

**£100,000 FOR SALVATION ARMY.**  
Mr. George Herring's Gift to Unemployed—Workless as Peasant Proprietors.

We are informed by General Booth that the Salvation Army has been entrusted with the conduct of an important scheme for dealing with the unemployed question, by means of the establishment of peasant proprietors on the soil of England.

To effect this a fund has been opened, to which Mr. George Herring, the well-known philanthropist, has contributed a sum of £100,000. Should the scheme be successful, this sum is to be repaid by the Salvation Army to the King's Hospital Fund in annual instalments of £4,000.

Each settler, chosen from the ranks of the unemployed, is to be provided with five acres, or thereabouts, of suitable land, a cottage when required, stock, seed, agricultural implements and other necessities. The settler's family to be provided for until the land is sufficiently productive for their support.

All sums expended on him, together with interest, will be debited to the settler and paid by him in annual instalments in the following manner:

Three per cent. on the entire amount. One and a quarter per cent. for a sinking fund.

Three-quarters per cent. for expenses of management.

When the settler has paid the entire sum required from him the land shall become his own property, subject to an agreement preventing the sale of intoxicating drinks upon any part of his holdings.

General Booth, in further explaining the project, mentioned that it had been under his consideration for the past eighteen years. He and his son, Mr. Bramwell Booth, had studied every detail and were convinced that the scheme will in the end be profitable. The General appeals through the press for information respecting land available and adapted to his object.

The main purposes of the scheme are to prevent the exodus of agricultural people from the villages to the cities and to draw back to the land those country people who have migrated to the large towns. It is hoped that 500 settlers can be installed with the money now in hand.

Beginning life as a turf commissioner, Mr. George Herring, who lives at Bridge House, Maidenhead, took the fortune he made there to the Stock Exchange. Known generally as the chairman of the City of London Electric Lighting Company, he has many other commercial activities, yet finds time to act as treasurer to the Northwest London Hospital.

In 1904, when his contribution amounted to £12,000, he had already given more than £53,000 to the Hospital Sunday Fund, and his rate of subscriptions is not decreasing. His benefactions are not confined to hospitals, for he has founded a soup kitchen in Camden Town, built and endowed a Home of Rest for distressed gentlemen and furnished Salvation Army shelters for the homeless.

George Lynch, in an article in the Strand Magazine, says: Although amounts spent in drink in the United Kingdom are sufficiently enormous, yet I think there is no question but that excessive drinking is decreasing. In society, contrary to the custom over fifty years ago, it is now considered the very worst of bad form; and the fate of the man who after dinner would have any difficulty in saying "British constitution" with anything but crystalline distinctness, would be relegation to that limbo to which "complete outsiders" are condemned.

And again: "The perfect non-alcoholic drink of the world remains yet to be discovered. If I were a philanthropic millionaire who had made my money out of other men's brains, or by making other men sweat for my profit, as some of our millionaires have done, I would offer a great prize for its discovery."

**CHINESE OUTRAGES ON THE RAND.**

A number of serious burglaries by Chinamen are reported in a telegram from Johannesburg. The coolies are reported to have attacked a miner's house on the West Rand while the miner was at work. They tied a blanket over his wife's head to prevent her from raising an alarm, and stole a number of articles. The raiders were arrested at a farmer's house at Florida was attacked by Chinamen, who fired a revolver and wounded the farmer in the arm. They then attacked a native hut on the same farm, again firing. An outlying farmer's house was also attacked. The farmer and his wife, who resisted, were badly beaten. The Chinamen cooked a sheep, and appeared to be ravenously hungry.

**United States**

**SAYS CIGARETTE IS DEADLY.**  
Worcester, Mass., Jan. 5.—An unprecedented stand in the matter of smoking has been taken by the local cigar-makers' union, who voted last night that any member of the organization found guilty of smoking a cigarette should be fined \$5 for each offence. The new rule was made to protect the sick benefit fund.

**MINISTERS IN LABOR UNIONS.**

The preachers of Seattle like their experiment of affiliating with organized labor, and the fact that they are honestly and earnestly endeavoring to get in touch with the time and methods of unions is becoming apparent every day. At the last meeting of the Ministers' Association they discussed the

subject, "The Church and the Unions." At the next meeting the ministers will listen to a talk by a representative of the unions on "Organized Labor and What It Stands For." Organized labor has nothing to hide in what it is doing or what it intends to do, and such discussions as these will tend to bring into sympathy with the union a class of very intelligent men who have heretofore, in some instances, misrepresented themselves because they did not understand them.

Jap labor in Colorado earns 78c a day and lives on 12c. American labor earns \$2.50 a day and lives on \$2.

The Central Labor Union of Newburgh, N.Y., is accumulating funds for a local labor home.

Molders of Plattsburg, N.Y., have reduced their working hours from ten to nine hours and secured an increase of 25c a day in wages, without striking.

The Tinner of Cleveland, Ohio, are putting up a strong fight for the recognition of the union, with favorable prospects of winning.

The Retail Clerks of Coscocton, Ohio, have secured recognition from most of the merchants and their working conditions have been wonderfully improved since organizing.

The only unorganized workers in Marietta, Ohio, are the teamsters, and meetings are being held for the purpose of bringing them into safe quarters.

The Carriage Workers of Kenosha, Wis., after a two weeks' strike against the open shop, were successful.

Brewery Workers of Pittston, Pa., have just been organized. Musicians and Bakers will follow suit.

Carpenters of Bennettsville and Mt. Pleasant, S.C., have organized.

There are exactly 300 shoe factories in this country using the union stamp, according to a report recently issued.

These factories give employment to 40,000 union shoemakers. Most of the best and largest shops are now organized.

Kewanee, Ill., claims to be the banner union city in America. Every store in the city is a union store, the policemen carry union cards, and so do the street cleaners. The Mayor is a union man, and the sexton of the cemetery also carries a union card.

Bookbinders' Union No. 31, of San Francisco, has made a demand on the employers for an eight-hour day beginning January 5th, and includes a minimum scale of \$19.50 per week. The International body is supporting the local, and it has the unanimous endorsement of the Allied Printing Trades Council of that city.

**REASONS FOR CONTEMPT.**

Want to know why the workmen of the country have a growing contempt for the courts?

Well, here are a couple of cases, and when you have read them you will know.

A few years ago a poor and friendless young man arraigned in the United States court at Omaha on the charge of robbing the mails. He had held up a star route mail carrier and secured the magnificent sum of two cents. The Federal judge sentenced him to the Federal penitentiary for life.

This is a solemn fact, for the editor of the Wageworker was right there, reported the trial and heard the sentence inflicted.

Last week Bartlett Richards, a wealthy cattleman of Northwest Nebraska, was arraigned in the same Federal court at Omaha. He was charged with stealing and using 212,000 acres of government land. He entered a plea of guilty.

Bartlett Richards was fined \$500 and sentenced to the custody of the United States marshal for six hours.

The poor devil who got two cents was sent up for life.

The rich man who stole 212,000 acres of land had to visit the United States marshal for six hours.

The prosecution of the poor man cost the government upwards of \$7,000.

A life sentence for the poor man. A six-hour sentence for the rich man.

Do you understand now why the workmen of the country believe there is one law for the rich and another for the poor?

Does this explain the growing contempt for the courts?—W. M., in the Wageworker.

A row has broken out in the Schenectady, N.Y., Trades Assembly between the Industrial Workers of the World and the American Federation of Labor forces. Both organizations are admitted to the Trades Assembly.

The story that has been going the rounds of the labor press that 15,000 miners and smelters would secede from the Western Federation of Miners is denounced by officials of the latter body as an unvarnished falsehood.

The Industrial Workers of the World are coming out in their true colors. They have issued a cigarmakers' red label. At first they professed to desire only to organize for political purposes, and now it appears to be for union-smashing purposes.

Labor garners the grain, but rats the chaff.

Labor builds palace trains and automobiles, but walks.

Labor builds labor-saving machines, but labors harder than ever.

Labor manufactures guns and is shot down with them.

Labor builds schools and universities, but remains in ignorance.

Labor elects representatives, but has no representation.

Labor has the ballot, but doesn't know how to use it.

Labor builds streets and public highways, but isn't allowed free assemblage upon them.

Labor has brains, ability and the power to change and remedy all this, but is afraid of its own power.

—Glassworker.

"Why should a man be a scab?" asks an exchange. There is doubt if such a thing ever happens. A cheap imitation of a man might so degrade the image he bears. A man, we think, never.

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