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### LABOR NOTES OF WIDE INTEREST

What Unionism Has Accomplished in Barre—A Brief Sketch of Rise of Local Organizations.

#### Granite Cutters' Union.

When Barre branch of the Granite Cutters' National union was organized in 1888, there were about 250 cutters at work, and it was more for choice, rather than necessity, that the cutters joined the new organization. It took lots of hard work and argument to bring in members enough so that as a branch they could feel assured that the time to improve the working conditions was at hand.

Naturally, the first of these improvements to be considered was the reducing of the hours of labor from ten to nine hours a day. The cutters had given fair warning that they desired this change to take effect May 1, 1892, and had hoped by some notice that the change would come about without strike or lockout. After long conferences, which proved unavailing, a lockout was declared, and the greatest struggle in the history of the granite industry was on. Much depended on the result, as unionism was fighting for its life. After five long months of want and misery endured quietly and patiently (and patient they certainly were, for I have it from good authority that many families subsisted on "sandwiches" an agreement was reached whereby the cutters gained the nine-hour day, which was followed some time later with the same pay as they had previously received for the ten hours.

The eight-hour day and the three-dollar wage rate were mostly all familiar with. Suffice it to say that the granite cutters have reduced their hours of labor from ten hours per day to 45 hours per week, and the wage rate has been raised from \$2.75 for a ten-hour day to a minimum of \$3.20 for an eight-hour work day, and rising according to ability to \$4.00 and in some exceptional cases \$5.00. True, the granite cutters' path has not been strewn with roses; they have had to struggle through frost and snow to secure their cherished ideals and have done so like men, knowing full well that their children will reap the benefit of their endeavors.

Apart from the reduction of hours of labor and increase of wages, the fact of reducing monthly paydays to weekly is a notable victory in itself. The protection of workmen by awnings, the protection of apprentices in the course and trend of their labors, the protection of workmen from unfair employers through the medium of adjustment committees, the old-age pensions to members when they reach 62 years of age, the half-day system when a member reaches 50 years; eye benefit; the protection given to members through death and local funds—all warrant us in saying that no amount of argument can be produced at the present time to show that any other system could produce like results in the given period.

Many of the younger generation of granite cutters fail to realize the sacrifices that had to be made by some of the early pioneers of the union in Barre, to secure for them the establishment of unionism and the conditions they enjoy today. And they should never fail to give our old gray-haired veterans the honor which their achievements have merited, and respect for their judgment, a judgment that has been tempered by the memories of their earlier experiences.

London.—The parliamentary labor party has mapped out its plans for the present session. Mr. J. Ramsey MacDonald has been elected chairman. J. Parker vice-chairman. C. Duncan secretary. B. H. Roberts chief whip and J. Porter junior whip. A decision has been reached to take up the following bills in the order mentioned: First, trade union amendment bill; second, right to work; third, education (administration provisions); fourth, eight-hour day; fifth, railway nationalization; sixth, compulsory weighing in certain trades; seventh, eviction of workmen during trade disputes; eighth, blind aid bill; ninth, local authorities (enabling) bill.

A move is being made in Washington, D. C., to segregate tubercular children in the public schools and inaugurate an open-air school system. It is proposed not only to segregate the affected children, but to provide nourishing food in

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### order that the disease may be not only held in check, but with a view to complete eradication.

The electrical workers' controversy involving a secession movement and which has tied up nearly \$100,000, is now being tried in the courts of Cleveland. Decision is expected in the near future.

A bill has been introduced in the United States Senate by Senator Gardner of Maine, authorizing the government to take over the properties of the express companies and operate them in conjunction with the postoffice department. The estimated cost of acquiring the express companies is a trifle over \$30,000,000. The statement has been made that the parcels post would not bring the relief desired, as the express companies are paying the railways only about one-half as much for carrying packages as the government would have to pay them for carrying its packages under the present postal law, and in order to get the benefit of this relatively low railway rate, the express contracts with the railways should be taken advantage of. It was also brought out that the average express rates in ten foreign countries amounts to \$4.25 a ton, while in the United States the average is \$31.20 a ton.

The average wage received by bricklayers in England is \$9.72 per week of 52 1/2 hours. The bricklayers in Germany receive \$7.50 per week and are required to work 58 hours.

It is reported by the United Mine workers' officials in the Pennsylvania anthracite region that the total stock of coal on hand is only about one and a half million tons. It is asserted that with the average demand this would be consumed in seven days. This state of affairs argues in the interest of the miners, should a strike be necessary in these fields.

The Vermont State Branch, A. F. L., has donated \$25.00 to the Lawrence strikers.

The House committee on rules has before it for consideration two resolutions on the Lawrence, Mass., strike. One of them calls for a special committee of investigation, while the other authorizes the committee on labor to make the investigation. A number of men and women, boys and girls, participants in the strike, have testified before the rules committee, giving their story as to the conduct of the police and the state militia during the strike. Some of the instances related are almost unbelievable, and yet apparently the strikers have been treated shamefully. Congressmen Berger and Wilson and President Compters appeared before the committee in advocacy of the resolutions of investigation. President Compters and Wilson argued in favor of investigation by the labor committee. It is quite likely that the investigation will be ordered by the rules committee and the actual state of affairs brought to light. The bureau of labor also has its agents in Lawrence at the present time.

Beginning April 1, the local barbers will start out on their new agreement. On and after that date they will commence their daily labors at 7:30 a. m., the usual closing hour of 8 p. m. These hours will continue winter and summer. Saturday evening the shops will close at 10 p. m., being one hour earlier than formerly. An additional quarter of an hour is added to the evening lunch time, making three-quarters of an hour under the new bill, in place of the one-half hour in the old agreement. A minimum wage rate of \$15.00 has been established with a proviso attached that will entitle any union barber making over \$21.00 in labor value to one-half of all values produced above that amount. For example, if a barber produces \$26.00 in labor value to his employer, he will receive in wages at the end of the week \$17.50, and so on. We heartily congratulate our brother barbers in securing better working conditions, also increased wage rate, especially so when we consider such an agreement has been reached satisfactory to employer and employee. May the good work continue.

Alex. Ironside, Correspondent.

#### NAVIGATION RESUMED.

Tug Plows Way Up the Connecticut to Hartford.

Hartford Conn., March 16.—Navigation on the Connecticut river has been resumed for the season. The tug Sachem, of the Hartford and New York transportation line which yesterday ploughed its way through the fields of ice upstream from Middletown to this city left yesterday with a string of barges for New York.

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## BURIED IN SEA UNDER TONS

One Man Lost Life in Collapse of Wharf Flooring

### ANOTHER MAN RESCUED

Joseph Rogers Was Carried to Bottom by Huge Weight of Fish and Salt and His Body Was Recovered at Low Tide.

Gloucester, Mass., March 16.—One man was killed and another injured when the flooring on the wharf of the Gloucester Salt Fish company at Rocky Neck, East Gloucester, gave way yesterday.

The dead man is Joseph Rogers, 40, married, employed as a laborer by the fish company. He was pinned to the ocean bottom with tons of fish and salt on top of him.

Morton Mayo, who was working with Rogers, and with him went into the water when the floor gave way, is suffering from bad bruises and cuts. He managed to get clear of the debris and was rescued by the crew of a lighted tied up at the wharf.

The two men were on the wharf piling up salt being unloaded from the lighter when the crash came. The crew of the lighter rushed to their rescue and succeeded in getting Mayo out. Rogers' body was recovered when the tide receded.

Rogers leaves a wife, three children and two stepchildren.

#### GROTON.

A son was born Wednesday to Mr. and Mrs. James Crouse.

Mrs. Greer of Newbury was the guest of Mrs. C. J. Bailey Friday.

R. D. Shorey of Bradford was a business visitor in town Thursday.

Miss Ida Cutts and sister of Greensboro are visiting their father, William Cutts.

S. B. Morrison has resigned as mail carrier between the postoffice and depot.

John P. Hatch has been working a night shift at his saw-mill this week.

Mrs. Ernest St. John and children have been visiting friends at Bradford this week.

Mrs. Susan Pelton is on the sick list, which is getting to be a long one in this vicinity.

Grand Master Sargent of St. Johnsbury visited Unity lodge, I. O. O. F., Tuesday night.

Miss Jennie Taylor has gone to W. E. Sargent's at Ryegate to work through the school vacation.

George Clark returned Wednesday from Bath, N. H., leaving Mrs. Clark improving from her recent illness.

R. S. Hooper of Hardwick visited his son, Mrs. W. J. Mills and brother, A. M. Hooper, the first of the week.

Miss Nellie Weed returned to her work at Groton pond, after two weeks spent in caring for her mother, Mrs. Belle Cairns.

Dr. G. B. Hatch of Newbury was in town Thursday to see Fred Parker, whose condition has grown worse in the last few days.

Mr. and Mrs. M. H. Whitehill went to St. Johnsbury Wednesday, where they will pass a week with the family of their son, G. W. Whitehill.

Harold, the three-year-old son of Mr. and Mrs. James Crouse, who has been very ill with pneumonia for the past week, remains about the same.

Miss L. A. Jenness of St. Johnsbury and Mrs. Arthur Knobel of St. Johnsbury Center were guests of Mrs. A. R. Taylor Wednesday and Thursday.

Mr. Brooks, the new buttermaker at the creamery, moved his household goods from Ryegate Thursday into the tenement of G. H. Pillsbury, recently vacated by W. E. Digby.

Mrs. Almira Jones has been very sick with pneumonia for several days, owing to her advanced age her friends have little hope of her recovery. A trained nurse is caring for her.

The body of Mrs. M. E. Lovell, who died at Sunset home, St. Johnsbury, was brought here Thursday and placed in the tomb. Mrs. Lovell was a former resident of Groton and had many friends and acquaintances in this section.

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## FREE SUGAR BILL PASSES

Measure Passed the House By Commanding Majority

### AMENDMENTS VOTED DOWN

Twenty-Four Insurgent Republicans Voted With the Democrats for the Passage of the Bill—Some Bitterness Was Shown.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—The Democratic bill placing sugar on the free list passed the House yesterday by a vote of 198 to 103. Twenty-four Republican insurgents voted for it.

While explaining and defending the bill, Mr. Underwood, chairman of the ways and means committee was interrupted frequently by members from Colorado and Louisiana, the only Democrats who opposed the measure.

These members drew and pictures of the destruction which would result to the sugar producing business in their states. They criticized the ways and means committee for having "severed from all the true tenets of Democracy" and begged their colleagues to vote against the bill.

Their appeals, however, had little effect, as shown by the majority of 95. A score of amendments were voted down as fast as put up. Flashes of extreme bitterness on both sides marked the debate. Democrats from the sugar states accusing their colleagues of ruining the sugar industry, while the Republican progressives aired their tariff views.

The House to-day will take up the excise measure, providing a tax of one per cent on the incomes of corporations, firms and individuals which exceed \$5,000 annually. This tax is intended to offset the loss of revenue now derived from sugar duties.

## WILEY TO CHAMPION CAUSE OF PURE POOD

He Issued a Statement in Which He Asserted That He Resigned Because of Antagonism to His Work.

Washington, D. C., March 16.—Dr. Harvey W. Wiley left the laboratories of the bureau of chemistry last night, where he has been chief chemist nearly 20 years, no longer government official but determined to champion the cause of pure food from the ranks of the people.

In a statement issued late in the day, Dr. Wiley declared he resigned from the department of agriculture because almost from the beginning he has been antagonized in the enforcement of the pure food law and one by one he has seen the fundamental principles of that act either paralyzed or discarded.

Matters that properly should have come to the chemistry bureau, he said, have been taken away from him. The differences became irreconcilable; he lacked support and finally reached the conclusion he could do more good in the service of the people as a private citizen.

President Taft expressed regret at the resignation. Secretary Wilson said Dr. Wiley had been a "valuable man" and Dr. Wiley thanked Wilson for the "personal kindness and regard shown him."

He likewise expressed gratitude to President Taft for exonerating him last summer in connection with alleged irregularities in employing Dr. H. P. Rusby of New York. Dr. Wiley remarked, however, that though he was continued in office after that, he naturally expected "those who made false charges," would be dismissed.

### BETHEL.

A daughter was born March 8 to Mr. and Mrs. Henry Wright.

A son was born to Mr. and Mrs. E. A. Fisher Wednesday, March 6.

Mrs. Ernest Gilman of Woodstock arrived here Wednesday to visit her brother, W. T. Rogers.

C. L. Stickney has been called to Lyme, N. H., by the illness of his father, who is ninety-two years of age.

If Mr. and Mrs. Abro Flint live till the 29th of this month, they will reach their sixtieth marriage anniversary.

Newell E. Tilton and Miss Nina F. Haraden, both of Randolph, were married Wednesday afternoon by Rev. J. W. Miller.

Mrs. W. C. Clifford has for a guest her sister, Mrs. Georgia Jordan of Cape Rosier, Me., and Mrs. Louis Herriek of Brooksville, Me.

News has been received here of the death of Mrs. W. A. Warner at Barton. Mrs. Warner was the wife of a former Congregational minister here.

Henry Dyke died March 9 from an attack of acute phthisis. Mr. Dyke was born in Pomfret November 20, 1845, a son of Lyman Dyke, and was a veteran of the Civil war.

Theodore Norman has sold the Wright place, which he recently purchased, to Melvin Chamberlin, and has bought of Mrs. Henry Dyke her place. Possession of both places was given at once.

Royal Luce and Carrie L. Garrett of Hancock were married March 7 by Rev. J. Wesley Miller and passed the two following days at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Rowe. Mr. Luce being a nephew of Mrs. Rowe.

Mary (Stevens) Hill, the widow of the late Benjamin Hill, died at her home of valvular heart disease. Mrs. Hill and her sister, Mrs. Rickard have made their home together, and Mrs. Rickard died March 5 and her sister three days later.

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### CHELSEA.

Miss Marion Miller, whose home is with Mr. and Mrs. Holton S. Annis on the west hill, is working for Mrs. Horace T. Walker.

Madam Morey, who has been the guest of her daughter, Mrs. Walter S. Goss, for several weeks, has returned to her home in Wilder.

Mr. and Mrs. Thomas J. Doyle returned, the first of the week, from Sharon, where they had been to visit Mr. Doyle's brother, James Doyle.

The family of Hale K. Darling went, the first of the week, to the Orange County hotel to board for a few weeks. Mr. Darling came home from Brattleboro Friday evening for the week-end.

Deputy Sheriff James O. Kendall and Constable Thomas G. Dearborn, both of Stratford, have been in town during the week to commit to the county jail respondents who were found guilty of intoxication, among whom is Michael Fleischman, who was sentenced from Orange County court to the state prison at Windsor at the June term of 1904 for larceny.

Mrs. Frank Fuller, who resides on the Vershire road, went the first of the week to Randolph, where she was operated upon Monday for the removal of a large tumor from her breast, which operation was successful, and she seems to be making good progress toward permanent recovery. Mrs. Arthur Carpenter, who lives on the east hill, entered the same institution the first of the week for treatment for a catarrhal condition of the bowels.

Mrs. Mary Hopkins Hartley and her daughter, Miss Beattie Bemis, of Methuen, Mass., were called here last week by the death of the former's father, Charles Hopkins. Mrs. Hartley returned to her home the first of the week, her daughter remaining in town for a time to assist her grandmother, Mrs. Hopkins, in arranging her affairs to move to Methuen, where she will make her future home with Mrs. Hartley.

Frank Fuller, one of our progressive farmers who lives on the Vershire road, makes an interesting statement concerning one of his small flocks of sheep, to the effect that within the past year this sheep has given birth to four lambs, a pair of twins last spring and another pair of twins this winter, so that from one sheep his flock has been increased within one year by six. With this actual experience we feel justified in referring to Mr. Fuller as a "progressive" farmer.

Aaron Kinsman Martin died at the home of his nephew, Russell M. Jellison, in Williamstown Tuesday morning, and his funeral was held from the house at 2 o'clock Thursday afternoon and the interment was in his family lot in the village cemetery in Williamstown. Mr. Martin was at one time, many years ago, a resident of this town, during which time he became a member of George Washington lodge, No. 51, F. and A. M., of this town. A large delegation from the local lodge went to Williamstown and conducted the beautiful Masonic burial service at the grave. Miss Gladys Lane, the youngest daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Gilbert H. Lane, who live just over the line in Washington on the Williamstown road, returned the first of the week from St. Albans, where she has spent several months with her brother, George Lane, who is a government inspector with headquarters at St. Albans.

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## DR. E. J. F. EDDY BAD CASE OF GRIP

Waterbury Man Cited in the Mary Baker Eddy Litigation

### WILL BIND ALL THE HEIRS

Dr. E. J. Foster-Eddy Had Instituted Proceedings in the United States Court for Declaring Void the Residuary Clause of Mrs. Eddy's Will.

Concord, N. H., March 16.—An order citing Dr. Ebenezer J. Foster Eddy of Waterbury, Vt., to appear in the supreme court on Tuesday, April 2, to become a party to the litigation over the will of Mrs. Mary Baker G. Eddy, founder of the Christian Science church, was issued in the court yesterday. This action was taken in order that all the heirs at law and next of kin of Mrs. Eddy may be bound by any finding or order that the court may make in the case. Dr. Foster Eddy is an adopted son of Mrs. Eddy.

The suit now before the supreme court for determination of points of law involved was brought in the superior court by Mrs. Eddy's son, George W. Glover of Lead, S. D. Dr. Foster Eddy, instead of joining in the suit, entered similar proceedings in the United States district court, where they are now pending. Both suits seek to have the residuary clause of Mrs. Eddy's will declared void and the residue of the estate given to Mr. Glover and Dr. Foster Eddy as next of kin.

Arguments were continued before the supreme court yesterday. Samuel Elder of counsel for Henry M. Baker of Bow, executor of the will, discussed the hearing of New Hampshire statutes on the validity of the residuary bequest to the First Church of Christ, Scientist, of Boston, arguing that the will did not violate the statutes.

### PLAINFIELD.

H. S. Parks of Barre was in town Friday on business.

Lance Shepard of Montpelier was in town Friday on business.

Mrs. Grace Dix was in Burlington Sunday visiting relatives.

C. C. Abbott of Waterbury was in town Saturday on business.

Mrs. George Bliss of Marshfield was in town Friday last week.

Mrs. W. H. Martin and Mrs. Walter Wells were in Barre Thursday.

Miss Goldie Martin visited relatives in Montpelier part of this week.

Mrs. Olin Tillotson of East Montpelier visited Mrs. Silas Willis Friday.

Mrs. E. C. Hillis of North Montpelier spent Tuesday in town.

Fred L. Page of Barre visited his sister, Mrs. L. C. Blanchard, Tuesday.

William Meares of Barre visited Mr. and Mrs. N. I. Page part of this week.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Cole of Marshfield recently visited Mrs. Freedom Hill.

Dan Abbott of North Hatley, P. Q., is visiting at the home of Edward Stone.

Mrs. Margaret Bolles of Barre is spending a few days in town with relatives.

Clarence Haskins of Barre recently visited at the home of Frank Townsend.

Andrew Lawrence went to Boston on Monday for a few weeks' visit with friends.

Mrs. Daniel Hudson recently visited Mr. and Mrs. Wallace Carns in East Montpelier.

Melvin Burnham of Williamstown is spending the week with Mr. and Mrs. F. J. Colby.

Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Colby and Miss Ethel Colby recently visited relatives in Williamstown.

Harvey Warren has given up the fish market and has rented the Guernsey farm in Calais.

Mrs. Hans Fredericksen spent Sunday and Monday in Montpelier with Mr. and Mrs. Harry Dudley.

Mr. and Mrs. Ernest Batchelder of Barre spent Saturday and Sunday in town with relatives.

Mrs. Frances K. Peck of Marshfield spent part of this week with her cousin, Mrs. O. L. Mart.

Mrs. Edie Hurst has returned from Heaton hospital, Montpelier, where she has been for treatment.

Ward Carpenter, who has been ill at the home of J. A. Foss, has returned to his home in Bradford.

Mr. and Mrs. Charles McKnight of Post Mills visited Mr. and Mrs. Dan Page part of last week.

Miss Lona Fitts returned from Barre Thursday, where she has been the guest of Mr. and Mrs. Charles Cole.

Mrs. Ray Bartlett and L. L. Knapp were in Barre Sunday to attend the funeral of Mrs. Elmer Belleville.

Mr. and Mrs. A. M. Cate and children of North Montpelier, spent Tuesday with Mr. and Mrs. L. C. Baldwin.

Miss Alice Trow went to her home in Barre Thursday, after spending a few days with her cousin, Mrs. N. I. Page.

### EAST CALAIS.

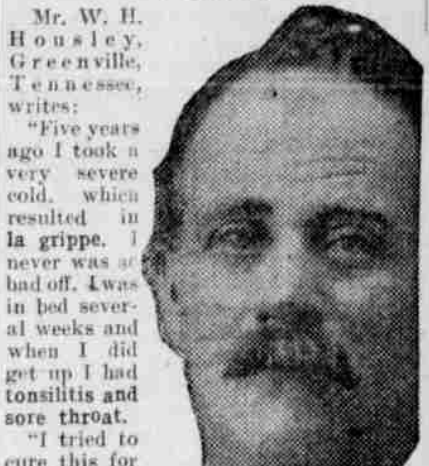
Frank Ladeau was in Marshfield Tuesday.

E. R. Brown was in Montpelier on business Friday. Jay Lilly was there on Wednesday.

Mr. and Mrs. Frank Dwinell of Montpelier visited his brothers, D. B. and C. R. Dwinell, a few days last week.

Mrs. Alice Jewett of Berkeley, Calif., recently visited her cousins, C. R. and D. R. Dwinell. Mrs. Jewett is a daughter of the late Rev. L. E. Dwinell.

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