

THE STRIKES OF A CENTURY

Review of Labor's Battles Beginning Ninety-Eight Years Ago.

THE INSTRUCTIVE RECORD OF HISTORY

Pierce and Bloody Contests Between Employer and Employee, Involving Enormous Financial Losses and Destruction of Life and Property.

The first recorded labor strike in the United States occurred in 1790, nearly a century ago. It is a significant fact that it originated in Pennsylvania, the "dark and bloody ground" of the greatest battles of labor in the new world.

The initial strike of the present century was that of the sailors of New York in 1803. Here the strikers caused other means to leave their ships—a fact that shows modern methods were not unknown ninety-one years ago.

The first strike against the employment of nonunion men was inaugurated by the printers of Albany, N. Y., in 1807. It was a strike for shorter hours began in Boston in 1830 by carpenters and masons. They demanded a reduction to ten hours a day. Although unsuccessful, the strike resulted in augmenting the membership of all trade unions.

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THE COEUR D'ALENE WAR.

The Coeur d'Alene war raged during July, 1892. The falling silver price and the profits of the miners and various plans were adopted to saddle some of the loss on the miners.

METHOD IN THEIR MARCH.

All the destruction which increasing the price of the soldiers, did not stop the march. Finally a section of the mob secured a car loaded with coke. On this they mounted large quantities of petroleum, ignited it and pushed the car against the round-house.

ENORMOUS LOSSES.

During Saturday night and Sunday the incendiaries burned the round-house and rolling stock valued at \$5,000,000, and the taxpayers of the county in which Pittsburgh is situated subsequently paid \$2,000,000 to liquidate the claims.

THIS YEAR A HUMMER.

The first six and a half months of the present year easily distance the record of any other year in the history of the United States. Beginning with the coal strike of the A. R. U. on the Great Northern system, resulting in a victory for the men, followed by the Pullman strike, the entire country was affected.

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THREE COUNTY CONVENTIONS

Dates for Holding Them Fixed by Republican Central Committee Yesterday.

TWO ON AUGUST 18, ONE SEPTEMBER 28

Based on Representation Same as Last Year to Clinton's Great Joy, Long and Short Campaigns—Clarity Unit's Scheme Dismayed.

Douglas county will indulge in the unusual luxury of three republican county conventions between the 15th and 21st of the month.

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GERMANS SHOW THEIR REGARD FOR THE DEPARTING PASTOR OF ST. JOSEPH'S.

At least 400 people, members of St. Joseph's congregation and others, were present last Friday evening at Seventeenth and Center streets to bid farewell to Rev. Carl Breitkopf, who for more than four years filled the pulpit of St. Joseph's church in a manner endearing him not only to his flock, but numerous Germans in this city.

This was proved by the number of non-Catholics present who expressed warm words of commendation regarding the departing pastor and services to the German population. Regret at the departure was plainly visible upon the faces of all present.

To further show the esteem in which Rev. Breitkopf was held, his congregation presented him with a valuable gold watch, while St. Cecilia society furnished a watch and a letter signed by the members of the choir. The pastor presented a gold headed cane, all valued at more than \$200.

The singing societies, Liedertafel and Singschul, both rendered appropriate songs on the occasion. Mr. Jacob Burkhardt addressed the pastor on behalf of the congregation and others who had assembled. The devout prayers upon the church since Rev. Breitkopf took charge, and at the close expressed his regrets at the parting.

A short speech of presentation was made by Philip Wagner, who delivered the watch to the reverend father. Miss Mary Wagner and Mrs. Monika Nick presented the chain and letter. The pastor responded feelingly, showing high appreciation not only of the gifts, but the kindly remembrances which accompanied them. Both addresses and answers were touching and affected all. Before bidding adieu Mr. George Heimrod spoke for those not members of the choir and thanked the pastor for what he had done for Germans in general. Father Breitkopf left yesterday morning for his new pastorate in Atkinson, Wis., where he will be succeeded by Rev. Johann W. Jungles.

Early Bohemian Immigrants. Prof. Bartlett B. Jones of Johns Hopkins university has left for Prague, Bohemia, to pursue further investigation into the early history connected with the first Bohemian immigrants to this country. One of the first immigrants established was Augustin Herman, the founder of Bohemian manor in the state of Maryland. As near as can be ascertained he came to this country in 1630, and came to emigrate to this country Herman, after being expatriated from his own country during the devastating thirty years' war, took refuge in America in 1635.

This place Prof. Jones will go first, in order to supply the missing link in Herman's history and that connected with Bohemian manors in this country.

Looking Forward to Tournament. Bohemian gymnastic associations throughout the state exhibit great interest in the state tournament to be held at Syndicate park, South Omaha, beginning with August 26. Several of these societies in the interior are preparing arrangements for special trains to convey them to Omaha for this occasion. Prominent among these is the Wilber association, which is now leaving for Omaha by the B. & O. on Saturday, August 10. As far as heard from, Schuyler, Crete, Lincoln, Milligan, Bruno and Clarkson will be present. The tournament will include the strong societies of Omaha and South Omaha.

Swiss Singing Society Picnic. The annual picnic of the Swiss Singing society will be held at Frahm's park today. The special features will be the social and athletic contests, the games, the concert and popular national games. Numerous prizes are offered in the latter for ladies, gentlemen and children. Previous efforts bespeak success for this affair.

Local German Gossip. The Austro-Hungarian society will go to Tietz park today for a picnic and general social gathering. The picnic will be held at Tietz park today for a picnic and general social gathering.

There were a good many separate propositions included in Mr. Sniderburg's omnibus moved cautiously on the ground that some slight discussion, H. C. Timme added a provision that had evidently escaped Mr. Sniderburg's attention. The proposition between the hours of 7 and 9 o'clock P. M. This was agreed to.

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