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"LEST WE FORGET! LEST WE FORGET!"

Somebody cheered for somebody,
Somebody says to somebody:
Somebody voted for somebody
On last election day;
Somebody listened to somebody
On a soap box in the street;
Somebody jeered at somebody
Where'er they chanced to meet;
Somebody talked to somebody
And told them this would be;
Somebody laughed at somebody,
Somebody wouldn't see.

Somebody says to somebody:
I've learned my lesson well!
Somebodys ays to somebody:
Why not my comrades tell?
And speak right out in the meeting
And find where the fault doth lie,
And tell of the strikes and lockouts
That you fought in the days gone by;
And tell of the bull pen, also,
And the tortures you patiently bore
To appease the wrath of the shirkers
Who thirst for your sweat and your gore;

Go tell of Chicago and Lattimer
And Homestead and Coeur d'Alene,
Where your comrades were shot without mercy—
Yes, tell all the sights you have seen,
And say how, when it all was over,
You voted again as of yore,
Forgetting the masters would treat you
Exactly as they did before.
Yes, tell them you gave them your ballot
And bullets you got in return,
And say you have naught to complain of—
You scorned to listen and learn.

Yes, speak right out in the meeting;
Be a hero for once among men,
And say how you've learned your lesson
When you go to the polls again.
—Fred Walter Montrose, in the Miner's Magazine.

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AFRAID TO ACT.

The Employers' Association of Los Angeles Lacks the Nerve to Carry Out Its Programme.

Los Angeles, Cal., Dec. 16.—Special Correspondence.)—As stated in a recent issue of The Toiler, the would-be union-wrecking brigade of Los Angeles, calling itself the Employers' Association, held a meeting behind closed doors and decided to raise a fund of $5,000, after which Arthur A. Hay would immediately be arrested on a charge of criminal libel. Hay is conducting the fight organized labor is waging against the infamous Los Angeles Times, and he was to be charged with libelling Otis, the editor of that despicable sheet. Just as every detail had been perfected by the Otis combination, agents representing W. R. Hearst arrived in Los Angeles, leased a five-storey building for a period of ten years, and began to install the most complete newspaper plant in the Southwest, preparatory to publishing a Hearst morning paper. Otis and his henchmen literally fell over themselves in their wild scramble for cover. Evidently they have abandoned their conspiracy to railroad to jail the man who is giving Otis the fight of his life.

On top of Hearst's coming it is announced that Otis has further cause to feel disturbed, as the American Federation of Labor, at its recent convention in Boston, authorized the appointment of an organizer in Southern California for a period of one year, and it is understood that this official will be placed in the field the latter part of January, and will direct the work of organizing every non-union workman the Employers' Association has lured to this section for the purpose of disrupting the unions.

It is easily to be seen that the notorious Los Angeles Times has a stormy voyage ahead, and that unionism is to have its inning.

This can be more speedily brought about by organizing an anti-Los Angeles Times committee in every central body in the United States and Canada. Let the readers of The Toiler see to it that such a committee is appointed in Toronto.

And Hay is still doing business at the old stand.

There is a higher law than the law of supply and demand. Human labor cannot justly be bought as capital buys wheat and pork. Soul and heart should be considered and the need for general progress. It must have been this view, I think, which led Lincoln to say, "Labor is prior to and above capital, and deserves a much higher consideration. For myself, I fully agree with James Lane Allen's finely expressed thought, "When the top decays, as it always does in the lapse of time, whence shall come regeneration if not from below? It is the plain people who are the eternal breeding grounds of higher destinies."—Congressman Livernash.

OFFICIAL.

TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL

REPORT OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Your executive met in The Toiler office last Wednesday evening, President James Simpson and Delegates Cooper, Cox, Fannon, Sinclair, Huddlestone, Mrs. Darwin, Ward, Vodden and Kennedy being present.

The following correspondence was read and disposed of as follows:

From the secretary of Direct Legislation League, stating that the direct legislation plank had been omitted from the platform of the Municipal Labor Party, and asking that the matter of reprinting the said platform be considered. The letter was referred to executive of the Municipal Labor Party.

From Independent Labor Party of North Waterloo. Referred to the Council.

From Piano and Organ Workers, No. 39, re the attendance of Bro. Sheppard at the last regular meeting. The secretary had forwarded an explanation to the local. Received and filed.

From secretary of Phœnix T. and L. Council, British Columbia, asking for copy of constitution and recent amendments. The request was complied with.

The bills presented were recommended to be paid.

Your executive desires to impress upon the Council the fact that the next regular meeting will be held on Christmas eve, unless some other provision is made by changing the night of meeting.

The motter of having a committee appointed by the Council to increase the circulaton of The Toiler was discussed, and we would recommend that a committee of six be appointed for the purpose of agitating in the local unions to increase the subscription list of The Toiler, and the general interests of the paper. The committee to serve for the balance of the present term.

The chairman of the Label Committee has reported to your executive that the indifference shown to agitating the union label by those unions who are interested in having their labels boomed before the public, has caused a feeling of resentment to arise among those members of the committee who are anxious to do some work, as they naturally feel opposed to agitating the labels of those bodies that fail to take any interest in the work of the committee, by neglecting to have their delegate attend, hence the committee is in a state of disorganization.

Your executive considers the above situation as very serious, and should cause the delegates to reflect on the dangerous position the non-agitation of the union labels is assuming, especially at this particular period, when every effort is being put forth on the part of the employing classes to discredit the use of union labels, not in any one section, but all over the American continent.

This is a work that every local having a union label should strive (through their representatives at this Council) to keep the machinery going at full speed, as any lukewarmness that may be shown by those especially affected has a very degenerating effect on other local bodies to whom we look for co-operation, to create a greater demand for our labels, and this very indifference is always seized upon by the employers as an opportunity to discourage the use of the label by using influence with the retailers to discontinue the sale of union label goods.

The avowed opposition to the label by those desiring the downfall of organized labor should act as a warning to those bodies who have adopted a union label, that they must be up and doing and cease acting as a stumbling block to those who are eager to boom the label.

We would urge every delegate to present this matter to his local, so that a worker may be selected to act on the Label Committee. We would also recommend that the Woman's Label League be invited to send a committee to the meetings of the Label Committee, so that the League may be in possession of the work being done by the committee.

The Brewery Workers' Union has been agitating the use of their label, and everything pointed to the label being adopted by a local brewery some weeks ago, but as a result of the inactivity shown by the Council in label agitation, the employer has conceived a very poor opinion of organized labor in demanding union label goods, and has turned a deaf ear to any further effort on the part of the employees, to induce him to adopt the label, and the brewery workers feel that they are being overlooked by union men generally in the city, as no demand is being created for label beer. This unsatisfactory state of label agitation should receive the earnest attention of every delegate in the Council, and a supreme effort made to introduce the Brewery Workers' label in at least one brewery in the city. Adopted.

D. W. KENNEDY, Sec.

REPORT OF THE LEGISLATIVE COMMITTEE.

Your committee met at the office of The Toiler and adopted the following report:

In reply to the enquiry from the secretary of the Bureau of Labor, we would recommend the following statements.

Reform in Taxation.

The one thing that the Legislature can do for the benefit of labor which would accomplish more good than anything else would be to rectify the method of assessment. At the present time the assessment discriminates aganst the employment of industry. Let any man erect dwellings, construct a factory or make other improvement, at once his taxes are increased, while the taxes of the land speculator are confined wholly to the value of the land. This discrimination should cease.

But the case becomes worse when we see how the holder of the land in the growing towns or cities can charge labor so much for the occupation thereof. While the land owner may collect a ground rent ranging all the way from a thousand dollars to a hundred thousand dollars per acre yearly, the toilers who produce the wealth get but little beyond a very narrow subsistence.

By this method of taxation the toilers must bear the whole burden of taxation, and at the same time keep in luxury the owners of the best sites. This means a double tax to industry and a life of luxurious leisure to the land owner, exempt for all time from any of the burdens of taxation.

Direct Legislation.

The people should have the power either to initiate laws or to express their approval or disapproval of the acts of the legislatures or the councils. In this way reforms now much needed could be effected and much bad legislation prevented.

Reform of Representation.

We believe that by the grouping of the constituencies and proportional representation, many of the evils of the party system could be eliminated.

Discriminating Legislation.

All special favors and all methods of bonusing are a violation of the primary principle of government, the equality of every one before the law. Bonuses are granted in almost every case so as to favor the rich at the expense of the poor. We would therefore recommend that all bonusing be abolished.

Prison Labor.

We would recommend that all prison labor be directed more with the aim of educating the prisoners to become useful citizens, and not so much with the idea of giving a chance for some contractor to secure a fortune. We hope, therefore, that the Legislature will abolish all contract labor in prisons.

Public Ownership.

The granting of public franchises has in many cases given undue power to capitalists to oppress the public. We would therefore be glad to see the Government adopt the method of public ownership of public utilities.

The Inspection of Factories.

This Council is of the opinion that the inspection of the factories cannot be done efficiently by the present staff. The work is far too great, and to be attended to with proper care there should be an inspector for each city of the province.

The Factories Act.

The administration of the Factories Act is at present under the control of the Department of Agriculture. It is the opinion of this Council that it would be much better to place it under the control of the Labor Bureau.

The Inspection of Boilers.

The numerous fatal accidents occurring through the explosion of boilers seriously demands the attention of the Legislature. This Council would recommend that steps be taken in the direction of providing that only competent engineers be placed in charge of all steam plants. Adopted.

W. A. DOUGLAS, Sec.

MUNICIPAL COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

At the last regular meeting of the District Labor Council, the Municipal Committee presented the following report:

With the meetings of the Municipal Labor Party occurring on the same night as your committee originally planned to meet, it has been difficult for us to do any direct work for this Council. Permission was, however, granted us to use such of their proceedings as we wished, and it has been supposed that a very important matter, hitherto neglected, is the pledging of all the delegates to this Council to support the labor candidates being placed in the field for municipal elections. The necessity for this has been made very apparent of late, and partyism will have to be cut out in this, our central body, before we can accomplish all the good it is in our power to do. By partyism we do not confine ourselves simply to Grit and Tory parties, but to any partyism which cannot use its votes and its influence in our favor. The committee recommend therefore that the delegates to the Council be asked to take the following pledge: "We, the delegates of the Toronto District Trades and Labor Council, do severally and jointly pledge ourselves to use our votes jointly pledge ourselves to use our votes and influence in support of the municipal labor candidates in the coming election on Jan. 1st, 1904."

The Labor Party platform has been printed and 10,000 copies will be distributed over the city trade unionists and voters in a very short space of time.

The platform contains the two additional clauses which were reported here last meeting night.

An important clause which has been embodied in our platform since the printing has been done is that the plank that in all city contracts or franchises a clause be inserted compelling arbitration of all disputes arising between employer and employee on such contract or franchise, the arbitration board to consist of a representative from each of the contending parties, they to select a third arbitrator, the decision of such board to be binding on both sides.

The only purpose of a report from this committee to-night is to let all delegates to the Council know who the selections from the referendum vote are for alderman and Board of Education. Thos. Urquhart, who was the only one on the list for Mayor, has had almost a unanimous vote of all the locals voting, although there have been some individual members of certain locals who objected to him.

For aldermen the wards where only one name was placed on ballot papers, viz., Wards 1, 2, 3, 4 and 5, will have as candidates all the respective candidates, very little opposition being given any except in Ward 2. Thus James Wilson will contest Ward 1 for alderman; W. A. Douglas, Ward 2; Arthur Callow, Ward 3; A. E. Hacker, Ward 4; and Frank Woods in Ward 5, while in Ward 6 Ald. J. J. Ward secured the highest vote, he being therefore entitled to our support.

For Board of Education the selections are: Henderson, Raynor, Sinclair and Tweed.

The committee are not yet prepared to say who will be entitled to our support for Board of Control, but this will be announced later on.

Respectfully submitted.

JNO. E. VIRTUE, Sec.

STRAY THOUGHTS

WORKINGMEN, DON'T FORGET

1st. Don't forget, because you are having a good time on New Year's Day, that it is election day.

2nd. Don't forget you are a workingman because you are having turkey for dinner. Remember there are others that haven't.

3rd. Don't forget you have a workingman's candidate in the field.

4th. Don't forget that you can work and vote for him.

5th. Don't forget your neighbor can work and vote for the labor candidate.

6th. Don't forget you can talk about him wherever you go.

7th. Don't forget that your vote on New Year's Day is your voice in the government of the City of Toronto; be surethat it is your own voice that speaks.

VOTE FOR LABOR.

Do not sell or give your birthright,
For you may have cause to rue;
Vote for Labor—that's your duty—
Stand together, ever true.

STAR OF FREEDOM.

Though the Toiler's path is hidden,
And Freedom's star is deeply veiled,
Yet that star shall shine in splendor
In the new industrial world.

CHEER UP, TOILERS.

Tho' rocks and storms abound,
And trouble's waves run high,
God shall guide us safely through
To Freedom by and bye.

FIGHT PRINCIPLES.

It is the principles that govern our industrial life that are wrong. Never mind the breaking machinery and fighting men; let us fight the wrong principles.

THE TOILER.

There are any number of workingmen who are not overburdened with education. If you can't go to school, you can read The Toiler, and it will teach you more than you were taught at school.

SHORTHAND.

When George Stephenson was asked about cows straying on the railroad, he said: "It will be a bad thing for the cow." Last week I saw an objection raised to teaching shorthand in the Public Schools. It may not be so good for the private shorthand schools, but it will be a good thing for the children. Why should we continue to use longhand at all if shorthand is better? The greatest good to the greatest number is the motto of progress.

WHY IS THE ADD WHICH WAS IN THIS SPACE IN IT NO MORE?

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SPARKLING THOUGHTS FROM J. L. GORDON'S SERMON ON WOMAN'S RIGHTS AND WOMAN'S WRONGS.

I think the people are gradually coming to the conclusion that this world was intended for men and women.

There are two things in this world to be dreaded—a manly woman and a womanly man.

I am not surprised if a woman 18 or 20 years of age should open her eyes and ask herself a question or two.

There ought to be a law to compel men to vote on some occasions.

If the men are so slow and make so little use of their vote, I am not so sure of what the women would accomplish.

He is the best man that can stand alone, and she is the best woman that can stand alone.

The best thing for womanhood is absolute permanent financial independence.

There is an old proverb, Teach the boy a trade. I say, teach the girl a trade and let the boy look after himself. Better that both be taught a trade.

Money is the divinest thing in all the world if divinely used.

Grand thing for a woman when she can be independent from a financial standpoint.

A married woman never knows where she is financially.

I want to tell you that the average man does not know what economy is.

Women are born economists.

Womanhood must be self-contained and independent.

Men are a good deal kinder to men than women are to women.

If a woman makes a mistake there are a hundred women ready to close the door and keep her down.

The most beautiful thing in this world is a Christian woman.

Not what I have, but what I do, is my kingdom.—Carlyle.

Agitation is the method that plants the school by the side of the ballot box.—Wendell Phillips.

My liberty ends when it begins to involve the possibility of ruin to my neighbor.—John Stuart Mill.

There be those who have inscribed the cross of Christ on banners dripping with human gore.—Coleridge.

All rights rest upon human rights. No rights vest where a human right has been violated. You can legalize a wrong, but you can't make it right.

The religious press is filled with advertisements of patent medicines which are doing fully as much damage as the use of intoxicating liquors. By means of advertisements strongly charged with suggestions, the patent medicine fakirs are creating yearly a vast army of invalids beside which the drunk army is but a corporal's guard. Truly, suggestion rules the world, for good or ill, and the press is a strong propagator of evil suggestions.—Suggestion.

Would you make brothers of the poor by giving to them?

Try it, and find that in a world of unequals it is the most unbrotherly of acts.

There is no gulf between unequal men so wide as a gift;

There is no wall so impassable as money given and taken;

There is nothing so unfraternal as the dollar; it is the very symbol of discord and division.

Make brothers of the poor if you will, but do it by ceasing to steal from them.

Charity separates; justice unites.
—Ernest Crosby, in The Philistine.

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