

92 LABOR LAWS PASSED IN YEAR

Congress Praised by Association For Labor Legislation

GOMPERS LAUDS CONGRESS

Federation President Says 1916 Brings Confidence in Trade Union Movement, Eight-Hour Day Becoming General.

Ninety-two labor laws have been passed by congress and state legislatures during the last legislative year, according to a survey made public by the American Association for Labor Legislation.

"The most significant item in this legislation," says the secretary, Dr. John B. Andrews, "are two national laws, one prohibiting the shipment in interstate or foreign commerce of certain products in the preparation of which the labor of children has been employed, and the other providing a model scale of workmen's compensation for personal injuries among federal employees, of which there are now more than 480,000.

"Several hundred labor bills were introduced into congress this year," Dr. Andrews adds, "while eleven state legislatures in spite of reaction ground out their full share of the annual grist."

Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, made public in Washington a statement on "Labor's Achievements and Issues" for 1916, in which he characterized the past year as a remarkable one in the progress of the labor movement, especially in the shortening of the working day and in general labor legislation.

"Labor day, 1916," says Mr. Gompers, "brings to the workers of America the right to cheer and confidence in the trade union movement. There have been tests and crises that have proved its fundamental principles; there have been opportunities that have tested its practical efficiency. Through them all the trade union movement has made sure progress and gained in confident vision for the future.

"Every national and international, every local union affiliated to the American Federation of Labor, has made definite progress in securing for its members greater advantages in those things which are fundamental to betterment in all relations of life. In some organizations the success has been phenomenal.

"Taking the labor movement as a whole, there has been greater progress in securing the eight-hour day or the shorter workday than in any other similar period of time. The meaning of these victories can be interpreted only in the light of full understanding of the meaning of the eight-hour day. The shorter workday is something more than an economic demand. It is a demand for opportunity for rest, recuperation and development; things which make life more than mechanical drudgery."

EIGHT-HOUR BILL IS LAW

Railroad Strike is Averted; President Signs Measure.

The Adamson eight-hour bill, accepted by labor union officials as providing a satisfactory settlement of the demands on which they based their order calling a nation-wide strike for Labor day, was passed without amendment by the senate Saturday.

The president has signed the bill and the strike has been averted.

Klondike Discoverer Dies in Poverty
Snookum Jim Madon, an Indian, who, with George Carmack of Seattle, discovered the Klondike gold field twenty years ago, died in poverty recently at Carcross, Yukon territory. At one time he had \$100,000 in gold, nearly all of which he squandered. On a visit to Seattle he threw money from his hotel window to see the crowds scramble for it.

Coal Movement Begins

Coal which has accumulated along the Kanawha river, because of river conditions this summer, has begun to move toward the markets of the south and middle west. All the dams in the stream have been raised and steam boats are handling heavy tows.

N. Y. Car Men Again Threaten Strike

Motormen and conductors employed on the elevated and subway lines of the Interborough Rapid Transit company, New York, voted to suspend work unless officers of the corporation consent to meet a committee from the union.

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SCHEDULED FOR SEPTEMBER COURT

Harrison Leonard, assault and battery and threats; Jane Leonard, prosecutor.

Christie Taylor, larceny; J. S. Picking, Jr., prosecutor.

Harry Hortscamp, assault and battery; Alvin Pritts, prosecutor.

John Woods, Elizabeth Goenner, Catherine Stibich, and Stella M. Simler, selling liquor without a license; Lester G. Wagner, prosecutor.

Connellsville & State Line Railroad Company, maintaining a nuisance and obstructing public highways; Austin Weller, prosecutor.

George Saylor, Jr., aggravated assault and battery; Lawrence Bowman, prosecutor.

Theodore Close, assault and battery to kill; Adam Trimble, prosecutor.

Gilbert Tressler, carrying concealed weapons; George W. Burkholder, prosecutor.

Lizzie Metts, assault and battery; Angus Burkholder, prosecutr.

James H. Staub, disorderly conduct Mrs. Ida Walker, prosecutor.

James H. Staub, pointing fire arms; John Walker, prosecutor.

Emanuel Statler, misdemeanor, Peter Siler, prosecutor.

Emanuel Statler, resisting an officer, George W. Lyberger, prosecutor.

Christ Koontz, assault and battery; J. W. Wilbur, prosecutor.

John Custer and Charles McEott, breaking, entering and larceny; John O. Yutzy, prosecutor.

Charles House, assault and battery; Jonas Barnhart, prosecutor.

John Peck, assault and battery; Moss Hawk, prosecutor.

John Borging, alias Joe Beekey; aggravated assault and battery; Alex Kupche, prosecutor.

Harry Gray, larceny; Chas F. Uhl, prosecutor.

Chas. Skaptauchak, assault; W. M. Legg, prosecutor.

A. T. Armstrong and W. M. Legg, assault and battery; Charles Shaptauck, prosecutor.

John Donhue, horse stealing; Geo. Hoke, prosecutor.

Steve Komoro, driving an automobile while intoxicated; Alvin C. Darr, prosecutor.

M. L. Markel, assault and battery; Je. Verab, prosecutor.

Steve Buchko, making untrue statements when employing men; John Toth, prosecutor.

Wesley Pebley, alias Sylvester Pebley, selling liquor without a license and to minors; Edward Hancock, prosecutor.

Chas. Meisenberger, assault and battery Chas. E. Rock, prosecutor.

George Solomon, larceny; Paul Pachuda, prosecutor.

Wilson Trent, maintaining a nuisance; James W. Seibert, prosecutor.

Catherin Knepper, Rhubanna Critchfield, prosecutor.

Mrs. Alex. Koopchak, assault and battery; Joe Berkey, prosecutor.

Mrs. Alex. Tipchak, assault and battery; John Tulal, prosecutor.

Willis Spangler, assault and battery; Edmund L. Jacobs, prosecutor.

PROPOSED AMENDMENTS TO THE CONSTITUTION SUBMITTED TO THE CITIZENS OF THE COMMONWEALTH FOR THEIR APPROVAL OR REJECTION, BY THE GENERAL ASSEMBLY OF THE COMMONWEALTH OF PENNSYLVANIA, AND PUBLISHED BY ORDER OF THE SECRETARY OF THE COMMONWEALTH, IN PURSUANCE OF ARTICLE, XVIII OF THE CONSTITUTION.

Number One.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to Article IX of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the XVIII article thereof:—

Section 16. The State, or any municipality thereof, acquiring or appropriating property or rights over or in property for public use, may, in furtherance of its plans for the acquisition and public use of such property or rights, and subject to such restrictions as the Legislature may from time to time impose, appropriate an excess of property over that actually to be occupied or used for public use, and may thereafter sell or lease such excess, and impose on the property so sold or leased any restrictions appropriate to preserve or enhance the benefit to the public of the property actually occupied or used.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 1.
CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Two.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania so as to consolidate the courts of common pleas of Philadelphia county.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section six of article five be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 6. In the county of Philadelphia all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas of that county, shall be vested in one court of common pleas composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

In the county of Allegheny all the jurisdiction and powers now vested in the several numbered courts of common pleas, shall be vested in one court of common pleas, composed of all the judges in commission in said courts. Such jurisdiction and powers shall extend to all proceedings at law and in equity which shall have been instituted in the several numbered courts and shall be subject to such change as may be made by law and subject to change of venue as provided by law. The president judge of the said court shall be selected as provided by law. The number of judges in said court may be by law increased from time to time. This amendment shall take effect on the first day of January succeeding its adoption.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 2.
CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Three.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to article nine, section four of the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania; authorizing the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the improvement of the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 1. Be it resolved by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, That the following amendment to the Constitution of Pennsylvania be, and the same is hereby, proposed, in accordance with the eighteenth article thereof:—

That section four of article nine, which reads as follows:

"Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasions, suppress in-

to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiency in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate at any one time, one million dollars," be amended so as to read as follows:

Section 4. No debt shall be created by or on behalf of the State, except to supply casual deficiencies of revenue, repel invasion, suppress insurrection, defend the State in war, or to pay existing debt; and the debt created to supply deficiencies in revenue shall never exceed in the aggregate, at any one time, one million dollars: Provided, however, That the General Assembly, irrespective of any debt, may authorize the State to issue bonds to the amount of fifty millions of dollars for the purpose of improving and rebuilding the highways of the Commonwealth.

Section 2. Said proposed amendment shall be submitted to the qualified electors of the State, at the general election to be held on the Tuesday next following the first Monday of November in the year nineteen hundred and eighteen, for the purpose of deciding upon the approval and ratification or the rejection of said amendment. Said election shall be opened, held, and closed upon said election day, at the places and within the hours at and within which said election is directed to be opened, held and closed, and in accordance with the provisions of the laws of Pennsylvania governing elections, and amendments thereto. Such amendment shall be printed upon the ballots in the form and manner prescribed by the election laws of Pennsylvania, and shall in all respects conform to the requirement of such laws.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 3.
CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

Number Four.
A JOINT RESOLUTION
Proposing an amendment to section eight, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania.

Section 1. Be it enacted by the Senate and House of Representatives of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania in General Assembly met, and is hereby enacted by the authority of the same, That the Constitution of the Commonwealth of Pennsylvania, in accordance with the provisions of the eighteenth article thereof:—

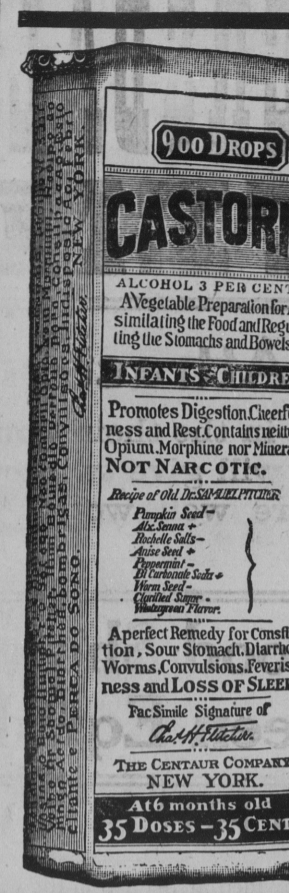
Amendment to Article Nine, Section Eight.
That section eight of article nine of the Constitution be amended by striking out the said section and inserting in place thereof the following:—

Section 8. The debt of any county city, borough, township, school district or other municipality or incorporated district, except as provided here in and in section fifteen of this article shall never exceed seven (7) per centum upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, but the debt of the city of Philadelphia may be increased in such amount that the total city debt of said city shall not exceed ten per centum (10) upon the assessed value of the taxable property therein, nor shall any such municipality or district incur any new debt, or increase its indebtedness to an amount exceeding two (2) per centum upon such assessed valuation of property, without the consent of the electors thereof at a public election in such manner as shall be provided by law. In ascertaining the borrowing capacity of the said city of Philadelphia, at any time, there shall be excluded from the calculation and deducted from such debt so much of the debt of said city as shall have been incurred, and the proceeds thereof invested, in any public improvements of any character which shall be yielding to the said city an annual current net revenue. The amount of such deduction shall be ascertained by capitalizing the annual net revenue from such improvements during the year immediately preceding the time of such ascertainment; and such capitalization shall be estimated by ascertaining the principal amount which would yield such annual, current net revenue, at the average rate of interest, and sinking-fund charges payable upon the indebtedness incurred by said city for such purposes, up to the time of such ascertainment. The method of determining such amount, so to be deducted, may be prescribed by the General Assembly. In incurring indebtedness for any purpose the city of Philadelphia may issue its obligations maturing not later than fifty (50) years from the date thereof, with provision for a sinking-fund sufficient to retire said obligations at maturity, the payment to such sinking-fund to be in equal or graded annual or other periodical instalments. Where any indebtedness shall be or shall have been incurred by said city of Philadelphia for the purpose of the construction or improvement of public works of any character from which income or revenue is to be derived by said city, or for the reclamation of land to be

used in the construction of wharves or docks owned or to be owned by said city, such obligations may be in an amount sufficient to provide for, and may include the amount of, the interest and sinking-fund charges accruing and which may accrue throughout the period of construction, and until the expiration of one year after the completion of the work for which said indebtedness shall have been incurred; and said city shall not be required to levy a tax to pay said interest and sinking-fund charges as required by section ten, article nine of the Constitution of Pennsylvania, until the expiration of said period of one year after the completion of said work.

A true copy of Joint Resolution No. 4.
CYRUS E. WOODS,
Secretary of the Commonwealth.

STREET PAVING WORK STARTED
Work has been started on the paving of Main street in Berlin by contractor Ziegler who put some thirty or forty men and several teams to work excavating and that throughfare from the Reformed church to Cumberland street is all torn up. This is what the people there have been looking for and everybody feels happy now that the dirt is flying. More men will be put on the job when needed and if the good weather holds out it is expected to have the job completed yet this fall. The concrete curbing will be put in first and as soon as that is firmly set everything will be ready to put down the brick. Main street will be a veritable hive of industry from now on until the job is completed.



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GARRETT
Misses Fannie and Blanche Bittner spent Sunday in Pittsburgh.

Mr. and Mrs. George Marker of Rockwood spent the past week at Mrs. Marker's home Mr. and Mrs. Henry Bittner and family.

Mr. Henry Bittner and son-in-law, of Rockwood, Mr. George Marker spent Sunday in Berlin.

Mrs. Henry Bittner spent the beginning of the week with relatives in Forestburg, Md.

Messrs. Hubert Bittner and Foster Christner and Miss Blanche Bittner attended the Lodge picnic in Rockwood on Labor Day.

Messrs. George Marker and Hubert Bittner spent Wednesday in Meyersdale.

Children Cry FOR FLETCHER'S CASTORIA

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