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What Workingmen Have Done For Our Country

BY A WORKINGMAN

(Continued from Last Week.)

In my article of last week, after a new introductory observations, I dwelt at some length upon the fact that Christopher Columbus, the discoverer of America, was the son of a workingman, and that the son himself, illustrious as he afterwards became, in the earlier years of his life pursued the humble calling of his father, and I there closed. Beginning now, where I then left off, I wish to start again by saying that working men, for the most part, made up the original settlers of our old thirteen colonies, which became known as states about the time of the Declaration of Independence was given to the world, July 4, 1776. That this should have been the case was quite natural, for the following reasons:

1. To working men our country, even in its then wild, undeveloped condition, offered stronger inducements for making it the home of themselves and their children thau were held out by the older countries, from which they came.

2. To the class to which they belonged constituted by far the greater portion of the population of such older countries, and hence they had much the larger numbers to draw

3. The wealthier and better fixed classes in such older countries, as may well be supposed, were more re-MERLINE ON QUIL Their BORNES OF CARS and comfort, in which they were accustomed, and in exchange them for the bardships, exposures and privathese of a new, appreciant country. Stopping over he wild and savings become MED DESIGNATION OF STILL SHOWS WITH LINE spirages ment. Workstageners repres. On May be not post, given up the group to Stringers by proprotesting their base bases plane states and did continues news-The regiones has him dependence may

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they moved Westward over hills and table lands; then climbing the rugged heights until they paused upon the summit of the Rockies, to survey, for a moment, the beauty of surrounding scenes. Then descending their Western slopes, they continued in their onward march until they stood beside the far-famed "Golden Gate," through whose deep and narrow channel the waters of San Francisco bay roll in royal grandeur to and from the bosom of the sea, till they finally stood at the mouth of our own majestic Columbia, and there gazed in rapture on its swelling floods disappearing as they did, amid the turbulent breakers of the vast deep-breakers clad, so to speak, in the silvery sheen of eternal spray.

They have penetrated our primeval forests, feiled the massive trees, cleared away the undergrowths, and to the extent of millions and millions of acres made them happy homes. They have drained great areas of swamp land, reduced them to a state of cultivation, and made them bring forth an abundance of various crops. They have settled upon the rolling prairies, tickled them with the pindelds of golden wheat and these or corn. By a resort to our modern are tems of prigation they have being men mountaine strateties of scoroliday pials and samey femon, and itsouly made them few with said and access

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Chicago, Sept. 3 .- At the meeting of the Federation of Labor, Richard Braunschweig, for the Woodworkers' Union, reported that some mill owners, employing about 500 men, have signed the union agreement, calling for an eight-hour day, He said that there are 40 mills, employing 1,000 men, which have not signed, and that the men will be called out on strike at 11 o'clock tomorrow morning at all these mills, if the owners have not signed the agreement by that time.

Pittsburg, Aug. 1.—About 25,000 idle tin-plate workers of the American Tin-plate Company throughout the country will resume work next Tuesday. This is the result of the scale conference between the Amaigamated Association representatives and the manufacturers, which ended here today. The scale signed tonight is the same as last year's rate of \$4.25 box I. C. coke plate, but concessions were made on the base weight, which gives the workers an advance of a per cent. The tin-house scale will be adjusted next Friday.

New York, Sept. 1. The members of the cigar manufacturers' commune. which locked out its union congress on 26 months ago, have surremisered on conditionally, and it is issuered the unlog will win a complete victory The strike has invested in our persons. in this city, and has spread to Philidesignate. Londonnesser, War, Votes and No. Sherrywork by where went comand transformed them late news me a more workers have been substituted as et entre annual ter appropriate of the same bears of Set ammentaces. American To have some that Chapter and American NAME AND DESCRIPTION AND ADDRESS. colds for the second-order-parties about these service of the second

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PUBLIC KNOWS VERY LITTLE OF THEIR HARDSHIPS.

Hours of Work Are Long and Wages Low-Must Submit to Many Exactions of the Street Railway Companies.

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The strike of the St. Lowis street car employes has developed some very important and unphonous facts. It has shown to what extent the position is dependent up atract car suspension They are the servants of the people and the slaves of the corporations. The men are forced to concepts with the wast tenty of moreogeneous where the conjumpations have no remoperchase ance in a cost for community The complements and memoryone on Purtigued any more communication and provide great that have it was recent STOP SHE Shir Fracillo conser.

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