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CARRIAGE WORKERS OSHAWA FIGHT

Against the Sweating System—Other Grievances Which They Want Settled.  
For some years past the McLaughlin Carriage Works at Oshawa have been working its employees under the sweating system, that is, letting out work to workers at a certain figure per piece, whereas the actual workers at a certain figure somewhat below what the firm were paying them, thus making the overseer drive his men in order to get a so much bigger wage for himself.  
Some time ago these men organized themselves into a union, and after giving due consideration to the system under which they had been working, they decided to insist that the firm be allowed to formulate the changes which they desired somewhat on the following lines:  
An advance of 20 per cent. upon the wages of all day workers.  
A network price to be arranged by a committee of the employees from each department in conference with the employers.  
Sixty day system is now practiced to be abolished.  
Men who oversee pieceworkers to be paid by the firm as other foremen.  
A better light system.  
The demands were sent to the firm, and they were given ten days to consider the same before action would be taken by the union.  
They received a reply to the effect that Mr. McLaughlin had not time to consider, and would not be back inside the ten days, and asking an extension of five days.  
The union granted the five days' extension, and although Mr. McLaughlin returned inside the ten days, the men received no word from the firm until three minutes prior to the limit set for a strike. Too late, entirely, to stop a strike, unless the communication had been of a definite nature. The letter was, however, merely asking for some information upon the most trivial matter in the demands.  
In face of these facts, the telegraphic despatches tell us that the firm knew nothing of the demands of the employees before they went on strike.  
The citizens of Oshawa know very well the history of this firm, and its miserable sweating system, and they are behind the strikers almost unanimously.  
There are over 300 employees out on strike, while only some 20 odd are at work, and the strikers are even getting these individuals added to their ranks from day to day.  
The men are determined to win this strike, and are sticking together in the style, with the good will of all classes of citizens behind them. Their friends in the carriage workers in Toronto are also looking on at this fight with a keen interest, and the Oshawa boys can depend upon Toronto labor to help them out in every way that lies in their power.

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LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing Army of Workers

President Wilson, of the Pattern Makers' Union, was in Montreal last Thursday night.

The new unions have been added to the "Avalanche" International Union, according to the "Journal."

Since the amendment of the Ontario Factories Act last session, requiring more adequate fire escapes in Toronto alone 490 fire escapes have been erected.

Locomotive firemen voted to found a union, and the local union in Hamilton, which is affiliated with the International, has a membership of over 200.

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WHY?  
This question is not directed toward genuine labor union men—because it is supposed that they know "the step-ladder-game" for the man who has a hard enough head, a cool enough nerve, a broad enough accent and sufficient touch with sufficient societies and other things to "get there."  
There is perhaps required, in connection with the aforesaid requisites, a person like John Thompson, something not contained within the limited circumference of his small-sized hat.  
What is that? you ask.  
The answer is plain:  
A weak City Council.  
To commence with, was asked the almost unanswerable question—from the standpoint of capacity—as to why John Thompson became chief of the Fire Brigade of Toronto.  
The reason for his having become chief was ultimately a weak City Council.  
But who was John Thompson, this chief of the Fire Brigade?  
In his own style he is welcome to tell of his exceptional virtues previous to his advent as applicant for position on the Fire Brigade.  
His application was received and accepted as a member of the Fire Brigade.  
Why?  
Because he was a ward-heeler and other things which would take the "graft."  
He became foreman of Wilton Avenue Fire Hall.  
Why?  
Because he was a ward-heeler and had INFLUENCE.  
That was a step up.  
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The book is prepared especially for the use of the technical and industrial clients of Messrs. Marion & Marion, and does this enterprising firm much credit. We understand that it is to be had from them by the readers of this paper on request, for 10 cents.

Men who will counterfeits a union label, will also counterfeits anything else they can dispose of for cash. At Terra Haute, Ind., a couple of cigar peddlers were caught by the Cigarmakers' Union handling goods with bogus union labels thereon. After arrest it was discovered that the United States revenue stamps on the boxes were also counterfeited.

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