

**PRAISES SEAMEN'S LAW**

**Makes Wages On American Ships Standard, Says Fursuth—Advantages in U. S. Registry.**

Baltimore, Md.—Andrew Fursuth, of San Francisco, president of the International Seamen's Union, and the father of the Seamen's Act, told recently of the operation of the new law. Through the operation of the act, he said, the American merchant marine was regaining its former prestige. More than seven hundred vessels had entered under the American flag, he pointed out, and he declared that the cessation of the war would show a wide and plentiful diffusion of American merchantment over the seas.

"The Seaman's Act," he said, "is working to bring up the wage standards for seamen of other countries to our standard. For instance, a Norwegian ship paying its men \$20 a month, is at one side of a dock, an American vessel is at the other side, paying \$45 a month. The Norwegian sailor quits and ships out on the American ship. Previously, he would be asserted as a deserter by a Government officer and returned to his ship. All such treaties with foreign nations providing for the arrest of deserters were abrogated by the Seaman's Act. The seaman is a free man now.

"Others follow the first man, until the Norwegian captain must sign up more men to take his ship out. To do that he must pay his men \$45 a month, the same as the American vessel pays, and the American vessel is thus placed on an equal plane with the Norwegian. The Norwegian captain, in fact, pays more; for in getting new men he must pay the shipping or boarding agent so much per man. The Seaman's Act eliminated all 'blood-money,' and this commission can not be taken from the seaman.

"Even with the higher price paid for an American ship, our shipowners are given a big advantage by the new law, as American-built ships have the coastwise trade exclusively. American vessels are also relieved of port duties in home ports, and they can cram just as much cargo into the hold as they like and pile in on decks, while the ship of English registry can not go beyond the load line."

**GET 50 CENTS A DAY MORE.**

Denver, Colo.—The signing of a new schedule between the employing plaster contractors and the Building Laborers' Union, is the second advance secured during the year of 25 cents. This brings the increase up to 50 cents a day, the other 25 cents having been conceded earlier in the year. A month ago a notice was filed with the State Industrial Commission that a demand for 25 cents would be made on the plaster contractors. When the time limit had expired and no information had been received the men threatened to strike. A conference was immediately arranged and the advanced asked conceded.

The present schedule of wages fixed by the Building Laborers' Union is as follows: Brick carriers for bricklayers, \$3.50 per day of eight hours; mortar carriers for bricklayers, \$3.75 per day; hod carriers for plasterers, \$4 per day. The new agreement covering this schedule extends until January 1, 1918.

**GIVEN TEN YEARS.**

San Francisco, Cal.—Homer Waters, a colored strikebreaker, who on June 18, the first day of the stevedores' strike on the water front, shot and killed Thomas Olson, a striking stevedore, was sentenced to ten years in the penitentiary at San Quentin by Judge Parker, sitting for Judge Dunne.

**STRIKE FOR INCREASED WAGES**

Ridgway, Pa.—The 200 employees of the Eagle Valley tannery struck for a 20 per cent increase and a nine-hour day. The strike spread to several other industries, forcing them to close down.

The employees of the Grant tannery went on strike for nine hours' work and an increase in wages amounting to approximately 20 per cent. They were followed by about 50 per cent of the employees of the Ridgway Machine company and 75 per cent of the employees of the Ridgway Brick company. The laborers at the plant of the Hyde-Murphy company went on strike.

The men at all the plants are demanding an increase in wages, claiming that they cannot live on their present wages on account of the high cost of living. Work of taking the hides out of soak, which are valued at approximately \$100,000, was started at the Eagle Valley tannery. The hides will be salted, in which way they can be kept for about thirty days without spoiling.

**LABOR LAW TEST.**

Washington, Nov. 16.—Constitutionality of the women's labor law of New York State was presented in a case before the Supreme Court today, particularly as to the validity of a clause which provides that "No female shall be employed in any factory before 6 a. m. nor after 9 p. m.; or for more than 10 hours a day except to make a shorter work day on Saturday; or for more than 60 hours a week."

**THE ROAD TO ANARCHY.**

Indianapolis, Ind.—The editor of the Mine Workers' Journal in the last issue directs attention to the frequency with which employers are rushing into courts for assistance to curb and restrain workers who are striving to improve their condition, and what the further prostitution of that power will lead to, in the following language:

"In the cases growing out of the strike of despair of the iron miners of Masaba range; in California, on the opportunity offered by the crazed fanatics who sought to discourage violence by violence, the bankers and usurers, who hope to make greater profits, more unearned interest through the complete subjugation of the workers, are making the very common, but very serious, mistake of enlisting on their side the services of the courts of the country; attempting to prostitute these to the end, not of dealing out justice, not to punish crimes, but to serve as a menace against all workers who dare to espouse the cause of industrial freedom.

"A mistake, we say; yes? even from the point of view of the very people who are invoking this power, for they who hold the resources of this country can only do so because of a recognition of their right thereto in law, and that by the thousands whose need will cause them to question closely how these rights have been attained.

"And the recognition is dawning that the very courts that assert the validity of the title of the few to the possession of the earth's resources are so controlled, so tainted with the more than suspicion of corruption, that their decisions bring derision and hatred instead of respect.

"The eagerness with which the act of a madman was seized by the well-known enemies or organized labor as an excuse to prosecute those against whom they had long battled in their attempts to destroy the economic power of the workers through collective action, the complicity of the courts and those who have been selected to prosecute those who are guilty of crimes, not those whom the usurers have marked for destruction, show a perverse blindness; an indifference to the final verdict of the people when all the truth is known, as known it shall be.

"In like manner, in Minnesota, the law is being twisted out of all semblance of an administrator of justice in order that the powerful steel magnates may be avenged on some who questioned their right to industrial and political absolutism.

"They may be powerful enough to secure the convictions of the workmen whom they assail with all their great economic and political power, but, at the same time, they are destroying the last vestige of reverence the workers may have for the verdicts of courts and judges.

"And the owners of vested interests can ill-afford to hasten the day when the people lose all respect for courts and court decisions."

**ASSAILS LABOR INJUNCTIONS.**

Quincy.—Courts, judges, and the law of precedent were assailed by John Frey, of Cincinnati, editor of the Molders' Journal, in an address before the thirty-fourth annual convention of the Illinois State Federation of Labor. His address was an attack on the injunction as applied in labor disputes. The salient points were:

"It is my opinion that the organized employers, hostile to labor, have been involved in many illegal conspiracies against labor. They are always ready to cry 'Stop Thief' to distract attention from their conspiracies and to crucify us in the public mind.

"It is a wonderful system of law and courts that we have in this country. There is a constitution for the union and a constitution for the separate States. Both the United States and the States have power. We allow the judges of the supreme courts to pass on laws that we ourselves make. If the laws do not suit the judges they declare them unconstitutional.

"We are governed by judges as much as by law. All efforts of good and bad men as legislators have been changed by the power the judges have assumed. Judges become the final law determining body and determine what shall and what shall not be done in cases which should be determined by the laws of the country. The judge-made law puts a mill stone around the neck of labor and drags it down.

"You will never know what an injunction can do until it takes you by the neck, takes all rights away from you and throws you into jail. Cats make laws for the mice in the court room. One group is given the rights and is supported in being given the rights by the court, but labor is not given these and must suffer the punishments that the courts may inflict.

"In recent months we have been denied the right in Illinois to give financial support to men, or their families, on strike in Chicago. If we do we will be thrown into jail for contempt of court. In Illinois, Tennessee and West Virginia and other States where injunctions have been issued we cannot organize our men without being thrown into jail on the same charge. This action by the courts is an invasion of our most fundamental rights as American citizens."

**CONTRACTING FIRMS WHO ARE FAIR TO UNION LABOR**

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Nitzscher & David, 531 W. Liberty st.  
Nolan, E. J., 1637 E. McMicken ave.  
Niemes, Henry, 4112 Hamilton ave.  
Keenan, Thos., 235 E. Third st.  
Riesterberg Plumbing Co., Harrison ave. and Barnard st.  
Ryan Plumbing Co., A. J., 415 W. Fourth st.  
Sanger, C., 1540 Hapsburg st.  
Schuster & Wagner, 1228 Walnut st.  
Schwartz & Fern, 2117 W. Eighth st.  
Suttkamp, H. H., 754 Clark st.  
Schlemmer, Robt., 1509 Linn st.  
Schulte Bros., Mills and Allison ave., Norwood.  
Stark, H. J., 2016 Vine st.  
Schanzel, E. A., 770 E. McMillan st.  
Stipple, Chas., 4050 Hamilton ave.  
Smith, M. J., 717 Broadway.  
L. S. Plumbing & Heating Co., 744 W. Court.  
Vogelpohl & Co., J. J., 4156 Hamilton ave.  
Wanner Bros., 1230 Vine st.  
Weber & Co., Louis R., 906 Freeman ave.  
West End Plumbing Co., Eighth and Depot sts.  
Wiot, J., 2007 Madison rd.  
Western Plumbing Co., 1715 Elm st.  
Weiss, Geo., 6015 Main st., Madisonville.  
Attlessey Co., 819 Vine st.  
Dyer Co., Thos. J., Third and Walnut sts.  
Jenike & Bridge, 133 E. Ninth st.

**COVINGTON, KY.**

Coyne, Jos. J., 31 W. Sixth st.  
Kelly, Ed C., 422 Main st.  
Sheridan, Thomas, 1115 Madison ave.

**NEWPORT, KY.**

Mafer Bros., Sixth and Washington ave.  
Richard, Walter J., 727 York st.  
White, W. W., 666 York st.

**BEER PUMP AND CARBONIC COMPANIES.**

Bishop-Babcock Co., 225 W. Fourth st.  
Liond Carbonic Co., Second and Central ave.  
Western Plumbing Co., 1715 Elm st.

**SHEET METAL WORK.**

Contractors Employing Members of the Sheet Metal Workers' Union.

Beckman, Wm. & Son, Fifteenth and Bremen.  
Gibson, E. L., 222 George st.  
THOMAS LEE, Manufacturer of Label Approved Metal-Clad Panel Doors, Label Approved Hollow Metallic Windows, Label Approved Tin-Clad Fire Doors, Skylights and Roofing, Dust and Shaving Systems, Lee Dampers Ventilators, 128, 130, 132 W. Second st.  
Lemon, W. A., 917 W. Eighth st.  
Witt & Brown, Third and Elm sts.  
Meyer, Ed, Elm and Green sts.  
Harkness & Towler, Findlay and Providence.  
Greive & Bros., 1128 Broadway.  
Rother & Heer, Liberty and Walnut sts.  
Frank, A., State and South aves.  
Krucekemeyer Roofing & Furnace Co., 1416 Plum Kuhlman, Geo., 1207 Main st.  
Kopelent, H., 2723 Vine st.  
Imbus Stove Store, 417 W. Fifth st.  
Freund Roofing Co., Jacob.  
Keller & Co., L. E.  
Kobmann, Chas., 1919 Central ave.  
Neabrey, Leonard, 637 W. Court st.

**FURNACES.**

Imbus Stove Store, 417 W. Fifth st.  
Krucekemeyer Roofing & Furnace Co., 1416 Plum Peck, Anderson & Peck Co., Court and Sycamore sts.

**HEATING AND VENTILATING.**

PECK, ANDERSON & PECK, Engineers, Contractors and Manufacturers of Furnaces, Steam and Hot Water Heating Apparatus, Court and Sycamore sts., Cincinnati, Ohio.  
Phones Canal 329 and 204.  
Phillips & Co., H., 523 W. Eighth st.  
Williamson Heater Co.

**TOBACCO FIRM OPPOSES UNIONS**

Winston-Salem, N. C.—The R. J. Reynolds Tobacco Company is opposed to unions, but it recently increased wages of its organized machinists with the understanding that "it did not want anything to do with the union."

These workers, however, hint that if they were unorganized they would receive the same treatment accorded other employes.

This concern is a part of the American Tobacco Company. In a suit before the United States Supreme Court, in which the Reynolds Company was involved, Chief Justice White said:

"Considering, then, the undisputed facts which we have previously stated, it remains only to determine whether they establish that the acts, contracts, agreements, combinations, etc., which were assailed, were of such an unusual and wrongful character as to bring them within the prohibition of the law. That there were in our opinion so overwhelmingly results from the undisputed facts that it seems only necessary to refer to the facts as we have stated them to demonstrate the correctness of this conclusion. Indeed the history of this combination is so replete with the doing of acts which it was the obvious purpose of the statute to forbid, so demonstrative of the existence from the beginning of a purpose to acquire dominion and control of the tobacco trade, not by the mere exertion of the ordinary right to contract and to trade, but by methods devised in order to monopolize the trade by driving competitors out of business, which were ruthlessly carried out upon the assumption that to work upon the fears or play upon the cupidity of competitors would make success possible."

**GIRLS THREATEN TO GO ON STRIKE**

Recognition of the New Union Is Demanded.

Toledo, O., Nov. 16.—Members of the new telephone girls' union will present an ultimatum to managers of the local companies late today. This announcement was made by a committee appointed by the union with power to act. They announce that they will demand recognition of the union and reinstatement of several union girls discharged recently. The union, now including most of the telephone girls in Toledo, threatens a general strike if the demands are refused.

**KITCHEN EQUIPMENT.**

John Van Range Co., Fifth and Broadway.  
**METAL CEILINGS.**  
Edwards Mfg. Co., Fifth and Eggleston ave.  
Meyer, Edw., Elm and Green sts.  
Peck, Anderson & Peck Co., Court and Sycamore sts.

**STEAMFITTING CONTRACTORS.**

Employing Members of Local Union No. 392, United Association of Plumbers, Gasfitters and Steamfitters.

Richter, H. L.  
Cincinnati Heating Co., The.  
Conners, John.  
Conners, T. J.  
Crane, M. A., Estate.  
Douglas Plumbing and Heating Co.  
Geerin Bros. & Co.  
Lange, L. A.  
Love, Pickett & Nulsen Co.  
Morledge & Co., G. E.  
Meyers, F. W.  
Niemes, Henry.  
Nichol Co., Thos. J.  
Peck, Anderson & Peck Co., Court and Sycamore sts.  
Scholtz & Son, Michael.  
Schlemmer Co., Oliver.  
Schulteis Co., Edw.  
Vance-Luecke Co., The.  
Vogelpohl Co., John J.  
Winters, Frank M.  
Williamson Heater Co.

**STONE WORK.**

Contractors Who Employ Members of the Journeymen Stonecutters' Union.

Barge, C., 3013 Jefferson ave.  
Bunte, L. C., 3656 Spring Grove ave.  
Carl Bros., 42 Lewis st., Covington, Ky.  
Dauch, Gregory, 2924 Vaughn st.  
Graveson, Wm., S. mmes and Florence ave.  
Geise, Wm., 1807 Duane City ave.  
Heminger, Jake, Norwood, O.  
Hummel Building Co., 2629 Spring Grove ave.  
Imason, J. W., Fourteenth and Spring sts., Covington, Ky.  
Kasselmann, Geo., Oakley ave., Oakley, Okla.  
Kellingham, H., 1154 Dayton st.  
Lanham, Wm., Brewster ave. and Montgomery pk., Evanston.  
Lawson Composite Stone Co., 3223 Fredonia av.  
Lang & Co., N. C., 2005 Symmes st.  
Mersch Sons, F., 1037 Wade st.  
Newport Stone Co., Monmouth st., Newport.  
Scully Construction Co., Commercial-Tribune Bldg.  
Starr, H., 2156 Western ave.  
Pelage & Co., H., 1043 Flint st.  
Westlake Construction Co.

**TILE SETTERS.**

Contractors Employing Union Tile Setters.

Foy & Starr Co., 902 Main st.  
Kramig Tile Co., 430 E. Eighth st.  
Martini Tile Co.  
CHAS. L. SHANNON & SONS, 17 E. Canal st.  
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Shirmer & Co., A., 432 Reading rd.  
Winston Tile Co., T. H.

**THE PROGRESS MADE.**

Bellingham, Wash.—State Factory Inspector C. M. Strand, in addressing a meeting of the Central Labor Council, gave these interesting facts regarding the progress made by the Washington Bureau of Labor recently:

He pointed out that in the sixteen years of former administrations there had been only 43 complaints filed and 29 convictions secured; that under the present administration there has been 370 criminal complaints and 244 convictions. Child Labor Law, 1913, 65 convictions; Women's Eight-Hour Law since April, 1913, 144 complaints, all convictions. Under the Factory Inspection Law it was shown that 70 per cent of all accidents were due to lack of safeguards. Since the launching of the "Safety First" movement more than 500 plants have safety committees. That five inspectors have made 6,000 inspections. Minimum wage measure has become operative during this administration; under its provisions a living wage has been extended to 75 per cent of the regularly employed women workers of the State; that over \$6,000 had been collected in wages for the women without cost to the workers. In the past four months over \$8,000 has been collected in wages for workmen without any cost to them.

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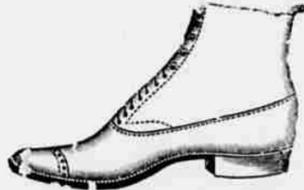
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