

STRIKES OLD AS TIME; HELD BACK PYRAMIDS

Labor Troubles Have Had Society in Turmoil Since Dawn of History.

(New York Evening Sun)
If the prevalence of strikes is an indication of the progress of the twentieth century, ancient Rome and Greece left us at the post. For not only does history record instances of labor unions and strikes of actors, masons, bakers, miners and other artisans that piled their trade in ancient cities, but our ancestors went a step further and harbored a union of poets, which, according to one tradition, was honored by the membership of no less a distinguished bard than Homer, the author of "The Iliad," or, as some have it, the compiler of that epic.

Time-worn inscriptions on stones gathered from every corner of the antique world—Syria, Mesopotamia, Greece, Sicily and Etruria—ad preserved in museums, indicate that all ancient trades, particularly that of masonry, enjoyed the highest organization and power. Egyptian hieroglyphics also furnish numerous records of strikes similar to those taking place today. They show that the labor organizations in Rome exercised tremendous political power and were led by powerful labor leaders.

First in History.
The first great strike in the world's history, so far as is known, occurred more than 3,000 years ago, according to M. Maspero, the Egyptologist. He records a strike of masons engaged in the building of pyramids and temples during the reign of the Pharaohs. He relates that these artisans were powerfully organized. While engaged in excavating and deciphering picture writings of the Egyptians, M. Maspero came across the following interesting inscription:

"On the tenth day of the month builders at work on the temple rushed out and sat down behind the chapel, exclaiming: 'We are hungry, and there are yet eighteen days before the next pay day.'"

"They would not work until the king agreed to hear their complaints. Two days later Pharaoh went to the temple and ordered relief given to the masons; but the sixteenth day they quit again, and on the seventeenth and eighteenth days they refused to work. On the nineteenth day they raised a mob at the governor's palace and finally got their demands."

Artists on Strike, Too.
Historians state that Greece possessed unions of the Bacchic or Dionysian artists at least 400 years before Christ. Dr. Foucart points out in his researches that many poets were members of this union, and he ventures the belief that Homer belonged to the collegium, as the union was called.

A powerful branch of the organization was that of the musicians, who, it appears, were employed by the Athenian government. Tentmakers of the Dionysian artists, who furnished the paraphernalia of the theater, and corresponded to the modern stage hands, were also powerfully organized.

Strike of Ancient Bakers.
A record of a strike of bakers in ancient times is furnished by Egyptian hieroglyphics deciphered by a famous scientist.

Another account incidentally shows that centuries before our era began bakers were powerfully organized in the old cities.

The bakers of two cities, Magnesia and Paros, in Greece, the records show, struck work and refused to bring to the regular market the usual supply of bread, owing to a grievance that is not made plain. The city council, after becoming aware of the strike, convoked an extra session with the result that the strike leaders were arrested, and the organization disrupted. The governor issued this proclamation: "Any baker who shall associate himself with meetings, or who shall excite sedition leading to trouble, or who shall secrete himself, or any one who shall furnish another with a hiding place, will be severely punished."

In the year 413 B. C., a strike of 20,000 miners occurred in the state of

WOMEN DOCTORS OF THIRTY NATIONS STAGE CONVENTION



Some of the famous women doctors attending the international conference in New York city, the first of its kind in history. Sitting, left to right: Dr. Marie Feyler, Lausanne, Switzerland; Dr. Constance Long, London; Dr. Mary Gordon, London; Dr. Tomo Inouye, Tokio; Dr. Radmilla Lazarewitch, from Legation for Serbs, Croats and Slovenes; Dr. Yvonne Pouzin, Nantes, France. Standing, left to right: Dr. Christine Murrell, London; Dr. Alice Amy, Ugen, Montevideo; Dr. A. Johnston, Edinburgh; Dr. A. J. Potter, Utrecht; Dr. Natalie Wintsch, Lausanne, Switzerland; Dr. L. Thuillier-Landry, Paris, and Dr. Marguerite Giboulet, Paris.

An international conference of women physicians, the first of its kind ever held, is now in session in New York city. Leading women

physicians from thirty nations are expected to attend the conference, which will last six weeks. Its main object is to furnish such informa-

tion on the social problem as may be used for a basis of world-wide constructive reform, the officers say.

Utica, whence the government derived its gold and silver. The strikers abandoned the mines and escaped, hiring themselves to another government against their own country.

Sale of Army Shoes Will Mean Comfort to Many

(Louisville Courier-Journal)

That army shoes will be sold at fair prices may mean that many persons who have worn shoes more fashionably shaped will become acquainted with the delights of really comfortable walking.

The Zulu warriors march barefooted upon soles as tough as rawhide, and know no weariness at the end of a march that would send the average American business man to a rest cure. The Spanish soldiers march in sandals—sometimes without sandals—and get over a good deal of ground. The American soldiers, in shoes made for comfort, march to victory where an army shod in patent leather shoes with pointed toes, would hobble to defeat.

"Sensible" shoes are not things of beauty, but they are a source of joy forever, once a sensible person overcomes the temptation to wear what is stylish rather than what is comfortable. Much ill health, especially nervousness, is caused by pinching the pedal extremities in ill fitting shoes, and those who persist in wearing shoes made for beauty rather than for comfort find walking a trial. They are the best of exercises, growing flabby, often fat, because they are crippled by their shoes. Much neurasthenia, among the fat and lean, would be avoided by wearing such shoes as soldiers in the American army wear, to say nothing of ill which chiropodists treat.

Rev. Charles Sumner Burch Made Permanent Bishop

NEW YORK, Sept. 19.—The Right Rev. Sumner Burch, suffragan Bishop, who was elected yesterday to be permanent Bishop of the Episcopal diocese of New York, succeeding Bishop David Hummel Greer, who died last May, will become the 8th head of the diocese upon the confirmation of his election by the general convention of the Episcopal church, which meets in Detroit, Mich., beginning Oct. 8 next.

Bishop Burch already has been consecrated when he became suffragan Bishop nine years ago and the only ceremony that will mark his inauguration will be an installation service.

WHAT MAKES SONG HIT, CAN'T BE TOLD

(Philadelphia Record)

A popular song hit is taken for granted by most people with never a thought of what makes it appeal to public fancy. Considering what a fickle thing this fancy is, it is small wonder that experts in the song-writing world have failed to analyze it and are continually taking chances with it. They seldom know beforehand whether their songs are going to "get across." The results of their hopes and guesses are frequently so astonishing as to completely upset any theories that they may have had on the subject.

In a way you can not blame them when you stop to think that George M. Cohan took parts of "Johnny Get Your Gun" and a bugle call, and after blending them with a few other strains, called the collection "Over There" and sold it for \$25,000. But, then, perhaps, George M. has that rare and inimitable knack of knowing what the public wants, a knack for which publishers think no price too high.

Accidental happenings and overlooked for incidents are often the starting point of famous song hits. Such was the luck which once befell Frederick Knight Logan, the popular "waltz king," in the case of his "Missouri Waltz."

Walking along a country road, he came across a seedy-looking chap seated on a rock picking on an old

mandolin. Over and over the stranger thumbed a weird and peculiar strain that made a deep impression on Logan. When questioned as to where he had heard the strain, the fellow replied:

"It's as old as the hills, mister. My grandfather told me he used to whistle it when he was a boy in Missouri. And he said he first heard an Indian hum it in Oklahoma."

Logan went his way, the strain haunting him for weeks. To get it out of his system, he sat down at the piano one night and worked over the strain until he had developed it into a waltz, which in short order became one of the best sellers.

The luck which led to this and other successes, the unoriginality of some of them and the hodge-podge character of still other hits, leave open the question of whether successful song writing is a knack, an art, or just sheer good fortune.

RUMANIANS HOPE TO RE-ENTER BUDAPEST

(By Associated Press)

BUDAPEST, Wednesday, Sept. 17.—The belief still persists that the Rumanians are evacuating Budapest with the hope of disturbances following and that they will be recalled to restore order. Rumors are prevalent that Red bands are to arise if the chance offers itself and considerable apprehension is felt of fresh disorders in the absence of strong constituted authority. British naval forces are in readiness for any eventuality.

Poles Will Die of Hunger During Coming Winter Says Commissioner Morganthau

(By Associated Press)

PARIS, Sept. 19.—Henry Morganthau, who headed the United States investigation commission which has been at work in Poland since late in July, has returned to Paris, and gives a stirring description of the distress which is reigning in Poland and the small nations of central Europe.

He says hundreds of thousands of persons are suffering from hunger and are half-clad and expresses the fear they will die by thousands during the coming winter if not given immediate assistance.

U. S. Army Officers Congratulate Pershing

(By Associated Press)

WASHINGTON, Sept. 19.—The personal congratulations of army officers on duty in Washington extended to General Pershing today at an informal reception at the war department. Bureau chiefs were asked by General Pershing to invite every man on their staffs. The reception was held in the office of Secretary Baker.

PASSENGERS RETURN TO STEAMER; WAS ON FIRE

(By Associated Press)

ST. THOMAS, Virgin Island, Sept. 19.—The passengers of the British steamer Vestris, which put into St. Lucia several days ago, with a fire in her hold, began returning on board the steamer today from the hotels and barracks where they had been quartered since the vessel docked to have the fire extinguished.

It is believed that this indicates the Vestris, which was bound from New York for Rio Janeiro, was not seriously damaged.

The fire on the Vestris was subdued with the assistance of the British cruiser Yarmouth. None of the passengers was injured. The mails carried by the steamer are safe.



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Duke of Marlborough.

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Candidates for Inspector of Oil Take Written Test

INDIANAPOLIS, Ind., Sept. 18.—Candidates for places in the Indiana State Oil Inspection department will be given a written examination Saturday morning, September 20, at 9 o'clock in the state house by Dr. Harry E. Barnard, state food and drug commissioner, who under the law that becomes effective October 1, becomes head of this department. Dr. Barnard says the inspection of oil will be removed from politics and that the new inspection staff will be selected upon a merit basis.

JAPAN MAKES APPOINTMENTS.

(By Associated Press)

TOKYO, Thursday, Sept. 18.—Official announcement has been made of the appointment of Kijuro Shidehara, vice foreign minister to the Japanese ambassador to the United States. At the same time the official gazette states that Masano Hanahara, former Japanese consul at San Francisco, had been appointed vice-foreign minister.

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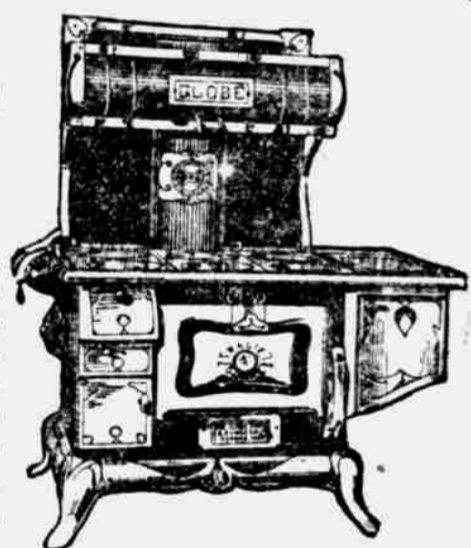
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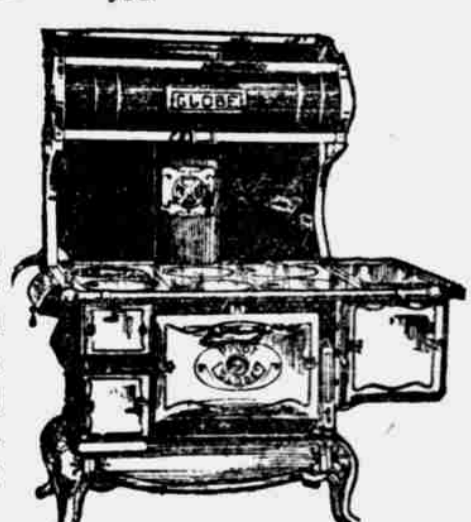


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