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A WEEKLY NEWS LETTER.

ORGANIZATION

The slogan of the Trade Union movement is organize. We see the word organize wherever we go. To our humble mind the word organize is not generally understood in its best sense.

Let us for a moment look into the book of nature and see if we cannot learn something from it. Take the bees as an illustration. They are an organized body, not in numbers only, but organized mentally.

The ant is another fine illustration. They are most industrious, they make provision for long periods ahead. A flock of birds when migrating will keep back nurses for those who are sick.

What a boon it would be to us as workers if we could copy from the ant or any of the others mentioned. How can we expect anything different than what we have if we are not intelligent enough to get it? Even fishes in the sea move in organized bodies.

You cannot trace in any activity of a people anything otherwise than what has been said, that organization must take place before there is much advance. In the past organization has been accomplished by the ruling class, in the political field we can see where the workers fighting for better things in industry will vote for their masters when called upon to do so.

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MEXICAN TRADE

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views. He knows that the Mexican people can not be lifted by their own bootstraps. They go up or remain down as the workers of other nations go up or down.

Mexico secures the bulk of its supplies from the United States. It expects to spend hundreds of millions of dollars here in the next few years. It intends to spend this money in such a manner that it shall help and not injure American workers.

Contracts for "Fair" Firms. Orders for agricultural implements, road building machinery, fire apparatus and various other manufactured products have already been placed with American concerns recommended by officials of the Machinists' Union.

Naturally, this policy has aroused the "open shop" crowd in this country and they are making a mighty howl about discrimination.



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number of attempts to persuade the government out of its program, but he didn't get far with his work. Then they sent Mrs. H. L. Gaidis, chairman of the woman's section of the United States Chamber of Commerce.

They are ready to pay gold for materials and supplies, and they assume the right to conduct their internal affairs in their own way. They claim the right to buy from whom they please, on such terms as are mutually satisfactory to buyer and seller.

Exposed "American Plan" Mr. Davison explained to Mexican officials what the "open shop" really means. He made short work of the so-called "American plan," pointing out that it wasn't American at all.

I think it is pretty generally understood in Mexico that those who represent the "open shop" in America are the real enemies of Mexico, said Mr. Davison.

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intervention, not in the interest of the Mexican people, but in the interests of those who have been exploiting them. Mr. Davison points to action taken by the American Plan or Open Shop Conference of Connecticut, as an indication of how the situation is to be met by American manufacturers of the "open shop" variety.

The Connecticut Open Shop Conference took cognizance of a letter written by Antonio I. Villarreal, secretary of agriculture, addressed to William H. Johnson, president of the International Association of Machinists, stating the purpose of the Mexican government to purchase several million dollars worth of farm machinery and implements and requesting that Mr. Johnston supply the names of firms that are fair to organized labor.

In a series of resolutions that are being sent to Senators and Representatives and the various commercial lobbies at Washington "this request and proposed action" are denounced as "a discrimination by a foreign government in favor of a principle inimical to the best interests of the industrial life of the United States."

Count on Public Opinion. The Mexican government, Mr. Davison declares, feels that American public opinion will support a movement that directly helps the American people and only indirectly benefits Mexicans.

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