wednesday evening at Kalamazoo building. One new member was initiated. The union voted to affiliate with the Federated Trades and Labor assembly.