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Patronize White Laundries Who Employ White Labor

INDUSTRIAL AUTOCRACY AND TYRANNY MUST BE ABOLISHED

By SAMUEL GOMPERS

(An Address delivered at the Montreal Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.)

I want you to know in all seriousness, that I am proud and gratified more than I can tell you in words. In all the years of your existence as the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, and all through the years that I have tried to serve my fellows, this is the first time that I have had the pleasure to be with you in your Congress. You can understand the thrill that such an opportunity gives. May I say that I have heard with great pleasure the address of the fraternal delegate from the British Trades Congress. I purposely avoided coming into this Congress earlier this morning so that the great honor and privilege and freedom of expression of the fraternal delegate from the British Trades Congress. I purposely avoided coming into this Congress earlier this morning so that the great honor and privilege and freedom of expression of the fraternal delegate from the British Trades Congress. I purposely avoided coming into this Congress earlier this morning so that the great honor and privilege and freedom of expression of the fraternal delegate from the British Trades Congress.

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Opposed to this form of dealing with economic questions, this form of organization and this American way of employe representation, are such radical movements as the I. W. W. and the communist party. No labor hating "Wall Street Capitalist" is any more opposed to labor unions than these radical leaders. That these elements resort to different methods to stifle trades unionism makes no difference to us. Both are our enemies, each seeking destruction of the legitimate labor movement in their own way and for their own selfish motives.

An organized movement to spread foreign communism in American trade unions is being launched, in fact has been going on for some time past. Radicals of all kinds are attempting to gain control of the American labor movement by the process of "boring from within." Communist leaders are advising their followers to join labor unions, take an active part in their local and international unions and gradually become leaders whenever possible until that time when they will control the movement.

Our imagination fails us when we try to think of any two interests farther apart and more antagonistic than legitimate business and communism, and yet big business does practically nothing to stop the spread of communist propaganda in America. If anything, that element of big business which opposes trade unionism assists in its distribution. Some employers are today aiding the communist party by obstructing trades unions and discouraging sane, constructive leadership and by not differentiating between trades unionism and communism.

As Samuel Gompers, in an article for the New York Tribune, declares, "Americans can best stop the spread of Communist propaganda by recognizing the effectiveness, the democratic and scientific foundation of our trade unions which stand as the first line of defence against communist dictatorship. The communists are not attacking congress, legislatures, corporations or employers; they are attacking trade unions."

A great many people begin to save and fail because they haven't any definite plan. They save "once in a while". The person who ties his Big Ambition to that method has a long and weary wait for fortune. Practice the simple exercise of saving trifles. Decide to save when tempted to spend.

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own selves and their families. There is no room in the whole world for two rival Labor organizations. I would not interfere if I could, and could not if I would, with the political affairs of the people of Canada nor with their religious faiths. That is a matter of conscience with each man and woman must determine for himself or herself. I can say this. That the employers of the United States care very little whether we are Protestants, Roman Catholics, Jews, Infidels, or niggers, or anything else, so long as we remain apart and work cheap. I have a notion that the employers of Canada are not very different upon the subject. There is so much that I would like to say to you and so little time in which to say it. I want this great movement of ours in Canada, the United States, Great Britain, France, Germany and Austria and all over the world to be in agreement, to be united in spirit, in sentiment, in hopes for a better day, and the achievement of that great result, so rich the philosophers of the world dream, which the poets have sung their lays to and for which in all ages and decades and centuries, the masses of the working-people have had to bear the brunt of sacrifice and struggles, that progress and civilization might exist and continue until the fullest fruition of the fullest ideals of justice, freedom, and the universal brotherhood of man. I wish I could remain here with you throughout your convention but that privilege is denied me. I must do the best that I can for my fellows, whose counsel, whose advice I am among others, to give the fullest service in this greatest human cause that ever engaged the mind and the capacity and the idealism and imagination of workers and men who struggled for freedom, is the greatest tribute that we can give to those fellows who have

published of each fuel, showing its comparative heating values, ash content and other constituents. Particular attention attaches to the directions for using soft or bituminous coal; for, the Canadian householder, in the great majority of cases may find it necessary to use soft coal for the remainder of this winter. This fact, the pamphlet points out, is differentiated from anthracite in having a much higher percentage of volatile or gaseous material. Its heating value, however, is nearly 10 per cent greater than that of anthracite, but it must be fired differently from the latter to get best results. Care must be taken to see that gases that come off are burned, putting on more fuel, part of the fire must be left uncovered to let these gases and the grid in the door must be left open to an air so that the gases will be burned in order to permit of complete combustion. The unconsumed gases pass a layer of soot on the top of the furnace and the flues, and should be cleaned off daily to get best heating results.

EDITORIAL COMMENT.

Many employers are ignorant of the difference between red radicals and trade unionists. The intelligent ones certainly know that there is a vast difference between trade unionism and communism whether they openly recognize it or not.

Today trade unions are having to fight communists almost single handedly because of the vicious open shop propaganda which attempts to make these two antagonistic movements appear the same. Furthermore, the attitude of big business, which is too greedy to acknowledge this great difference, is to stifle legitimate labor unions along with all the revolutionary, so-called labor organizations.

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