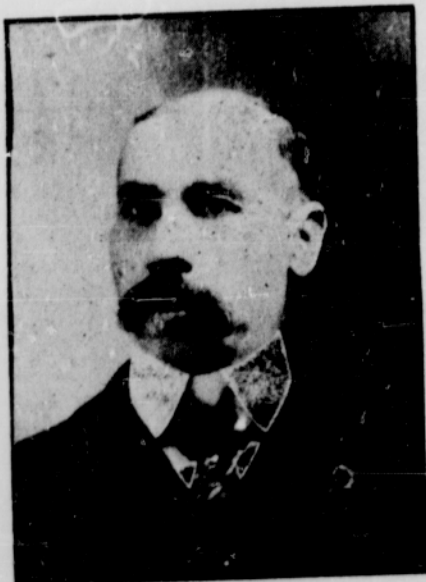


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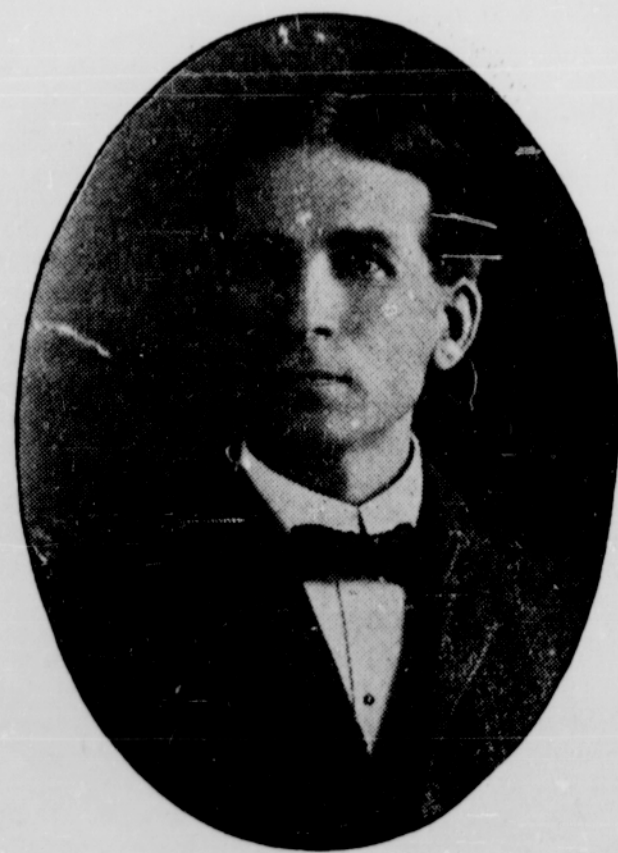
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The independent contractors of New York have agreed to pay \$6 a day to lathers for eight hours' work. The Building Trades Employers' association pays \$4.50.

To encourage working people to establish homes of their own, Norway has founded a bank for workingmen. It lends money at 3 1/2 and 4 per cent and gives the borrower 42 years in which to pay the loan.

In the recent city election held at Fargo, N. D., the candidate supported by organized labor was elected by a plurality of 144. He received 360 more votes than the candidate who defeated him two years ago.

It is reported from Puget Sound country that the Japs are getting wise and wish to organize themselves into unions. Their purpose is to do away with the "contract man."

The Oxford Bible Press of England pays one penny per hundred sheets to women and children for folding. The average speed is three thousand sheets per day, making a wage of 30 cents.

A bill has been introduced into the Mississippi legislature making it a misdemeanor for a telephone girl to be required to work more than eight hours a day, the punishment to be from \$10 to \$25.

The Texas State Federation of Labor met in Beaumont, Tex., May 14, and adjourned May 18. Edward Cunningham was re-elected president. Austin won the next convention, which meets in May, 1907.

The Citizens' Alliance of Denver, through one of their large contractors, recently brought suit against the Building Trades Council for the sum of \$7,000. A verdict was brought in by the jury giving a complete victory to organized labor.

A movement is on foot to force the reduction of the I. T. U. 10 per cent assessment by referendum vote whether the executive board favor it or not. Norfolk, Va., is reported to have started the movement and several other unions have indorsed the proposition.

In a considerable number of Texas counties petitions are being widely signed asking that the question of the initiative and referendum be passed on by the voters at the coming Democratic primaries in July. If a sufficient number of counties instruct their delegation to the state convention the principal will likely be adopted and enacted into law, as there are not many opponents of the system in Texas.

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I'd heard about this Casey, an' th' way he smashed 'em out; I'd heard about his posin' just to draw the bleachers 'bout. So when we tackled Casey's team you may be sure I tried To put a kink in Casey's frame an' puncture Casey's pride.

For those o' you who seen th' game it's easy to recall That we'd have lost an' they'd have won had Casey hit th' ball. 'Twas in th' ninth, wid bases full that Casey came to bat, An' lordy, how th' bleachers cheered when in his hands he spat.

I doubled up an' then unkinked an' let th' horsehide fly. But Casey only stood an' 'smiled an' watched th' ball go by. "One strike!" th' umpire shouted, an' I thought there'd be a fight, But Casey sort o' turned an' said, "Be quiet, lads, he's right!"

Again I shot a screamer an' it whistled o'er the plate; If Casey thought he'd strike at it, he thought a bit too late. "Two strikes!" th' umpire bellowed, but I looked at Casey an' I saw his smile was dyin' out.

I braced myself an' sent him one in my peecoolyer style, An' Casey swung wid all his might—an' missed it by a mile! No matter what th' poetry says of Casey an' his bat, This is th' way it happened, you can lay your coin on that.

Th' hands are playin' somewhere, but 'tis not in Casey's town; They're screamin' "Riley, he's th' man who put him down." An' so skiddoo for Casey's fame, his number's "twenty-three!" 'Twas Riley, pitcher Riley, was th' hero, don't you see? —St. Louis Republic.

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