

PROF. SHORTT AND ASIATIC INFLUX

Says They Are a Menace to our Western Civilization—We Have No Morality to Spare

Barrie, Nov. 30.—Prof. Adam Shortt addressed the Canadian club here last night on immigration, deprecating the influx of Asiatics. The place for such was Asia, unless we are prepared to see the destruction of our civilisation. It is a mistake to attempt to relieve the temporary condition of the labor market by jeopardizing the whole future of the country. The moral deficiencies of undesirable immigration can't be overcome. We have no morality to spare; we are now on the ragged edge.

CRITICS AND CRITICISM

(By Rev. Charles Stelzle.)

Some criticism is fair and legitimate. Most of us need to be hit and hit hard, sometimes, principally because we get a notion that we have a monopoly of wisdom. But criticism should be constructive rather than destructive. True criticism does not necessarily mean a pointing out of weakness. It may be the discovery of virtue. But most criticism is of the other kind. It is just plain, simple, "knocking." Criticism of another generally acts as a boomerang upon the unjust critic, because the critic is most apt to point out in another the failing which is peculiarly his own.

One of the most cowardly forms of criticism is that which sees weakness in a woman, but overlooks the same thing in a man. What is criticised in the "goose" is good ground for criticism in the "gander." There is no separate ground for criticism as between the sexes. A man's wife is usually his best and truest critic. She may be merciless in telling him his failings, but she will be most loyal in helping him overcome them. As a general proposition, it is better to criticise yourself than to wait till another fellow gets a chance to criticise you. And be merciless to yourself, if you expect mercy from another.

LABOR TROUBLE IN DULUTH

Duluth, Minn., Nov. 30.—As result of a dispute between the bricklayers and non-union iron workers on the new office building for the city National bank, Duluth is threatened with a war for open shop between the contractors and the union laborers. The union men refused to work with the non-union iron workers employed by the American Bridge Co. on the building. The contractors had a separate contract for the brickwork and had nothing to say regarding the iron work. They felt that they were unjustly treated by the union and gave the men until this morning to return to work. They did not do so and the fight will be to a finish.

IT ROARS

The roar of the organised lion is being heard throughout the length and breadth of the country. It has been too long dormant because of a questionable sentiment regarding its engaging in politics. God knows it is time its roar was heard, for what, with government by injunction and other iniquitous measures invoked by corporate capital and applied to corporation judges, can labor expect but a tortuous destruction of all it has achieved, unless it gathers itself together at the ballot box and destroys its would-be destroyers? Now that we have awakened to the urgent demand for political action, let us get busy, think of it, and arouse every faculty of our organized body to the necessity of destroying our enemies at the ballot box. In this way, and in this way only, can organized labor achieve a universal eight-hour work-day, and all else besides that God intended us to have.—Chattanooga Labor Leader.

LABOR NOTES

The Labour Gazette for November contains the following labor notes:

Railway service.—An increase of 14½ per cent. all round was granted to the C.P.R. telegraphers as the result of the arbitration of a dispute between the employees and the company, referred under the Industrial Disputes Act. About 2,500 men were affected, and the aggregate increase is estimated to amount to \$189,000 annually. An annual holiday was granted, and double time allowed for Sunday labor.

Schools of domestic economy under the auspices of the Federation Nationale St. Jean Baptiste were opened at Montreal during October.

A deputation from Toronto waited on the Right Honourable the Prime Minister during October and requested the appointment of a commission to assist in promoting technical education in Canada.

The commission appointed by the government of Nova Scotia to enquire into the question of old age pensions for workmen employed in the mines of that province held sessions for the taking of evidence during October at Sydney Mines, Glace Bay, Springhill and other points.

A true bill was returned by the grand jury at the Hamilton assizes on October 11th in the matter of the indictment of the Wholesale Grocers' Guild of Canada, for combination in restraint of trade. An extended review of the case and the nature of the charge was given in the address of Chief Justice Falconbridge to the grand jury on this occasion. The trial will be proceeded with in January next.

The first meeting of the Rational Sunday League was held at Toronto. Resolutions were passed favoring the repeal of the clauses of the Lord's Day Act passed in 1906 forbidding

the opening of public galleries, museums, art galleries and other institutions on Sunday; obstructing transportation, mercantile and manufacturing interests; restricting the running of street cars, and forbidding the charging of a fee of admission to entertainments on Sundays.

During the past year the following clause has been inserted in all contracts awarded by the government of the province of Alberta:

"It is distinctly understood that the contractors have accepted this contract upon the understanding that they will pay the laborers, workmen and mechanics employed by them the current wages of such laborers, workmen and mechanics in the locality where they are employed."

Previous to the adoption of this clause, little work was carried on by contract by the government of Alberta.

Painters and Decorators' Union

The above local held their regular meeting on Monday, Dec. 2nd. The attendance was small but the business was important. The election of the general officers for the Brotherhood takes place next week. Members of local 509 are reminded to record their votes at the polling place, in Trades Hall on Tuesday Dec. 10. We greatly missed our late president, J. Stewart, who is now in San Francisco, and we wish him every success in the new sphere of influence to which he has gone.

On a letter from the Trades Council being read the members readily responded to the appeal in a proper manner and proved that once again they are to be depended upon to back up the cause of the workers.

LABOR PARTY QUERIES

The Labor Party of Regina has submitted the following list of questions to the mayoralty candidates in the forthcoming elections:

1. Will you oppose the granting of franchises to private corporations?
2. Will you use your utmost and persistent efforts towards the abolition of the contract system on all municipal work?
3. What would be your position with regard to instituting a maximum aggregate of 48 hours per week for municipal employees?
4. Are you in favor of the abolition of the ward system in the election of aldermen, by the substitution of the same system that is used in the election of mayor?
5. Are you in favor of all municipal supplies being purchased from firms that use the Union Label, where such label is practicable of application?
6. Would you favor the reduction of taxation on improvements and industry, and place it upon land values?
10. Would you favor a three dollar poll tax on male non-householders over twenty-one years of age, the tax receipt to carry with it the municipal franchise on all matters except money by-laws.
7. Would you be in favor of amending the city charter to the extent of granting a franchise to all householders over the age of 21 years.

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