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STRIKEBREAKING PAYS BETTER THAN U. S. STEEL.

ACCORDING TO EVIDENCE BEFORE UNITED STATES SENATE INVESTIGATING COMMITTEE.

Street Railway Company Contracted to Pay Strikebreakers From \$5 to \$35 a Day and Expenses—Lost \$163,413 the First Month of Strike—Highest Wages Paid Before the Strike \$2.70 a Day.

Washington, May 30.—Breaking street car strikes—or, rather, attempting to do so—pays better than stock in the United States steel corporation, according to evidence before a United States Senate committee that is investigating the Washington Railway and Electric Company strike.

The company contracted with a local detective bureau to pay strikebreakers from \$5 to \$35 a day, defray all expenses to and from Washington, pay for all automobile hire, allow \$1.50 a day per man for subsistence and take care of "incidental expenses." These figures do not include the income of strikebreakers who found difficulty in locating cash registers on the street cars. The company testified that it lost \$163,413 the first month of the strike. At one period of the strike the company had in its employ 1,200 men. At no other time in its history has the number exceeded 600. During the first days of the strike the company employed men discharged by it during the past five years for drunkenness, dishonesty, recklessness and incompetency.

William Blackman, conciliator of the Federal Department of Labor, testified that he asked President King of the company for an opportunity to explain the situation to the board of directors, but King replied:

"Things are going along nicely. If you talk with the board it might upset my plans. Let it alone."

The company refused all attempts to settle the strike and United States Senator Hughes, a member of the labor group, introduced a resolution in the Senate creating the investigating committee. The highest wages paid before the strike was \$2.70 a day. The men attempted to raise wages and the company insisted on individual contracts.

URGES NEW TRIAL FOR THOMAS MOONEY.

Newly Discovered Evidence in Relation to Perjury Charges Against State's Witness.

Washington, May 31.—President Samuel Gompers, of the A. F. of L., is working in behalf of a new trial for Thomas Mooney, at San Francisco and has forwarded this telegram to Secretary O'Connell of the San Francisco Labor Council:

"Have had most interesting conference with attorney general regarding the newly discovered evidence in Mooney case. While the Department of Justice cannot take up the matter I am to have conference with other representatives of the government and hope that a new and fair trial may be accorded Mooney."

The newly discovered evidence referred to relates to the charges of attempted subornation of perjury brought against Oxman, the State's principal witness against Mooney.

National Memorial Day was fittingly celebrated by the colored people in this city on Wednesday.

UNION BREVITIES.

Wonder why Jonesy doesn't jine de bunch and get a uniform?

Remember that Union Label Benefit Supper—the fourth Thursday in June.

The meetings of the Label Products Committee will be held on the first and third Mondays in each month during the summer months.

The Carpenters and Joiners met in regular session Thursday night. Their union is now getting on a solid footing, and everybody's happy.

Mr. K. I. Brown, a member of the B. R. C. of A., a car repairer at the A. C. L. shops, has been indisposed for several days on account of a mashed finger.

Mr. E. J. F. Richter, financial secretary of Wilmington Trades Council, and a member of the local branch of the I. A. T. S. E., is spending a week in Charleston, S. C., visiting friends.

Ride on the street car that is operated by a union man. Look for the button on the lapel of his coat. Help the cause of the man that helps your cause. Be a real union man and work for justice and humanity.

The Label Products Committee had a very interesting meeting on Wednesday night. A committee was appointed to act with a committee from the Allied Printing Trades Council in arranging for a Label Benefit Supper during the month of June.

The B. R. C. of A. met in regular session Wednesday evening. They are now adding new members to their roll at every meeting and much interest in the trade union movement is manifest among the members.

We were pleased to receive a letter one day this week from our friend W. H. Lassell, who was for several years employed on The Star, but who is now performing in Dover, Del., on The Delawarean. He says he is much improved in health and that things look good in the East.

Get yourself in eating trim for that Union Label Benefit Supper on the fourth Thursday in June. There will be a good time for union men and their friends. Get the ladies interested and they will help us make things merry and at the same time aid us in realizing a fat sum with which to boost the union label.

Still at the Old Stand.

I wonder if that Asheville Labor Ad-cate has forgotten that The Saturday Record is still doing business at the same old stand for the same old cause, or has Jimmie Barrett gotten too "aristocratic" to exchange with an humble little "union guardian" like The Saturday Record? Wake up, Jimmie, and re-enter your humble servant of humanity and justice on your mail list. We will meet you at the State convention and you will then hear the truth in regard to a few libellous stories we fear have poisoned your mind as to this paper and its editor and the defalcations and general rascality of one L. Rjordan. When you hear the truth it will make you shudder!

Eighteen thousand people are employed in the salmon canning industry in the State of Washington.

SUBSCRIBE TO LIBERTY LOAN, SAYS GOMPERS.

LABOR'S LIBERTY LOAN DAY, WEDNESDAY, JUNE 6TH—A. F. OF L. BUYS \$10,000 WORTH OF BONDS.

To Buy a Liberty Bond is to Support Our Country and Subscribe to Ideals Our Republic is Forced to Maintain—Investment is in healthily a Mortgage Upon the Resources of the Nation.

By SAMUEL GOMPERS.

Liberty Loan Week has been designated and June 6 of that week has been set aside as Labor Liberty Loan Day.

The Congress of the United States has pledged the resources of the nation for the conduct of the war into which our republic has entered in support of liberty, democracy, and human rights. The men and women of the United States are given opportunity to participate in the loan for this purpose.

To buy a Liberty bond is to support our country and to subscribe to ideals which our republic is forced to maintain by military force. Individuals and organizations have testified to their patriotic desire to serve by subscribing for these bonds—including labor men and labor organizations.

The investment—viewed from a financial standpoint—is especially safe, being in reality a mortgage upon the resources of the government and the nation.

Every worker and every labor organization will find it advantageous to support this liberty loan as extensively as lies within their financial ability. Money from the sale of these bonds is indispensable to the successful conduct of the war. Bond subscriptions therefore become a highly patriotic and intelligent way to render service to our republic and to the cause of democracy internationally.

The executive council has authorized the investment of \$10,000 of American Federation of Labor funds in liberty bonds. All organized labor is urged to do its part.

Why Labor Leaves the South.

Birmingham, Ala., May 31.—Employers in this section can testify to the truth of the old adage, "Chickens come home to roost."

For years they have advertised the Birmingham district as possessing the "cheapest labor in the country." Their purpose was to "build up the town." But northern employers have come into this district and are offering \$2.50 for an eight and 10-hour day, against \$1.50 for the 10 and 12-hour day of local employers. Result: Pleas by employers to solve the riddle, "Why does labor leave the South?"

Returns From Brother's Funeral.

Mr. John W. Stormfeltz, secretary of the local branch of the Brotherhood of Bookbinders of America, who was called to Williamston, Va., recently, on account of the death of his brother, Mr. Samuel Stormfeltz, has returned to the city.

Mr. Samuel Stormfeltz was a locomotive engineer in the employ of the Norfolk & Western railroad at the time of his death. His remains were taken by brother, Mr. J. W. Stormfeltz, to their old home at Harrisburg, Pa., where the funeral was held on Tuesday, May 15, and the remains were buried in the family burying ground.

UNION HONOR ROLL.

Some of the "Pure-in-Hearts" Who Have Enlisted in the Naval Reserves Unit.

The following list of trade unionists who have volunteered in the Naval Reserve unit, who are now quartered at the Marine Hospital, is only a portion of the union men of this city who have enlisted. We believe more union men have enlisted in this unit than in any of the other units organized in Wilmington:

F. J. Ward,	V. W. Carson,
A. P. Smith,	C. L. Ross,
T. W. Watts,	W. W. Wood,
I. B. Rackley,	C. Gaskill,
J. A. Biddle,	J. T. Manning,
A. T. Prince,	A. J. McLeod.

Every union affiliated with Wilmington Trades Council, except two, is represented in this unit, and in the cavalry and infantry are many union men, all of which goes to show that organized labor is willing to do its part when it becomes necessary to maintain our institutions of liberty, democracy and human rights by military force.

It is rumored that "Andy" McLeod and "Red" Biddle—the "long and the short of it" at Naval Reserves quarters—have made a "deal" by which "Andy" loaned "Red" a dozen or so pieces off his trouser legs, as he had a few to spare and "Red's" were a little over high-water mark. Suppose "Red" proceeded to wipe a joint after the deal was closed. Would he have enjoyed seeing them on dress parade before the deal.

Carson and Gaskill, of the Pressmen, and Wood, of the Electrical Workers, are getting phat since joining the service. How strange it is that Uncle Sam's beans work so well on the slim ones. But Carson will soon train his surplus off, for, you know, he's some hiker. Hiked to Cowards once, didn't you, old boy?

"Freddie" Ward has that "heel and toe" stunt down to a science. But what difference does it make to him. All printer men are trained in that particular art.

I wonder how "Mac" looks since they took a slice off those trousers.

WANT WAGES KEPT DOWN

By Prohibiting Laborers Leaving the State to Accept Better Wages.

Richmond, Va., May 31.—The board of aldermen of this city has defeated a proposed ordinance that would impose a license of \$5,000 a year on labor agencies or any person engaged in securing workingmen for employment outside the State.

Trade unionists opposed the measure on the ground that it was intended to practically make it a crime to induce workers to leave the State. They took full advantage of the statement made by representatives of the chamber of commerce that "the purpose of the ordinance is to keep wages down by prohibiting laborers from leaving the State to secure employment in other States where wages are higher."

The recognized standard of labor in Australia is the 44-hour week.

The fire companies in England are run by women.