

THE EVENING TIMES, ST. JOHN, N. B., MONDAY, NOVEMBER 26, 1906.

CHRISTIANITY AND THE THE LABOR PROBLEM

Sermon Preached in the Tabernacle Church Last
Evening by Rev. P. J. Stackhouse—Jesus the
First and Best of Labor Leaders.

The Tabernacle church was crowded to the doors last evening to hear the sixth in the series of current questions. At the close of the sermon three young women and a young man were baptized. The pastor, Rev. P. J. Stackhouse, discussed Christianity and the Labor Problem.

He said in part:

The question was put to me some months ago, "Is it right for a Christian man to belong to a labor union?" I have no hesitation in answering that question in the affirmative. It may be frankly confessed that the unions have often adopted methods that were at least open to criticism. It may be freely admitted that they have sometimes brought on strikes without sufficient reasons. Neither will it be denied that members of trades unions have at times brought their organizations into disrepute by their flagrant disregard of law and order.

But the improved condition of the workman today as compared with his condition one hundred years ago is largely due to the efforts of the trades unions. They have at once decreased the hours of labor and contributed to the general rise of wages. In an unknown number of cases they have prevented a reduction of wages and very frequently have secured legislation for the protection of persons employed in factories. I hold that the labor problem is at heart a moral problem and as such may justly be treated from the pulpit.

THE PROBLEM STATED. CAPITAL AND LABOR ARE AT WAR.

For the last twenty years there has been an average of nearly 1,000 strikes a year in the United States. It is true that in Canada where there are few large centres of population the problem has not yet reached an acute stage. But with the growth and development of the country there is every prospect that conditions here will be similar to those existing across the border.

None can read Robt. Blatchford's "Merrie England" or Jack London's "War of the Classes," without being impressed with the gravity of the industrial situation. The growth of socialism is almost marvellous. These men are preaching an uncompromising and deadly class struggle and are in fact organized upon this basis.

The church, which ought to be in a position to reconcile, or at least to rob the struggle of much of its bitterness, is unfortunately regarded by many of the workmen as indifferent or hostile to the rights of labor. I have a feeling that the labor leaders have not always been fair to the church. As a matter of fact the church is made up from the laboring class, but whatever may be the faults of the church, whatever may be her sins of omission and commission, I hold, that

Christianity stands for the protection of the weak and helpless. That means that Christianity is prepared to strike hands with the labor union in the protection of children from the greed of capitalists and the avarice of parents. The Christian conscience will no longer view with indifference the grinding into dollars of thousands of the children of our land. Here in St. John we have two good laws for the protection of our children, the compulsory school law and the Factory Act which forbids the employment of any child under fourteen years of age. I have been informed on more than one occasion

recently that there are factories in this city where the law is not enforced. The difficulty is to get proof. Men whose bread and butter depend upon their day's work are very loath to make a complaint. I believe it is the duty of every working-man of every Christian to call the attention of the inspector to factories where the law is not enforced.

I claim that Christianity offers the only final solution of the labor problem. It will never be solved by force. I do not deny that strikes are frequently justified and are sometimes in the interests of the laboring man. But even at the best it is a sword that cuts both ways and it is usually the weak and innocent upon whom the greatest suffering falls. Because of the complexity of the problem I doubt whether there is any permanent remedy in legislation. I believe that the solution of the problem is not by law but by a change in the application of Christ's law of love. There is nothing more powerful than religion to draw men and poor together by remaining each class of its duties to the other, and especially of the duties of justice. The Church of Christ if she be true to her mission has a great part to play in the solution of the labor problem. Not that she is to act as an arbitrator between capital and labor. Not that she is to become an ally of the one and the enemy of the other. But if she be filled with the spirit of her Master she can intervene between the great classes, organized capital and organized labor, as they stand in the ring stripped for the conflict, with the reminder, "Ye are brethren."

In a recognition of the truth of brotherhood on the part of the capitalist and the laboring man will be found the solution of the labor problem. There is no machine like hate and there is no wisdom like love. There is no hell of impossibility that love cannot climb. A great religion was once founded upon love. Love is a miracle worker and the labor problem will only reach its final solution through the application of Christ's law of love.

CONCLUSION.

I wish simply in closing to introduce you to Jesus Christ, who is sometimes known as the Carpenter of Nazareth. He was one of the first and best labor leaders. He taught that a little child was of more value than any number of rich men. He taught the sacredness of labor, the brotherhood of man and the Fatherhood of God. He was a radical in his mode of life, so much so that his disciples thought he was an unauthorized intruder upon a cross. And it has come to pass that that cross is a symbol of the new religion and if you will believe me—the Hope of the Laboring Man.

THE BUDGET ON THURSDAY

Ottawa, Nov. 25.—It is difficult to say how long the debate on the address will be kept up. One more day ought to suffice. The probability is that the budget will be brought down on Thursday next. As the premier already stated in the house certainly it will not be later than Friday.

The death of Mrs. Bell, wife of H. S. Bell, an employee of the city, was announced Sunday morning. Mrs. Bell underwent an operation about two weeks ago, and died peacefully in her death. Besides her husband she leaves one brother, William Lord, and one sister, Mrs. Joseph Bevil.

JAMES OBORNE FOR TORONTO

He Will be Transferred to
Ontario Division of C. P. R.
—H. P. Timmerman to Re-
place Him at Montreal.

Montreal, Nov. 25.—It was announced at the C. P. R. offices Saturday that James Osborne, general superintendent of eastern lines, will be transferred to Toronto to take charge of the Ontario division, and that H. P. Timmerman, the present superintendent of the Ontario division, will take Mr. Osborne's place in Montreal. These changes will take place on Dec. 1. They are in accordance with the policy of the C. P. R. which is to shift their best men about all over their territory so that they may be thoroughly familiar with conditions in every division.

GROWING OLD WHILE YET YOUNG

What a number of women there are
who feel that these words exactly
suit their case.

There are thousands of females all over our land, broken down in health and dragging a miserable existence, overburdened with disease peculiar to their sex, apparently growing old while yet young. From early morning till late at night they have been year after year, standing to the household duties. It is in any woman then that sooner or later there comes a general collapse. Pale, nervous, the heart, nervous prostration, smothering and sinking spells, weakness, dizziness, sleeplessness and many other troubles follow. What a woman wants is something to build up the system and for this purpose you cannot equal

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IMMENSE CROWDS VISIT EMPRESS

Sand Point seemed the Mecca of many in the city yesterday and at a conservative estimate no less than 5,000 people went on board the Empress of Ireland which is lying at No. 2 berth. It seemed as though there would be no end to the crowds. Once on the big ship they seemed in no hurry to leave her and through the day continued expressions of admiration at the way she was fitted and of surprise at her huge bulk were heard on all sides.

As early as 9 o'clock yesterday morning the fine weather and the fine ship proved irresistible attractions. As time went on the street cars and the ferry did an enormous business, the Carleton line being taxed to its fullest capacity. It was the original intention of the C. P. R. to issue tickets at the west side office but at 11 a. m. a supply of 500 was exhausted and as the crowds became greater it was seen that there was nothing for it but to throw open the ship. It was not until 5 p. m. that the crowd began to slacken and it was after 9 p. m. before the last visitor had departed. By that time it is estimated more than 5,000 people had been on board.

Some indication of the crowds using the ferry may be gathered from the fact that before 4:30 p. m. from Carleton Street 150 and 200 people took advantage of the gate being raised to rush through and the consequent confusion as they met outgoing passengers was considerable. Many more were apparently willing and anxious to save their fares, but were prevented by the gate-men grumpily pulling down the gate on their heads.

CANON SYMONDS HERE

Rev. Dr. Symonds, of Christ Church cathedral, Montreal, occupied the pulpit in Trinity church last evening and preached an eloquent and impressive sermon from the text: "The invisible things of God from the creation of the world are clearly seen, being understood by the things that are made, even His eternal power and divinity." Romans, ch. 1 v. 20.

The preacher referred to the eternal testimony of nature which was understood by those of pure hearts and unworried minds as one of the great signs of the divinity of God. Nature, he said, could also be regarded as having a sacramental aspect, being the outward and visible sign of inward and spiritual grace. Canon Symonds, in concluding his sermon, urged his hearers to strive against the habit of taking the outward signs of nature, such as the growth of wheat and cotton and wheat and cotton, he added, "is nothing less than production of God, and of the sacred emblem of His loving providence."

In the morning Rev. Dr. Symonds preached in St. Paul's (Valley) church and on both occasions was listened to by very large congregations.

The anniversary services of the Church of England Institute will be held in Trinity church today with celebration of the Holy Communion, 11 a. m.; Evensong and sermon, 8 p. m. Rev. Dr. Symonds will be the preacher; offertory for the Institute.

PARISIAN AT HALIFAX

Halifax, Nov. 25.—The Allen line steamer "Parisian," with the Canadian route, arrived this morning from Liverpool after a tempestuous voyage. She left Merville on November 18, and during the four following days was in the grip of a terrible storm. She landed 234 passengers, who left by special train for Montreal at 6 o'clock in the evening.

Joseph Harrington, principal of St. Malachi's school, gave a very interesting lecture yesterday afternoon before St. Peter's Y. M. A. The meeting was largely attended and the lecture was pronounced the best yet given this season.

SOLDIERS OUT IN HAMILTON

With Fixed Bayonets they Dis-
persed Crowd of Strikers on
Saturday Night.

Hamilton, Ont., Nov. 24.—Soldiers made their appearance on the streets about 4 o'clock this afternoon, and with bayonets fixed they patrolled North James street, in front of the city hall. Squads were also posted at Stuart street, Sanford street and the Locke street barns of the company.

The company again decided to operate the military every member of this police force was called out. Frank Fitzgerald, of East King street, looked out to see the cause of the trouble at Sanford street and was struck over the head with a pickaxe handle by one of the strike breakers and laid at the point of death at the city hospital, with very little hope of his recovery.

A crowd gathered in the central part of the city and Sheriff Middleton had to read the riot act from the city hall at 7:15 this evening. That did not disperse the people and the police made their batons, and the crowd was backed up by forty mounted dragoons and over 100 infantry with fixed bayonets. They cleared the streets surrounding the city hall for a couple of blocks, but the crowd was very stubborn.

In spite of all the display of force stones were thrown through windows of cars and a crowd, standing in sheltered spots, shouted "back" and all sorts of insults at the soldiers and police. Everybody in sight, whether a strike sympathizer or not, was slammed on the head with batons, and fully 100 people have been injured. One of those hurt was a son of Colonel Stoneham, ex-colonel of the 13th. He was taking no part in the disturbance, but could not escape the crowd.

Dragoons rode up and down with weapons drawn. A man was arrested for assaulting a policeman. The police made G. B. G. He was driving on the street when the colonel ordered him away. He used his whip on the colonel.

The people cheered the sheriff when he read the riot act.

ANOTHER "POME"

Editor Times:—
Sir,—Seeing a verse written by my friend in last night's issue of the Times I have sent two verses of my own making:

THE STORY OF A RAT YOUTH.

Everybody works but faster
He sits on his best chum's head
When Welford maddly rushes
Upon him to break his head.

Everybody works but faster
When he's home he sleeps in bed
And turns to the sound of the tea bell
Till house has passed or 'ere he's dead.

Hopeing to see this in print, I remain
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