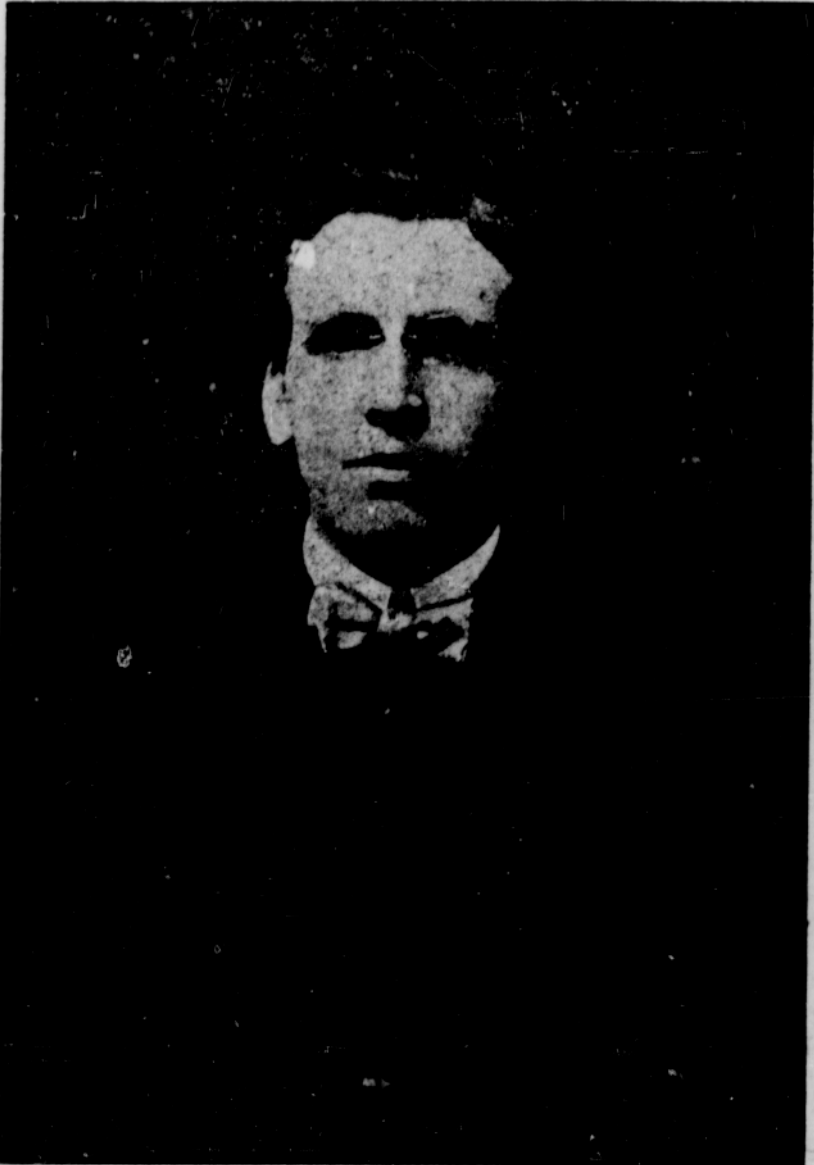


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THE STRIKE BREAKER

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RESEMBLES HIS PROTO-
TYPE, THE MERCENARY
OF OLD.

Strike breaking is a new field of labor brought about by the banding together of large employers of labor throughout the country to fight to the death striking union employees in all capacities, and the expense of so doing is borne by this association through means of an assessment on all its members, so it virtually is a union of employers to wipe out the unions of employees. Of course some firms wage war on their striking employees individually, and naturally bear all the expense of so doing, but the great majority belong to the association, as the fight can be made less expensively and more effective under its influences.

The strike breaker is a composite study in human nature. He may be an ex-union man or he may be a book keeper, clerk or salesman down on his luck, but in 90 per cent of the cases he is a shiftless mechanic whose only care is for the present. The character of the work fascinates him both as to its excitement and its profit. Every year sees new recruits to the ranks of the strike breakers, as once a man has a taste of the work he is unfitted to hold down a steady job at ordinary business wages, and he enters the field of strike breaking with its checkered living for the newcomer, as the agencies keep only their most experienced workers employed steadily, and the newcomer has to accept pot luck, which means generally that he is flush one month and "broke" the next.

The employing of strike breakers is generally done through detective agencies, which find this work immensely profitable, several of them confining their business to this class of work exclusively, says a professional strike breaker in the Chicago Tribune. The writer knows of one agency in Chicago which cleared \$50,000 on the teamster's strike two years ago, and I also know of workers who made as high as \$1,000 during this strike working for the ex-

press companies. Part of this latter amount, however, was made in rewards for arresting stone throwers, the strike breakers having this power of arrest by being sworn in as deputies.

The agencies in extra hazardous strikes generally receive \$10 per day for each man placed, one-half of which they pay to the man hired as wages, inclusive of board, transportation, etc. As a general rule, however, the agency receives \$5 per day for each man placed, \$3 of which he receives as pay, leaving a clear profit of \$2 per day per man for each man placed. The employing firm pays all expenses of transportation, board, etc. A large strike job is a veritable bonanza for a detective agency, the heads of which take absolutely no risk of injury physically or loss financially and yet take out a profit unheard of in the business world.

As a rule, employers are not over-particular as to a strike breaker's skill in his line of business. If he merely has a knowledge of the work or even adaptability, so as to help keep the works going as a bluff, he will fill the bill, for, after all, it merely is a game of freeze out, the employer winning because he can hold out the longer. He figures on a large dead loss through the strike period, but considers it a splendid investment if he breaks the union, and he is only too glad to hire the old men back as individuals, knowing that the strike breakers will "hike" out for other fields after the strike is settled and the usual wage rate restored.

Consequently the professional strike breaker, through his varied experiences, is a Jack of all trades and master of none. I met one who had a fair working knowledge of eight trades, though really competent only as a machinist, his regular trade. I also have seen a bunch of 200 men hire out in Chicago as experienced motormen to take the places of motormen in Oakland, Cal., contemplating striking. When quizzed out there by the company's superintendent as to their knowledge of the air brake, not more than one-fifth proved at all competent to operate one, and several confided to me secretly that they could not even operate an ordinary hand brake, merely having bluffed it through that they were motormen. Fortunately this trouble was settled by arbitration before a strike was called, so

Oaklanders were not forced to risk their necks on ears operated by inexperienced motormen.

Strike breaking is poor business, of course, aside from all moral or economic aspects of the matter. The "buster" is a soldier of fortune, who sells his services to whatever captain of industry has a campaign on hand. When the war is over he is ready to enlist again with the man who needs his services. He is the modern prototype of the old mercenaries. He is the Hessian of the labor world. For a few weeks of the year he has plenty of money, but he cannot hope for any peaceful and continued prosperity. It is the excitement and the adventure that drew him on more than the pay he gets. He has his place in the world, and his temperament and inclination will draw him to the side of the employers whenever they have any use for his services.—Weekly Federationist.

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In the County Court of the State of Oregon for Multnomah County.

In the matter of the application of
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To the Honorable Board of County Commissioners:

We, the undersigned residents and legal voters of Troutdale, Oregon, precinct No. 78, respectfully petition your honorable board to grant a license to B. C. and John Larsson of Troutdale, Oregon, to sell spirituous, malt or vinous liquors in less quantities than one gallon in said town of Troutdale, for the period of one year: B. C. Larsson, W. J. Wheeler, H. H. Moritz, R. T. Hutson, M. E. Munson, R. G. Gufford, R. White, A. L. Brink, J. S. Cole, Gus Anderson, Wm. Powell, Frank Emery, K. Swanson, A. F. Richardson, H. W. Love, A. Selling, A. S. Logan, E. Stafford, A. Latourell, J. S. Hudson, P. Storm, A. Frommelt, J. Herron, John Olson, Leonard Cameron, F. W. Griffith, David Crusey, Thomas Miller, J. V. Greenawalt, H. Johnson, J. Shipley, W. Wright, W. E. Hurt, Geo. Richardson, James Larrell, A. Surber, Mason Latourell, W. J. Merchon, Chas. Rawley, Grosef, M. Harlow, J. H. Hoyt, Aaron Sox, Robt. G. Shaw, Jas. H. Latham, John Holm, Wm. Cameron, E. Rosenerantz, J. S. Richey, F. E. Harlow, Wm. Goosamin, T. W. Coador, W. Richardson, C. Panteitz, J. Simon, John Shepherd, John McCreasy, John Hubphrey, H. Richardson, H. Barney, H. Blair, Ed. Woodard, S. Swigert, E. Johnson, E. Coleman, Macon Latourell, R. J. Latourell, J. F. Coons, L. Helming, W. D. Mason, Jean Larson, W. T. Shepard, Jno. Coons, W. E. Crawford, Henry Von Herr, Fred Hood, John Larson, C. Barney.

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Trade Union Directory

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SUNDAY.
Shingle Weavers' Union No. 58—Every Sunday, 2 p. m., Fulton.
Photo-Engravers Union—Eleven o'clock first Sunday, Room 214, Goodnough Building.
Geo. Handley, Oregonian.
Haulway Freight Handlers—Second and fourth Sunday, 2 p. m., Drew Hall, P. McDonald, 162 Second.
Typographical, No. 68—First Sunday afternoon, A. O. U. W. Hall, Seiling-Hirsch Building, Geo. 8th, Journal.

MONDAY.
Building Trades Council—Every Monday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Building Laborers—Every Monday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 164 1/2 Alder street. M. J. Conroy, 264 1/2 Alder.
Carriage and Wagon Workers—First and third Tuesday evening, Drew Hall, Robert Ewing, 297 Morris St.
Cigar Makers—Second Monday, Drew Hall, W. H. Fitzgerald, 162 Second.
Electricians, No. 125 (Line Men)—Every Monday night, Drew Hall, W. S. Jenkins, 248 E. Thirty-fourth.
Pattern Makers—First and third Monday, Drew Hall.
Plumbers—Every Monday evening, Arion Hall.
Sailors—Every Monday night, 7:30, No. 40 Union avenue, L. W. Paul.
Shipwrights and Caulkers—Every second and fourth Monday, Drew Hall.
Structural Building Trades Alliance—Every Monday night at 12:30 Fifth street.
Web Pressmen—First Monday, Room 214 Goodnough Building.

TUESDAY.
Bartenders' League, No. 239, in Bartenders' hall, 264 1/2 Alder street, every 1st and 3d Tuesday night, and every 2d and 4th Tuesday afternoon.
Blacksmiths and Helpers Union—Every second and fourth Tuesday, Drew Hall.
Blindfold Women's Union, No. 115—First Tuesday evening, 162 Second street.
Bookbinders No. 66—Third Tuesday, Room 200 Drew Building, E. J. Sonnenburg, box 3 Woodlawn.
Carpenters—Every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 202 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Cooks and Waiters—1st, 2d and 4th Tuesdays at 8:30 P. M., and 2d Tuesday at 2:30 P. M., in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Locomotive Engineers—First and third Tuesday at 11 a. m., Drew Hall.
Musicians—First Tuesday afternoon at No. 162 Second. Board meets every Tuesday afternoon at same place, Room 104, at 1 o'clock p. m., E. L. Rice.
Sheet Metal Workers—First and third Tuesdays, Drew Hall, Ira S. Hill, 1169 E. Main.
Teamdrivers' Union, Local 162—Every Tuesday night, Union Hall, Second and Stark, W. J. Rogers, 1508 Northrup.

WEDNESDAY.
Allied Printing Trades Council—Second Wednesday evening, 214 Goodnough Building.
Bricklayers' Union—Every Wednesday evening, Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Chas. Stoker, box 228.
Grainhandlers' Local 263—First and third Wednesday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell street and Albina avenue, L. L. Ray, 129 Sellwood.
Labor Party—Every Wednesday at 8 P. M., in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Leatherworkers—Every Wednesday evening, Second floor, Manley Davis, 214 Union avenue.
Messenger Boys' Protective Union—Every Wednesday night, Drew Hall, Cecil E. Messenger, 844 E. Seventh, N.
Painters—Every Wednesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 201 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Plasterers' Union, 821—Every Wednesday evening, Plasterers' Hall, 127 1/2 First.
Riggers and Shipbuilders, No. 329—First Wednesday evening in month, 248 Burnside, Ky Building, Henry Arndt, 248 Burnside.
Stereotypers and Electrotypers, 48—First Wednesday evening, Room 214, Goodnough Building, Frank Land, Journal.
Street Railway Employees—Every Wednesday, Drew Hall.
Journeymen Tailors' Union, No. 74—Second and fourth Wednesday, Union Hall, Second and Stark, J. M. Bendroth, box 122.

THURSDAY.
Barbers—Second and Fourth Thursday evening, 162 Second, T. M. Leabo, secretary, 167 1/2 First; phone, Pacific 1501.
Women's Union Label League—Every Thursday night in Hall 302, Drew Building, 162 Second street.
Boiler Makers' Union—Second and fourth Thursday evening, Arion Hall 228 1/2 Yamhill.
Coopers' Union—First and third Thursday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 164 1/2 Alder.
Garment Workers—First and third Thursday evening, 162 Second.
Longshoremen's Association, 265—First and third Thursday evening, Union Hall, Second and Stark, third floor.
Lathers Union—Every Thursday at 8 P. M., in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.

FRIDAY.
Carpet Workers, Local 8—Friday evening, 230 1/2 Yamhill, H. C. Brown, 463 Florence.
Electrical Workers, No. 317—Friday, Drew Hall, J. L. Crookwell, box 444.
Federated Trades Council—Every Friday night at 8 o'clock, hall 302 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Inside Electrical Workers—Every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Machinists, Willamette Lodge, No. 63—Friday evening, 162 Second, W. A. Dalsell, 1004 E. Yamhill.

SATURDAY.
Bakers and Confectionery Workers, Local 114—First and third Saturdays, 5 o'clock p. m., 228 1/2 Yamhill, A. Dupois, 293 Burnside.
Beer Drivers and Bottlers—First and third Saturday, Drew Hall, G. C. Goldenberg, 811 Kelley.
Brewers' Union—Second and fourth Saturday evening, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Arion Hall, Otto Kulkas, box 171.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Saturday evening, 230 1/2 Yamhill.
Stationary Firemen—First and third Saturday evening, Musicians' Hall, 227 Chamber of Commerce, James Roberts, 584 Pettygrove.
Longshoremen, Local 264—At call of president, Hibernian Hall, Second and Stark.
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Stationary Engineers—Every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, in Cooks and Waiters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.

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