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LAWYERS' SAFEGUARD.

The Supreme Court of the State of Washington handed down a decision October 22 which declares that a Japanese cannot become a citizen of the United States. The point came up directly in the matter of the admission of a young Japanese lawyer to the bar of the state.

The provisions of this title shall apply to aliens being free white persons and to aliens of African nativity and to persons of African descent.

This is a splendid protection for the lawyers' union, of Washington, and prevents them from being thrown in open competition with cheap Mongolian labor.

The lawyers of Washington are to be congratulated upon their perception of looking into the future. They are surely more diligent as to the interests of their own affairs than the rank and file of our wage-earners in this country.

MARK HANNA AND LABOR.

At a political gathering at Cleveland, O., last Saturday night, Senator Hanna made a declaration which, if carried out, will be felt by the working classes all over the land.

"The best efforts of my life will be devoted to the establishment of a cordial relationship between capital and labor and to the cause of bringing to a higher plane of citizenship. I have in recent years been abused and so brutally caricatured that it is no wonder the people do not know me.

Emulating the action of President Roosevelt in bringing about the settlement of the anthracite coal strike, the French Premier, Combes, had a two hours' conference with the national committee of the Miners' Federation last Friday, and the latter agreed to submit the demands of the miners to arbitration.

hours of work. M. Combes will next consult the delegates of the companies. The initiative for government interference was made the day previous, when M. Jures, Socialist, asked the government to intervene and end the struggle.

Carroll D. Wright has been added to the anthracite strike commission by consent of both parties. Mr. Wright is a valuable man in the place. The commission left for Scranton Wednesday morning, and will take testimony at the seat of the trouble.

District Judge Burnett, of Salem, has caused a sensation in the hop industry of the Valley by an unusual, but just, decision. He held that under the ordinary contract for the delivery of hops at a certain time and a given price between the grower and buyer was not binding.

According to Prof. John H. Gray, of the Northwestern University, who has just completed a four months' investigation of labor unions and their effect on production in England, the English labor organizations are much stronger than our own.

Reporters for the daily press are often too anxious to get a "story," and do so sometimes to the sacrifice of facts. The writer who made an article in Wednesday's Oregonian read as if the longshoremen were ready to declare war upon Balfour, Guthrie & Co.

The Washington State Federation of Labor will employ its energy in the passage of four bills at the coming session of the State Legislature.

of the State Legislature. These bills are: Relating to the protection of dangerous machinery for the safety of employees; relieving the employe of risk where machinery is not safely protected; an eight-hour law on all state work, regardless of the manner in which the work is done; and a fellow servant bill.

Regardless of political affiliations, President Roosevelt is commended for the part he took in the coal strike. At a meeting last Sunday evening of the Chicago Philosophical Society, Samuel E. Jones, the "Golden Rule" Mayor of Toledo, characterized the whole party system as "childish, immature and imbecile."

The National Association of Manufacturers of the United States, through a circular letter being mailed to every manufacturer in this country, declares war on two bills now before Congress for which union labor is responsible.

William Blackman, Labor Commissioner of the State of Washington, is enforcing the female 10-hour law in his state. It will be remembered that the Supreme Court of Washington recently rendered an opinion that the law was constitutional.

The recent eclipse of the moon has caused alarm among the British Columbia Indians. They take the eclipse as an omen of a severe winter, and are leaving in large bands for hunting grounds to lay in a large supply of food.

The Portland Labor Press has added to its force the services of W. A. Algiers, of the Machinists' Union, who is duly authorized to transact business for the paper.

The Seattle Union Record estimates that on the 1st of January, this year, there were about 160 unions in the state. Up to date, in less than 10 months, organization has increased 60 per cent., and there are today 255 unions.

November 27 has been designated by President Roosevelt as the day to be devoted to universal thanksgiving. There are indeed many things that we can be thankful for, among which, more than anything else, perhaps, we should be grateful that we are progressing.

The miners couldn't wait for Thanksgiving day. They celebrated Wednesday as Mitchell day. He will ever be regarded by them as their emancipator.

Officers of the American Tinplate Company and a conference committee of the Amalgamated Association held a long session last Friday after the tinworkers' convention had finally adjourned, and adopted an agreement that will allow the American Tinplate Company to bid on the tinplate orders of the Standard Oil Company that are now being supplied by the Welsh manufacturers.

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