

LABOR SITUATION IS IMPROVING

Arbitration Boards Are Making Settlements—Contestants Get Together.

Denver Printers Formulate an Acceptable Agreement—Chicago Situation Not Menacing.

Arbitration is winning the country over. The long list of settlements of labor difficulties, to be found in the organized labor department of this issue of The Labor World, indicates the trend of matters. Though no great organizations like the National Civic Federation are being called upon, local arbitration boards are doing effective work.

Denver workmen and employers alike are happy over the settlement of what appeared at one time to be a struggle that would beggar all classes. But, happily, the conciliation board of eleven will decide what is right in the way of wages, hours of labor, recognition of the unions, and Denver labor conditions generally. The Omaha situation, too, is clearing. There the conciliations being effected are mainly through private parties and informal meetings; and though not dignified by the names of arbitration boards, yet practically this is what they are.

The Chicago situation is not at all menacing. The latest calculation based on the returns gathered this spring by the canvassers for the directory indicate that within Chicago's limits is a population of 2,200,000 souls. If but one, in four are wage-workers—and this is a safe estimate, considering the women and children at work—the army of labor in this city aggregates 550,000 persons. At the outside there are not more than 25,000 persons here on strike or locked out. In fact, there are less than 12,000 of strike, the others being locked out or laid off because of lack of raw material, or because the employers are trying to force their employees to accept the terms offered. It is thus seen at a glance that, comparatively speaking, industrial peace reigns in this great city.

The talk of a lockout of 25,000 stock yard employees is not taken seriously by the labor leaders, and particularly by those acquainted with stock yard work. These industrial establishments by the very nature of their work cannot be collectively shut down. And even if they did it would only compel the workmen and women employed there to change their location and not their employment; for meat would be in demand, and cattle would be killed and other packing houses would rush to supply the market, employing the very men locked out in Chicago.

The accusations made by employers in the metal trades that their workmen have violated agreements by going out on strike, is serious. It is affirmed to be true by some workmen and denied by others. In so far as it is true it is a blot on the trade union movement, and the officers of national organizations to which the erring members belong cannot be too severe in disciplining the wrong-doers.

New strikes are being reported daily in the newspapers, with glaring headlines. The settlements, if reported at all, are compressed within half a dozen or less lines, in fine type, in an obscure corner.

PITTSBURG STEAMSHIP CO.

WOLVIN BUILDING. TELEPHONE 883.

With the Labor World chronicling frequent clashes between employer and employe, there seems to be few corporations which do not have trouble with their men. In the days of immense concerns with their millions of capital—the outgrowth of the spirit of concentration of the time—it is pleasing to note that labor goes hand in hand with capital. When the employer has confidence in employe and the employe trusts the employer, and both work for the common good, it is a sign that the day of the strike has passed.

Confidence on both sides is essential to industrial progress and prosperity. The interruptions to trade during national campaigns is due to a lack of confidence of capital in the policies of political parties other than those under which the government is being conducted. In the same way trade is interrupted by employes losing confidence in the honesty of purpose of employers. Whenever we find an employer, whose business is not disturbed by strikes or labor disturbances, it is safe to assume that that employer has the confidence of his employes.

In this city there are a number of large employers who have the confidence of their employes and who work with them in harmony at all times. One of these is the Pittsburg Steamship Company, which employs a large force. We know, judging from their treatment of employes in the past, the officers of this corporation will not only deal conscientiously with the public, but will be fair and just to their employes at all times.

The officers of this company are: D. M. Johnson, president; A. B. Wolvin, vice president and general manager; James H. Hoyt, secretary; C. E. Scheide, treasurer; G. D. Swift, assistant treasurer; W. M. Jeffrey, auditor, and A. F. Harvey, assistant general manager; J. W. Wolvin, assistant to vice president.

PEERLESS LAUNDRY.

522-524 West Superior Street. Telephone 428.

One of the most popular laundries in our city is the Peerless Laundry, whose office and works are located at 524 West Superior street, and since their inception in the business the trade has constantly grown on account of the excellent work which the laundry does and the courteous attention given its customers.

The plant is well equipped with the latest and most improved machinery and employment is given to a large force of hands, to whom is accorded the most courteous treatment and

liberal compensation for their labor. This laundry will call for and deliver work, and when desired for the convenience of its customers they will execute orders on extra short notice. H. A. Blume, the proprietor, is an old and honored citizen of our city and his honest methods of business and constant integrity have won for this laundry the extensive trade which it now controls. This public-spirited citizen has always maintained a most courteous attitude toward labor and labor has good reason to consider the name of the Peerless Laundry as a substantial and considerate friend. The business men, citizens and laboring men of our city should liberally patronize this deserving concern and aid in making it a greater and even more splendid success. If you do not already patronize this company, when next desiring work done in this line do not fail to send your work to this laundry or telephone them and they will gladly respond to your call.

NORTHERN HARDWARE CO.

222 WEST SUPERIOR STREET.

A thoroughly reliable concern such as that of the Northern Hardware Company, whose attitude toward labor has never been either antagonistic nor uncertain, is certainly entitled to the hearty support and encouragement of the thousands of union men of Duluth. This company has always co-operated cheerfully to further the labor movement, and has never failed to set the seal of its approval upon the broad underlying principles of unionism.

The officers of this company are: Wallace H. Wells, president; Roderick D. Annis, vice president and treasurer, and Benjamin S. Wells, secretary. These gentlemen are of sterling ability and integrity and those in whom the people may place unlimited confidence. To their able and efficient management is largely due the success and popular favor in which this establishment is held.

Owing to its broad-minded and public-spirited manner of dealing this company has built up an enormous and substantial patronage and is exceedingly popular. It already counts a large host of friends among organized workmen, and its dealings have always been uniformly fair, considerate and honorable. The Northern Hardware Company do not cater to the transient and uncertain trade, which is satisfied with the shoddy merchandise, manufactured, as a rule, in establishments where unsanitary conditions prevail, but rather to that which demands the highest grade of reliable and standard goods. The product of organized labor is always of that character, and the policy of this deserving enterprise is strictly in accordance with the very principles which are being so strenuously and potentially upheld at the present time by organized labor.

LYNCH & BLODGETT.

SHOES. 124 WEST SUPERIOR STREET.

One of the leading shoe concerns of Duluth is that of Lynch & Blodgett, whose large and complete establishment is located at 124 West Superior street. They do a very extensive retail business, and their name is most favorably known throughout the city. This company is a great benefit to the community and adds increased prestige and commercial value to our city.

Its relations with labor have always been most honorable and in every respect. The name of Lynch & Blodgett stands for what is best and most reliable, and as friends of organized labor we take pleasure in mentioning them among the foremost. These people carry several lines of ladies' and men's shoes—union made goods. Lynch & Blodgett hold a most favorable attitude towards labor, and labor should do everything in its power to aid in making this concern a great and even more splendid success.

To our thousands of readers we wish to draw particular attention to this worthy enterprise, and in the prosecution of their business, we wish them great success and a continued period of popular favor.

I. FREIMUTH.

DEPARTMENT STORE. 124 WEST SUPERIOR STREET.

A thoroughly reliable firm, such as that of I. Freimuth, whose attitude toward organized labor has never been either antagonistic or uncertain, is certainly entitled to the hearty support and encouragement of the thousands of union men in our city. This firm has always co-operated cheerfully to further the labor movement, and has never failed to set the seal of its approval upon the broad, underlying principles of unionism.

Owing to the broad-minded and public-spirited manner of dealing this firm has built up an enormous and extensive patronage, and is exceedingly popular. It already counts a large host of friends among organized workmen, and its dealings have always been uniformly fair, considerate and honorable.

Freimuth's carry the most complete stock of general merchandise of any establishment in our city, and their claim to be retailers of everything is well-based. The proprietor is well known and popular in the commercial world. He is broad-minded and reasonable in all his dealings with labor have exhibited a most friendly spirit towards conservative organized labor.

We have no hesitancy in placing the name of I. Freimuth among the leading establishments of our city, which may be counted upon as substantial friends of conservative, organized labor. This large enterprise has always shown a friendly attitude toward conservative organized labor.

WAR RAGING BETWEEN MONOPOLIES

Money Giants Fighting Each Other. Battle Takes Violent Form.

Western Union Poles Cut Down and Burned and 14,000 Miles of Wire is Destroyed.

New York, May 27.—Talk about violence on the part of organized labor! The "other fellows" with their supposed culture and abhorrence for harsh methods, are now above running to extremes with their interests are in any way involved.

A splendid example of the destruction of the property of one great corporation by another great corporation is now going on before the eyes of the American people. The war is between George J. Gould, of the Wabash Railroad, and A. J. Cassett, president of the Western Pennsylvania Railroad. The property of neither of these railway systems is being touched, but the Pennsylvania is destroying millions of property belonging to the Western Union Telegraph Company, principally because George J. Gould owns the controlling interest in this corporation.

A Monopoly Was Menaced. The reason for this ebullition of violence is on account of Gould daring to enter Pittsburg with his Wabash Railroad, threatening the monopoly of the vast trade of this steel and coke center which the Pennsylvania Road has been determined should be its special pet privilege.

So the Pennsylvania road to "get even" with Gould, ordered him to remove all his Western Union Telegraph poles and wires from the right of way of the road. This battle has been waging in Wall Street and in the courts for months, but it was changed from peaceful to violent methods when, of Friday, thousands of men started with axes to cut down the poles bearing the 14,000 miles of Western Union wires that encroached on the Pennsylvania road's property.

Up to this time these poles and wires had been protected by injunctions, but the victory of the railroad company in the United States Court of Appeals, the first of the week, gave Mr. Cassett the opportunity he had been waiting for and immediately he ordered the offending wires removed.

Postal System Comes in. All the poles of the Cape May and Atlantic City divisions of the Pennsylvania were cut Friday. Throughout Pennsylvania locomotives and trains used to drag out the poles. Great bonfires are burning up the timbers. In many places trolley currents are short circuited by the falling wires and telephones interfered with.

In round number the territory covered 1,000 miles, for which there were about 40,000 poles and 14,000 miles of wire. The poles, complete with cross arms, etc., are worth \$8.00 a piece, which brings their total cost up to \$320,000. The cost of the wire, considering that much of it was old iron wire, figures up to \$500,000, and the expense of putting up poles and wire was fully \$180,000. Therefore a conservative estimate of the loss to the Western Union would be \$1,060,000.

In addition to the property loss, the Western Union Company will be asked to reimburse the Pennsylvania Railroad for the expense of chopping down the poles and tearing down the wires. This will be no small item as thousands of men were employed for two days, and scores of special trains run from division points to distribute the army of pole choppers. The Postal Telegraph Company has been waiting for eight months for an opportunity to install its own system of wires along the Pennsylvania right of way. The railroad company will now put up and own the poles for the Postal system and lease them to the latter company. Work on the new system will begin at once.

PHILLIPS' SHOE CO.

NO. 218 WEST SUPERIOR STREET.

The history of the Labor Movement shows that it has advanced step by step, each succeeding year bringing about improved conditions. There are many causes which have aided, and are still aiding in bringing about these improved conditions.

One of the most prominent reasons for this advancement is the fact that influential concerns which are important factors in the growth of cities have their support and encouragement.

The Phillips Shoe Company, for example, has always shown a disposition to be fair, and reasonable in their attitude toward labor and in their extensive business as Wholesale and Retail Shoe Merchants, have never done anything which would tend to be a draw-back to the cause of labor or the purpose of good government.

In extending to this Company our hearty support and co-operation, we will be advancing a movement which is founded upon the most fair and reasonable principles.

Owing to its broad-minded and public spirited manner of dealing this firm has built up an enormous and substantial patronage, and is exceedingly popular.

The officers have shown in the building up of this large enterprise a business capacity excelled by none, and this company is worth of being placed at the head of our business houses of Duluth.

JOHNSON & MOE.

DEPARTMENT STORE. 2102-2104. 2106-2108 WEST SUPERIOR ST.

In compiling a list of the most deserving concerns of our city which are worthy of being classed as staunch and substantial friends of labor, we wish to call special attention to the department store of Johnson & Moe. This firm bears a most excellent reputation not only with its own employes, but also with labor generally throughout the state. We have no hesitancy in stating that this company has always been manifestly and reasonable in its dealings both with labor and with the public. Our business men and working men should show reciprocity and extend their hearty support and encouragement to this commendable enterprise. This firm has always cheerfully co-operated to further the conservative

labor movement, and has never failed to set the seal of its approval upon the broad underlying principle of unionism.

Owing to its broad-minded and public-spirited manner of dealing, this firm has built up an enormous and substantial patronage, and is exceedingly popular. It already counts a large number of friends among organized workmen, and its dealings have always been uniformly fair, conservative and honorable.

It is with pleasure that we place the name of Johnson & Moe foremost among the prominent concerns which are always to be depended upon as staunch, substantial friends of conservative, organized labor.

This firm has shown in the building up of their large enterprise a business capacity excelled by none, and worthy of being placed at the head of our business men of Duluth.

DULUTH BRASS WORKS.

ONEOTA S. E. COR. RAMSEY.

This company is a shining example of an industry in which capital and labor are both on a large scale essential factors for its successful pursuit. This company gives employment to a large force of skilled workmen. They are brass founders, finishers, and machinists, and are located at Oneota St. S. E. Corner of Ramsey. This company is the leader in its work in the northwest, and can always be depended upon to quote the lowest prices.

It is a home industry of which the city and especially the workmen who form so large a percentage of the city's population should feel proud, and to which they should give all support and encouragement possible, in order that it may become even a more splendid success.

The officers of the company are Win. F. Bailey, Mgr., and Geo. N. Bailey, Secty. These gentlemen have been most fair and honorable in all their dealings and we gladly mention the name of the Duluth Brass Works foremost among the prominent concerns of our city.

GEO. H. CROSBY.

REAL ESTATE. 106-108 Providence Bld'g.

A person who is entitled to the highest respect, especially among organized labor in Duluth, Geo. H. Crosby, real estate, fire insurance, loans and rentals with offices at 106-108 Providence Bld'g.

He has always exhibited a most friendly feeling towards the cause of labor and has on all occasions co-operated cheerfully to further the labor movement. Laboring men of this city should show reciprocity and do all in their power to make this concern a continued and increased success.

This gentleman is broad-minded and public-spirited and has always been painstaking and courteous, and has exhibited at all times the most fraternal good will toward labor. Our workmen will be fostering their own interests while lending every possible assistance in making this deserving man a greater and even more splendid success.

We take pleasure in placing the name of this creditable enterprise foremost among the prominent concerns of the city which are to be depended upon at all times as a staunch, substantial and considerate friend of the workmen of our state.

CARPENTER-LOVE-CALDWELL COMPANY.

120 WEST MICHIGAN STREET. Zenith Phone 335—Bell No. 1185-2.

In this our Official Co-operative Edition, the Labor World wishes to give mention to the large Carpenter-Love-Caldwell Company, Coffees & Spices, located at 120 West Michigan Street. There is a satisfaction of dealing with institutions known to be reliable and the great popularity of the above mentioned store speaks for itself.

It is always to the interests of the city and consequently to the workingmen who form a large percentage of the city's population to patronize as far as possible the products of a home industry. A company which has invested considerable capital as has this company, and which gives employment directly to a large number of people is certainly doing a great service to the city of Duluth.

The members of this firm are of our leading and broad-minded citizens and can be depended upon to be most friendly and considerate in their attitude toward labor and the cause of labor and the union men will do well to extend to this meritorious enterprise their hearty support and co-operation.

We take great pleasure in placing the name Carpenter-Love-Caldwell foremost on the list of prominent business enterprises which can be depended upon at all times as a substantial aid to the cause of the conservative organized workmen or our city and state.

TROY LAUNDRY.

22 East Superior Street.

One of the most prominent and prosperous laundries of the city is the Troy Laundry, located at 22 East Superior street. This laundry has been established for some years and because of the superior quality of work produced and the splendid manner in which the business has been conducted, has very largely increased its business.

Conservative organized labor, which constitutes so large a percentage of the city's population, can make no mistake in patronizing this laundry, as it has always shown itself to be friendly to the cause of labor and well deserving of the large patronage which it receives from union men throughout the city.

Employment is here given to a large force of people, who are accorded the utmost courtesy and consideration by the management, which is held in the highest esteem by them.

We are pleased to place the name of the Troy Laundry among the prominent concerns of our city which are always to be depended upon as a staunch and substantial friend of conservative organized labor.

PETTY BOSS.

Bishop Potter Says He's Most to Blame for Labor Wars.

Orange, N. J., May 29.—The principal speaker at civil club dinner here was Bishop Henry C. Potter. He told the assembled guests that the conditions which confront the people of America today are largely of their own making. He declared that one person had more to do with the situation than any one else, and that was the manager or boss of a shop or factory, not

WIELAND SHOE COMPANY.

SHOE DEALERS WHO FIT THE MASSES.

123 WEST SUPERIOR STREET. Telephone 147.



A company which is entitled to the highest respect, especially among the organized labor of Duluth, is the Wieland Shoe Company, located at 123 West Superior street, who have been actively engaged in business in this city for a number of years.

The company has always exhibited a friendly feeling towards the cause of labor, and has on all occasions co-operated cheerfully to further the labor movement. Laboring men in this city should show reciprocity and do all in their power to make this concern a continued success.

The officers of this company are Mr. M. Wieland, proprietor, and Mr. Gustave A. Wieland, manager. These gentlemen are broad-minded and public-spirited citizens, and have always been painstaking and courteous and have exhibited at all times the most fraternal good will toward labor. Our workmen will be fostering their own interests while lending every possible assistance in making this deserving company a greater and more splendid success.

We take pleasure in placing this creditable enterprise foremost among the prominent concerns of the city which are to be depended upon at all times as a staunch, substantial and considerate friends of the workmen of our state.

THOMSON & DUNLOP.

CONTRACTORS. 226 West Michigan Street.

The rapid growth of our city necessitates a large amount of building which gives employment to the energies and efforts of a number of successful contractors and dealers in Builder's Supplies, of which a leading one is Thomson & Dunlop, whose office is at 226 West Michigan street.

The members of this firm are of the most public spirited citizens of Duluth, and they have established for themselves a most enviable reputation for faithfulness in the filling of contracts and for the consideration with which the always treat their employes.

This firm make a specialty of supplying material for modern residences, public buildings and store buildings, including pressed brick, common brick, stone, iron and steel, paints, oils, varnishes and shingle stains.

They contract for the construction of cement sidewalks, curbs, paving gutters, and interior tile and marble work and mantels. The tile and marble work in the Carnegie Public Library was furnished and erected by this firm.

We hope that the business of this concern will continue to prosper and increase, and we take pleasure in placing the name of Thomson & Dunlop foremost among the progressive men of our city.

STRIKES TO END.

John Mitchell Gives His Reason for This Belief.

New York, May 29.—An interview in a daily newspaper here with John Mitchell, of Boyce's Weekly staff, and President of the United Mine Workers of America, the belief is expressed that the labor difficulties at present disturbing the country would not continue after the end of this month.

"The strikes and differences in general between employe and employer are but temporary in my opinion," said he. "And they are no greater this year than they have been in former times. Through the month of April and around the first of May, in fact, is the time for the renewal of contracts and the adjustment of whatever differences have grown up during the year. It is a sort of summer house-cleaning. As I have said before, the difficulties presented this year are no greater than they have been in the past."

"The reason that labor is attracting so much attention at present is on account of the growth of trade unionism. That organized labor has become a factor in the world's system of economy is evident and society must figure on it in all its evolutions."

On the other hand, the formation of trusts, the policy of merging and forming great combines of capital are developments of the past two or three years, and where capital never met with public attention before its smallest move now is observed. As labor organizations affect capital more than any other thing in the universe, so they also come into the glare of the limelight.

"There is no more trouble now between employer and employe than there has been in the past, nor are conditions any serious, but the people are up with the times and that is why they watch every move."

MOLDERS UNION.

The Molders union held a well attended meeting at the Sloan Hall in the Westend Tuesday evening. President Hunt occupied the chair. Matters pertaining to the strike at the Clyde were discussed at length, and the union voted to continue the struggle with the same vigor that it had inaugurated it. The meeting was addressed by W. E. McEwen who asked that the union affiliate with the State Federation of Labor. It was voted to make a special order of the matter at the next meeting.

A ONE-ARMED MAN'S SKILL.

From the Indianapolis News: "When and how did you lose your left arm?" "Five years ago, I was working in a factory and got my arm caught in some belt."

"Has your right arm become more serviceable since you lost it mate?" "Oh, yes, I can do almost anything with my one arm. I used to have a great deal of trouble in dressing myself, but it comes easy now. I can tie my shoes, put on a four-in-hand tie, put collar buttons in a new shirt; in fact, do everything required just as well as I could when I had two hands."

"It certainly is wonderful what one can do if he only has to."

Advertisement for Gray-Sallant Co. featuring the slogan 'Saturday We Close' and text about honoring American soldiers and sailors. Includes contact information for 123 West Superior Street, Duluth, MN.

Advertisement for Paine, Webber Co., Bankers and Brokers. Located at 27 State Street, Boston. Members Boston and New York Exchanges. Chicago Board of Trade. Specializes in Copper Stocks.

Advertisement for Metropolitan Amusements. Features Ferris Comedians (To-Night Tennessee Fardner), Wilbur Opera Co. (Monday, Tuesday & Wednesday Matinees), and Bohemian Girl (Thursday, Friday & Saturday Saturday Matinees).

Advertisement for Lyceum. 'Absolutely Fireproof' for next week. Monday, Tuesday and Wednesday, June 1, 2 and 3. A Gambler's Daughter. Prices 25-35 and 50c.

Advertisement for Gregory's Orchestra. Will furnish you excellent music! C. A. Gregory, Leader. 2813 W. Third Street, Zenith Telephone 64.