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UNMUZZLED.

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Let it have a go,
Put your cents together, boys,
The press will talk for you.

Never mind the sword and gun.
The cannon and the ball—
Just mark your ballot for the right,
The pen will beat them all.

—Paul Lincoln.

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To have a good clean civic government it is necessary to have the people well informed upon what is doing at the City Hall. The newspapers perform a certain amount of work in this respect, but the good accomplished is largely offset by the apparent necessity of each paper reporting matters from the standpoint of the policy of the paper. This applies largely to the individual actions of the Alderman as well as the general doings of the whole Council. This is supposed to be the up-to-date method. It is unfortunate that the doings of cerain Aldermen as viewed by some of the press are mostly bad, while those of others are mostly good. The newspapers of the city are largely against politics being introduced into the City Council, but unfortunately to a great extent politics have a great bearing upon their news columns when reporting the doings of the Mayor and Aldermen.

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A student of civic matters will not be long at the task before he will see that there are several things needed to help the citizens to an understanding of their own affairs. One of the principal of these in the opinion of the writer is a proper financial statement placed in the hands of each taxpayer every year with his tax bill. There is not one citizen in every hundred who has any definite knowledge of just where the money is going which he annually pays in at the City Hall. This condition of things should not exist. For instance, now many citizens are aware of how much of the tax rate finds its way into the strong boxes of the banks for money advanced to carry on the work of the city for at least six months of the year? Likewise, how many are there who know anything about the debenture debt of the city, what it is for and how it is increasing or decreasing for certain fixed works. A proper understanding of the finances of the city will make for good government in a greater degree than any other distinct item in civic matters.

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Let us consider if it would not be possible to reduce taxation in a certain degree, possibly to the extent of one, two or three mills, by an arrangement to collect say fifty per cent. of the taxes earlier in the year. It would be no hardship upon the citizens to have a law enacted that would permit of the treasurer calling for an installment or two of the taxes before the full rate was struck by the City Council. He could be permitted to levy to the extent of ten mills at the least, say five mills in January and another five about April or May, which would entail but little extra expense in the collection and would save quite a bulky expenditure in bank interest on advances. This would be no hardship on the citizens and would in the end reduce their tax bills to the extent of the amount paid out in the advances spoken of. Thousands of dollars could annually be saved or expended to better purpose if the citizens were supplied with these printed statements of the business of the city for the past year.

The average citizen apparently is content to have his interest aroused in civic matters about the first of December and allow the fire to die out again the first week in January. The business of the city is just the same as any other business and needs the careful watching of the owner or owners the whole year round, no matter how competent the manager may be. The Alderman has become so knowing in his position of manager that he understands the citizens' habits to a nicety and is always busy about the time the interested citizen wakes up, and then he is thought such a competent manager that he immediately qualifies for re-election in the eyes of the aforesaid interested citizen.

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The one slip in the cog, as it were, in civic matters during the past year has been the work of Mayor Urquhart. His election was somewhat of a surprise to his own friends and not a great deal was expected of him, as he was not considered any too strong a man for the job. It is needless to say that although he was looked upon as weak at the beginning the way he took off his coat and stuck at it for the whole year has been a gratification to those who gave him their support and a matter of surprise to those who opposed him. He has worked well enough to entitle him to another year in the managership and is likely to get it no matter what opposition is brought forward. Just here it might be remarked that much of the credit for his election is due and accredited to organized labor. It speaks well for their judgment that they were enabled to give to the citizens of Toronto one of the best Mayors they ever had.

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There have been many important questions dealt with during the past year. Some of them have been on the slate for a long time, others appeared in the civic arena for the first time, and it must be said to the credit of this year's Council that there was always majority enough to carry the settlement of these matters to a successful conclusion. Early in the year, the Council being apprised of the working qualities of the Mayor, backed up his efforts to get rid of some of the left-over business. The Yonge Street Bridge, the Radial Railway problem, the Parks question, the election of the Board of Control by the people, the right of initiating legislation by petition, the pushing to success of the Dominion Exhibition, the pushing of the Gas suit which gave the peovle 80 cent gas, the acquirement of the patent of the Ashbridge marsh, the protection of the city's right to control street railway traffic on its own streets, the settlement of the Bell Telephone suit which went against the city, and the prospective settlement of the controversy between the Street Railway and the city. A great many of these items the Mayor promised if elected to give his attention to. He has given his attention to these with surprising results. The Council elected to support him were not any too favorable to him when he accepted office, but by his tactful manner and good judgment he was enabled to always get a majority of them to support him in his undertakings.

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It is hardly necessary at this time to deal individually with each Alderman in the Council, but there is one Alderman to whom labor men owe considerable for his untiring efforts in their behalf and on behalf of the citizens generally. During the whole year he has never been found wanting and has fought tenaciously for what he considered in the people's interests. This is Alderman Bell from Ward five. Alderman Woods, the candidate of the labor men in Ward five, also has a very good record for the past yeag with the exception of his attitude upon the gas question and the island leases. These were two important questions upon which he differed from the labor people generally, and his action upon them will in all probability loose him some votes, although in any event he is almost sure of re-election along with his colleague Alderman Bell. They along with Alderman Dunn voted for the liberty of the fireman. Alderman Starr, the other representative of this ward, voted against the firemen enjoying the liberty of every other citizen and against his own principles, seeing that he belongs to one of the most exclusive unions in this country.

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The question of a Firemen's Union was an interesting item in the year's civic doings. It aroused considerable talk for a time, but was eventually squelched by an order from the Fire Chief, backed by a vote of the City Council. Labor maintained then, and it still maintains, that the firemen have just as much right to organize as any other section of workers in the city. Alderman Spence was the champion of Chief Thompson in his zarlike action. If there ever was a time that labor needed a true friend, who was an active participant in its ups and downs in every day life, it was at the moment when the once friend turned his strong battery of eloquence against it. No man in the Council to-day knows better how to twist facts and figures to suit his own particular view than does Alderman Spence, and by his action upon this occasion he lost more friends among the ranks of labor than he yet realizes. The Alderman said that the system under which the firemen were working represented the reverse of the competitive and if all were run under like conditions the trades union would quickly pass away. What we say is that under any system the employees will of necessity have to have an organization in order to collectively fix just conditions under which to work. If they do not do it themselves there is no one else will. There are to-day grievances under which the men suffer on the fire brigade that will never be settled right by any one other than the firemen themselves, and they will never settle them right until they have the privilege of discussing them among themselves. This is what the union was organized for. It is what the civic employees are in a union for, what the postal clerks are in unions for, what the police should have an association for, and what the militia which the Alderman speaks of have associations for. The false ring in the Alderman's contention was for absolute control by the chief. He knew he was misrepresenting matters when he inferred that the union would interfere with the power of the chief to justly control the action of the individuals composing the brigade. He reiterated the lies of the unfair employer who seeks for public sympathy upon the ground that he will not allow any union to run his business. The workingmen, whether employed by the city, the province, the Dominion or a private employer have a right to collectively fix the conditions under which they shall labor. It is not necessary for them to strike to do this, but it is necessary to organize. This action has already forced the firemen to secretly attempt the accomplishment of their desires when they were honest enough in the first place to do their business in the light of all men. Oppression always results in this, and the action of Chief Thompson and the City Council was nothing other than oppression.

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The action of a certain number of citizens in meeting together to consider methods for electing good men on the new School Board is one that will be favorably received by a great many citizens. It is another evidence of the merchant and manufacturer following in the footsteps of organized labor. The labor men have decided to place men in nomination for positions on the School Board because as a class they are more vitally interested in the question of education than any other. This citizens' committee will, however, find themselves in much the same position that labor men have been placed upon more than one occasion.

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The great drawback in all these matters is to get the people sufficiently alive to their own interests to support the men who will best represent them. Too often it is the case that a man is elected to an important office because of his society, church and political affiliations without due qualifications to fill the position. The men which the labor people will put forward in this contest will, without exception, be interested in giving the people the best service possible in order to place the educational system in such a position as to give returns for the expenditures made in the shape of more and better education for the masses. Will the citizens' committee elected offer any support to labor's candidates? If they do not it is hardly necessary to say that labor will be averse to giving their candidates any encouragement.

LABOR AND WHAT IT DOES.

Labor is robbed by the politicians and votes for the robber.

Labor produces wealth and votes it to the non-producer.

Labor builds fine houses and votes them to those who don't labor.

Labor produces everything to eat and votes it to those who are not hungry and goes hungry itself.

Labor makes fine clothes for those who don't labor.

Labor builds fine carriages for drones to ride in.

Labor builds railroads and is robbed by the railroad companies.

Labor makes fine farms to mortgage to the usurer.

Labor creates capital and is tyrannized over by capital.

Labor feeds the world and goes hungry itstlf.

Labor clothes the world but wears ragged clothes.—The Carpenter.

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3 lbs. Green Peas, new goods, for	10
3 lbs. Barley, just in, for	10
7 lbs. very best Tapioca for	25
25c. Black Ceylon Tea for	19
40c. Ceylon or Mixed for	25
60c. Black or Mixed Tea, very best for	40
40c. Cocoa, very fine, for	25
25c. Cocoa, only 15c. or 2 lbs. for	25
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40c. Black or White Pepper for	25
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15 large Nutmegs for	10
12c. Pickles 9c. or 3 for	25
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HAS OTIS "COLD FEET?"

Three Whole Days Have Passed Without a Tirade Against Labor Unions.

Los Angeles, Dec. 2.—(Special Correspondence.)—Harrison Gray Otis' "organ," the Los Angeles Times, has turned over a new leaf. The last three issues have not indulged in a single characteristic tirade against the "lawlessness of trade unions," or other pet subjects from the pen of the Rubicon crosser.

If friend Harrison does not quit carrying water on both shoulders we will commence to lose faith in his warlike qualities. His record as a bully, braggart and blusterer was conceded to be 18-karat fine, and his long suit was always supposed to be the defaming of anybody's character who dared to oppose the "gineral's" pet ideas.

Scores of men of irreproachable character and high repute have been forced to "kow-tow" to this character assassin; women in all walks of life have been made to feel the cowardly sting of his venomous pen; labor organizations have been maliciously misrepresented because they differed from the views emanating from the "rat" stronghold; but for the past three days no characters have been assailed, no alleged scandals have been aired to the public, and no mention has been made in the columns of the Times that the working people are sending the nation to the "demnition bow-wows."

We really feel hurt at the inattention shown us the past three days, and emphatically protest against this neglect. Three whole days devoted to heavy editorials on subjects foreign to the usual tirades against the workers has discouraged us intensely. And all this in the face of the marvellous growth of organized labor in Southern California.

It cannot be—no, it cannot be—that the warrior bold has had an attack of "cold feet" since Hearst's Los Angeles Examiner is on the eve of publication.

True, the Examiner people have been received with open arms in the territories of Arizona and New Mexico, while the cities in Southern California in the vicinity of Los Angeles that have always been considered the strongholds of the Times have already given ample evidence of their disesteem for the Times by pledging their support to the newcomer.

In this city, the headquarters of the Executive Committee of the "Parrysites", it is really pitiable to note the desertions from the "rat"-infected hulk known as the Los Angeles Times.

Now, we contend, in all fairness, it is not just to desert an old man in his dotage who has devoted the best years of his life to breeding discontent among the classes. Is it possible the "brigadier" is in such disfavor with those whom he has forced into submission through his bulldozing methods that they are now going to be the first to plant a good swift kick on the part of his anatomy where it will do him the most good?

Undoubtedly, the effective work being done on the foreign advertising of the Times through the various Anti-Times Committees all over the country, has thinned the fighting blood in the veins of the editor of the Times. The returns from the bombardment of letters on foreign advertisers have been most encouraging.

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WHY CAPITALISM UPHOLDS MILITARISM.

Militarism is a cancer gnawing at the welfare of the nations, and yet it is kept in existence for the sake of the money-bag, which wields and rules and spends all, while the people, good enough to do the work from which everything is born, are permitted to see others enjoy—being destitute of all that ennobles and civilizes life and makes it agreeable. And all this for the sake of great capital, which absorbs everything and which uses kings and emperors, ministers and statesmen like puppets to do what the really powerful and mighty of our time (the misers or bankers and financiers) require. Everything is submitted to them; and so they are the monarchs and rulers of the world who, with millions of invisible threads, holds the fate of millions of people in their hands.—Nieuwenhuis.

The joys of meeting pay the pangs of absence, else who could bear it?

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Young men soon give and soon forgive affronts, old age is slow in both.

THE TOILERS ARE MARCHING.

Yes, they are marching,
Can't you hear them
Sons of Toil in every land—
On to freedom not far distant
When in Manhood they shall stand
And love their God and Neighbor,
Woman, Home and Native land.
It is for this they now join hands.

—Paul Lincoln.

A BIRD'S EYE VIEW OF THE INDUSTRIAL REFORMATION.

By Pual Lincoln.

Men to-day are engaged in an industrial struggle that is threefold in its aspect. From the time that man applied the iron muscles of steam and the lightning speed of electricity to our industrial life the tool that the worker used has generally passed out of his hands into the factory of the employer. This has created a tremendous struggle for

THE CONTROL OF THE WORKSHOP AND FACTORY

which has resulted in the owners forming themselves into an Employers' Association and the worker has organized trades and labor unions. The constant dispute between these organizations has created a world-wide industrial unrest.

Owing to the increased facilities of production, distribution and exchange, we find men combining to entirely

CONTROL THEIR BRANCH OF INDUSTRY,

so that to-day we find a few individuals controlling over 90 per cent. of their particular line of industry. The result of this has enabled a few individuals to become immensely rich and enjoy all the luxuries of life, while the mapority of people find it more difficult every year to exist on this earth.

We find another class of individuals whose ambition is not satisfied even with controlling one particular line of industry, they are aiming to reach a higher goal than this—the height of their ambition is

TO CONTROL OUR UNIVERSAL INDUSTRIAL LIFE,

and in order to attain this are using the tremendous power of their accumulated wealth to influence the school, the church and our civic and National Governments to further their interests and grant them powers and privileges, so that one day they may attain the goal of their ambition.

In order to thwart these men in their endeavour we find the Socialist with his universal plan of Industrial Government ownership persuading men that this is the only solution of our industrial problems.

Yet in the midst of all this discontent we find the Christian Church still applying the old-fashioned remedy of reform of the individual and thinking that the only way to reform humanity is by dealing with one man at a time. But

THE INDUSTRIAL REFORMERS

are looming up in the background of this great struggle, and with keener eye and larger vision they can see that the time is fast approaching when the principles that govern our industrial life must be reformed.

Christ prepared Himself for His great work of establishing the Kingdom of God in men's hearts in the workshop. And the men who listened to His teachings were workingmen, and when He left this earth it was the common people that watched His departure.

For centuries the church in His name has been winning nations and empires from His Kingdom until we have made the power of Christian civilization known and understood from one end of the earth to the other, but the church has built from the top down. And this industrial unrest is the birth pangs of

AN INDUSTRIAL REFORMATION

that shall connect this Christian civilization that the church and the reformers of the past has constructed and place it on the solid foundation upon which Christ built His Kingdom, namely, the hearts of common humanity. Until we discover clearly as Christians in a Christian country man's relationship to industry we cannot arrive at the true relationship of man to man which Christ plainly taught was of equal importance to man's relationship to God.

Pompey—"Wal, Doctah, what's de muttah with nabah Mose?"

Doctor—"He is a sick one, sure. My diagnose indicates tubercles in de lungs and catarrh in the nose."

"Shoo, dar! Two buckles in de lungs and guitar in de nose! Golly, Doctoh, I 'spress the 'pinyun dat youah di-hog-nose am misleading from the troof. Mose might hab swallowed de buckles, but I nose that de gutar am hangin in de kitchen."

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Grit makes the man, the want of it the chump,
The men who win lay hold, hang on and hump.

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