

LABOR BENEFITS BY LEGISLATION

Important Laws, Two Federal, Were Passed During the Year.

New York, Sept. 4.—Ninety-two labor laws have been passed by congress and state legislatures during the past legislative year, according to a survey which was made public last night by the American Association for Labor Legislation on the eve of Labor day. "The most significant items in this legislation," says the secretary, Dr. John B. Andrews, "are two national laws, one prohibiting the shipment in interstate or foreign commerce of certain products in the preparation of which the labor of children has been employed, and the other providing a model scale of workmen's compensation for personal injuries among federal employees, of which there are now more than 450,000.

"Several hundred labor bills were introduced into congress this year," Dr. Andrews adds, "while eleven state

legislatures in spite of the 'reaction' ground out their full share of the annual gnat."

The association's summary of the more important items of labor legislation in various states follows:

"Three states, Maryland, Massachusetts and South Carolina concerned themselves with the legal regulation of collective bargaining. In Maryland a state board is authorized to prescribe rules of procedure for arbitration of industrial disputes including power to conduct investigations and hold hearings, to summon witnesses and enforce their attendance, to require the production of books, documents and papers, and administer oaths, exercising these powers to the same extent that such powers are possessed by the civil courts of the state. South Carolina created a board of three members to investigate and to promote agreements in strikes and lockouts at the rate of \$10 per day each. Massachusetts amended her law regulating the procuring of strikebreakers.

"During the year seven of the eleven states holding regular legislative sessions passed new or strengthened old laws affecting child labor. Shorter hours, a higher minimum age, prohibition of night work and exclusion from hazardous employment are the main tendencies. South Carolina raises the minimum work age from twelve to fourteen, while Massachusetts and New Jersey make special provision for pupils who study part time in vocational schools and may then work part time.

"Impelled by recent accidents New Jersey has joined the list of states

requiring passenger elevators to have interlocking devices automatically preventing movement of elevator car until shaft door is closed and securely fastened.

"Following the limitation of working hours on public work to eight a day in the majority of the states, Massachusetts this year provides for her public employes the further limitation of the 48 hour week. In private employment several states place additional safeguards around the employment of women and children during the Christmas shopping season, and Massachusetts is to investigate the possibilities of one day of rest in seven for employes in hotels and restaurants.

"Legislation authorizing public employment bureaus in Maryland, the regulation of private agencies in Virginia, and the creation of a bureau of farm settlement for immigrants in New York, is supplemented by the California legislature's endorsement of the United States department of labor recommendation "that the public land tenure be so regulated as to insure to the settler the entire product of his labor."

"South Carolina and Virginia patched up their employers' liability laws while Kentucky enacted the most progressive workmen's compensation law in any southern state. Louisiana, Maryland, Massachusetts, New Jersey and New York strengthened their compensation laws without, however, equaling the new national law for injured federal employes which is termed 'the most scientific and most liberal workmen's compensation law in the world.' Maryland enacted a mother's pension law and Massachusetts created a commission on social insurance to study sickness, unemployment and old age and to recommend insurance legislation next January.

"The reorganization and unification of the administration of labor law continues, the most noteworthy changes this year being in Maryland and New Jersey where steps were taken toward consolidation of factory inspection and workmen's compensation administration."

SAME STANDARDS.

Washington, Sept. 4.—Official standards for shelled corn shipped in interstate commerce for sale by grade have just been promulgated by Secretary Houston under the new grain standards act. Virtually they are the same as the old standards, with the addition of a test weight for grades No. 1 and No. 2 and the substitution of one testing screen with round holes 14-64 inch in diameter for screens formerly required.

AMERICANISM OF LINCOLN ALIVE TODAY

Spirit of Emancipator More Active than When He Lived, Says Folk.

Hodgenville, Ky., Sept. 4.—A plea that Americans of the present day consecrate their lives to maintain the Americanism of Lincoln inviolate was made by former Governor Joseph W. Folk of Missouri, president of the Lincoln Farm association, on the occasion of the formal transfer of the birthplace of the emancipator to the government today.

"This country has produced many men whose names have emblazoned the pages of history but no name is dearer than that of the simple and sublime Lincoln, who literally sprang from this soil to become the mightiest of the mighty. His birthplace was as lowly as that of the Man of Galilee, whom he resembles so much in the sorrows he knew, the burden he bore, and the love of humanity he manifested. This crude cabin preserved in this magnificent marble mausoleum is consecrated by the life of the man who here came into the world. No poet's fancy, no dream of fiction, can equal the emerging from this humble hut of a man who was to shake the world and whose mission was to rededicate a united nation to the cause of freedom."

"The spirit of Lincoln is more alive today than when he lived in the flesh. He founded an Americanism that is not a matter of creed or national descent, but an ideal of the soul and of the mind; an Americanism that is not merely a union of political entities, but of a common aspiration and a common destiny; an Americanism so virile that there need be no nation so strong we should fear it, or so powerful we must cower at its feet; an Americanism so just that the Golden Rule may be the supreme law guiding us in our diplomatic relations with other nations; an Americanism ready to defend the rights of all nations, but intentionally offending none in upholding the principle of the rights of man throughout the world.

"Until recently this place, which should be an object lesson to coming generations and revered by every American, was unnoticed and abandoned. Inspired by the idea that a due regard for the apostle of human liberty whose life began on this spot demanded the preservation of his birthplace, a few patriotic men organized the Lincoln Farm association to purchase the property and to erect upon it a suitable memorial to the life that typified above all others the wonderful possibilities in the American republic. The movement met with a ready support from every section of the nation. The south as well as the north responded. In fact, the honoring the memory of Lincoln there is neither north, nor south, nor east, nor west; there is one heart in all and that the heart of loyal America.

"This majestic memorial, we today formally turn over to the United States government is, therefore, not only in memory of Lincoln, but it is testimony given in blocks of all that the fires of fraternal hatred kindled by the fierce conflict of half a century ago are dead, and from the ashes have arisen a pure patriotism for a common country and a sincere devotion to a common flag. In dedicating this memorial as the property of the American people, let us likewise consecrate ourselves in our day and generation to maintain the Americanism of Lincoln inviolate and from this decision and these surroundings take increased devotion to all that Americanism means. The Americanism of Lincoln represents a patriotism that rides not alone amid the rear of cannon and the din and clash of arms, but in the simple duties of life as well; a patriotism that would uplift mankind, not through the bayonet or bullet, but by inculcating to the minds of men those ideals that translate the heartbeats of humanity into action."

Fishermen Get No Satisfaction in Conferences Held

Washington, Sept. 4.—Canadian efforts to restrict the commerce of American Northwestern fishermen that they have been discriminated against by British Columbia authorities have been announced that Sir Joseph Pope and W. A. Found, respectively under foreign secretary and fisheries superintendent of Canada, have departed for Ottawa after a week of conferences with officials of the state and commerce departments.

"The visitors learned that the amendment to be pending revenue bill to prohibit the importation of foreign fish in bond, except through an American seaport, probably would be enacted without serious opposition in congress. The provision, which the Canadians say would ruin their fish industry at Prince Rupert, is designed to protect the American fishermen who declare their trade has been almost paralyzed by discriminatory tactics of British Columbia.

Holds That Moderate Betting on Baseball Games Not Gambling

New Orleans, Sept. 4.—Judge V. J. Stentz of the city court, in a decision on file today, holds that moderate betting on baseball games does not constitute gambling.

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