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DOWERFUL groups of employers, editorial writers in some se tions of the public press, politicians and all labor-hating organizations have declared that just so soon as the wage standards tion of lab of the workers are reduced there would be a revival of trade; there would be a building boom, and the wheels of industry would be turning to full capacity.

Wage reductions have been general in Canada during the past six months, according to the Labor Department, yet we still have gether our unemployed in all industrial centres; factories which closed last fall are still closed, and many others are still operating part time and with reduced staffs. The great building boom has failed to develop, despite the fact that except in New Brunswick and Alberta there have been "substantial" wage reductions in the building industry.

The editorial writers in the "great" public press, who for the past year have been, day in and day out, "educating" the public that the salvation of the country can be found in reducing the wages of the great producing masses. The propaganda has had its effect, and wage standards have been reduced, and with the reduction of these standards Canadian citizenship takes a backward step. However, the public will now realize that these editorial writers for the "great" public press were not concerned about the salvation of the country, but were imbued with corruption and greed. They see in the destruction of the trades union movement unrestricted power to enhance the pockets of the already rich and the further impoverishment of the already poor.

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etc. The Labor movement has not lost in the campaign. It is true its membership has been slightly reduced, but not owing to the campaign directly, but rather owing to the fact that many of the unemployed are unable to pay dues which keep them in good standing. The Labor movement has learned much from the destructionists, and now that a gigantic campaign is to be conducted by the American Federation of Labor to organize the unorganized and strengthen the organized, there is no cause to fear. With a firm determination to secure complite social justice for all who toil, the Labor movement will come through triumph antly, and will eventually be successful over the forces of corruption and greed. Already the vanguard is on the march. There will be skirmishes here and there, but with justice on our side we will eventually be victorious, and the great toiling masses of this country will enjoy that economic, political and social justice which is the fundamental principle upon which the great Labor movement was founded. movement was founded.

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