

### WHY REDUCE WAGES

**A Reduction of the Wages of the Workers Helps no One, Not Even the Employers**

The object of the union is to secure higher wages; to better the condition of the working man; to enable him by reason of his power, when united, to induce or compel the employer to grant him a more equitable division of the profits of labor.

Let's see what the result would be upon the business of this city if either the employers' association or the union should be successful.

If the employers' association had its way let us suppose that every man's wages would be reduced one half. It really had its way the wages would be reduced more than one half, but to be perfectly fair, let us suppose that after breaking up the unions the association is able to reduce every man's wages just one-half. What would be the result upon the prosperity of the city?

To get right down to the bottom of the argument it should be first ascertained what per cent of the working man's wages gets immediately into circulation. That is, what percentage of his wages does he spend right here in the city? What per cent does he carry out of the country and spend in Europe, or invest in New York stocks?

As a matter of fact, and known of all men, practically every dollar paid out in this city as wages goes to the merchant, or to the builder for a little home, or to the coal dealer, or to some other working man for doing some other kind of work. That is to say, the brick mason, if he has money, pays out a portion of it to the painter for painting his house, after buying food and clothing.

Now, if the working men had only one-half of the money they now have, would it be a good thing or a bad thing for the business of the place? Would it help the merchant or other workingmen? Would it help the publishers of the newspapers? Would there be so many advertisements of merchandise? It ought to be easy to answer such questions?

You will notice in the statistics sent out by the various commercial clubs and chambers of commerce, where they want to make an especially good showing for their respective cities, that they state how many thousands of dollars are paid out each week for labor. You never heard of a chamber of commerce boasting how little money is paid for labor, have you?

If the contention of the employers' association is correct, it would be a good thing to have the amount of money paid to workingmen reduced to the lowest possible figures, why is it you never hear a commercial club boasting like this: "We have here twenty thousand working men, and the total weekly wage paid them is twenty thousand dollars; come here where business is good?" You have never read such an argument as that advanced in favor of any town, have you?

Instead of that you frequently see figures showing that the average weekly wage of the working people is greater than in most other cities, and people are invited to make their

homes in this city where wages are high and where everybody is prosperous. That is a common form of boasting a city, isn't it?—Eight Hour Advocate.

### MAN WHO DOES MOST FOR LABOR

He who is thrifty and sober and provides for his family.

He who has the good sense to know that the success of the union depends upon getting others to join it.

He whose sense of honor will not permit him to take advantage of a fellow worker.

He who is opposed to disorder at meetings and shows due respect for the presiding officer, assisting him in all efforts to conduct things decently and in order.

He who loves peace, preferring not to fight the employer, yet is sensitive to unjust treatment and is not a coward.

He who, when he goes on strike, stays out till the wrong is righted. He whose card is always clear.

He who is not a knocker, but by force of logic opposes all foolish motions and insists upon the passage of all good ones.

He who is mentally broad enough to perceive that there are other honest ones besides himself.—Labor Leader.

### TRAFFIC IN CHEAP LABOR

**Some Noteworthy Revelations of Asiatic Enquiry—One Hundred Dollars a Week Profit From Earnings of Workers**

Vancouver, B.C., Nov. 15.—Fred Yosby, a Japanese employment agent who handles large numbers of his countrymen, startled immigration Commissioner King this afternoon by the statement that thousands of Japanese come here in order to reach the United States. "I have seen men sold to my countrymen, on which were marked points at the boundary line around Blaine and Sumas and other places where the Japanese could easily cross into the United States. There is not a fence at the boundary, you know," said Yosby, who formerly was secretary to the Japanese consulate in Vancouver.

The sensation of the afternoon followed the admission by Yosby that on the commission basis he arranged the employment of Japanese to the railways and other corporations. Here the witness had a clash with K. Isikawa, president of the Vancouver Boarding House Keepers' Union, who said that Yosby's company imported laborers direct from Japan. Yosby created a scene by making a dramatic denial and Isikawa retracted and modified several of his previous statements although the commissioner warned him of the penalty of perjury.

The commissioner declared that Isikawa was trying to conceal some feature of his dealings and a full investigation into this phase of the matter will later be made.

A director of the Canada-Kangho Co., said his concern made one hundred

red dollars per week profit in the employment business by a percentage on the wages of the men, but he was at great pains to deny that they assisted in any way in the importation.

Editor J. P. McConnell, of the Saturday Sunset, said that charges in his newspaper were based on a current rumor rather than on any direct knowledge.

### Jap Agent Surrenders

Vancouver, Nov. 19.—This morning Mackenzie King obtained possession of the trunk and private papers of Goto, the largest Japanese immigration agent operating on the Pacific coast. Heretofore Goto stayed away from the city while the commission was sitting. This morning King notified him that he must produce his papers or they would be seized under the powers of the commission. Goto gave up. The commission adjourned until tomorrow, and King will spend the afternoon looking into the secrets of the trunk. R. G. MacPherson, M. P., and Dr. Munroe, immigration officer, will be called as witnesses tomorrow.

The press of both Canada and the United States contain dispatches of the proceedings of the American Federation of Labor, now in session at Norfolk, Va. Some of these dispatches are plain unvarnished truths, while others are more or less misconstrued with the intention of misleading some people as to the aims and objects of the A.F. of L. However, every trade unionist knows full well the principles of the great federation of labor, the greatest perhaps in the world.

A. F. of L. Principles  
Free schools, free text books, and compulsory education.

Abolition of all forms of involuntary servitude for punishment of crime.

Unrelenting protest against the issuance and abuse of injunction proceedings in labor disputes.

A workday of not more than eight hours in the twenty-four day.

Strict recognition of not over eight hours per day on all federal, state or municipal work, and at not less than the prevailing per diem rate of class of employment in the vicinity where the work is being performed.

Release from employment one day in seven.

Abolition of the contract system on public work.

Municipal ownership of public utilities.

Abolition of the sweatshop system, sanitary inspection of workshop, factory, mine and home.

Liability of employers for injury to the body or loss of life.

Nationalization of the telegraph and telephone.

Passage of the anti-child labor laws in States where they do not exist, and rigid defence of them where they have been enacted into law.

Woman suffrage co-equal with man suffrage.

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