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LABOR VICTORY
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Current Comment

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Wisdom is more necessary than learning to a leader of men.

The difference between a preference for the "open shop" and a preference for the sweat shop is the difference between twaddle and wisdom.

As publicity is the greatest ally of safety, so secrecy is its greatest menace.

The history of the world, and particularly the history of labor, proves the folly of trying to destroy error by mere suppression.

The delegates to the Trades Congress at Adelaide will leave Toronto by special train Saturday night, and have in view the visit of the West to join them on the trip.

The West Australian Labor party took up the slogan which Premier Jameson, in his Boundary speech, had used for every seat that there was a fair chance of winning. A gratifying feature of the elections was the heavy vote in all parts of the State, and it was pleasing to notice that only five members out of fifty were returned by a minority vote. It is impossible to ascertain exactly the total number of votes gained by each party, for although the returns a large number of candidates are listed as Ministerial, several of them expressed opinions antagonistic to the Premier's policy, but it is most interesting to recall the fact that the 22 Labor members represent constituencies with a total voter according to the rules of 91,000 voters, the 18 Ministerialists 52,042 voters, and the nine Independents 20,056 voters. It will thus be seen that the 22 Labor members represent 20,000 more voters than their 28 opponents.

The above figures show that the Ministerialists suffered an ignominious defeat at the hands of the Labor party, even if the Premier's efforts to form a coalition with the old Opposition party and its supporters were successful, the position of the Government would be untenable.

Provided that the whole of the members outside the Labor party sit behind the Government (a very improbable contingency), the Ministry would only have a majority of five, independent of the Speaker, in a full House. The Labor party, however, can wish such a coalition with perfect equanimity, inasmuch as it will only be for very reasons that the Ministry will be able to command their full voting strength, the "policy of private business" often influencing their members' attendance on the other hand, the Labor members, very few of whom are affiliated with "private business," and are, therefore, able to give more attention to the "business of the country" will always be in their places without any "whipping up" when any matter of importance is before the House. It is not likely, though, that the Labor members will attempt to assume the responsibilities of office during the next session.

The weakness of the Labor party will be found in not having a few supporters in the upper House, as with the present state of the Chamber it will not be much what legislation is passed by the Assembly. If it is for democracy it will only meet the fate of previous bills of a like nature which have been annihilated by the "Property Chamber."

The building trades strike is called off. Better luck next time for the right wing, the Builders' Laborers' Federation has been a mistake in connection with this fight, we believe, it was in withdrawing the permit and forcing all under the streets. However, the lessons learned from this fight will be remembered for the future, and the trade workers go against the employers again they will, no doubt, work from a plan to be thought out during the coming months, which will afford ample protection to all those interested in any dispute.

An ignorant, foolish, and little-minded man in office can, and sometimes does, do more damage to the cause of trade unionism than a thousand wise members can do straight in a month of Sundays.

The moral of this is so obvious as to need no special pointing out.

Speaking generally, the objection to the "open shop" system is rather

lack of system, not upon the patriotic or sentimental grounds, the non-unionist, nothing to the creation of support of the institution, which alone makes a joint agreement possible, should not be permitted to share the benefits arising from trade unionism.

The slightly "broad Rose" of hungry men and women along Broadway, New York, and the other ugly features of our civilization that the long blowers of the present "era of unprecedented prosperity" find exceedingly awkward to explain away. To admit that it proves that the social balance is wrong somewhere would be tantamount to admitting that the "stand-pat" policy of the House is wrong.

"Keep cool!" This is first and foremost of the genus. Presumably it is intended for women who have to tend over hot stoves and for men who work in the rolling mills.

"Avoid cold drinks. That is, if you see a man coming toward you who looks as though he might buy, do not cough violently if he tries to pass without noticing you.

"Avoid work." There is a rule that you may safely take under advisement.

"Take a daily plunge into the sea." This is specially recommended to the inhabitants of Iowa, Kansas and Nebraska, and it would not be safe to the residents of the Indian Territory.

Movement is a movement for the preservation and extension of individual liberty; up at the very top, individual liberty is merely the right to put work without the "by your leave" of any one.

The right to live and the right to die

charge are the necessary complements

and corollaries of each other; they must be preserved together or they will be destroyed together.

You find willing slaves and hypocrites in every organization. They it is who bell a reality on earth. Oh, you who wish to help bring peace on earth, dare to think for yourself; then do your duty by word and deed; show the poor simple that the real freedom lies in having a way of life of its own. When the truth is taught to the young poverty and all hell conditions will be done away with and heaven will be found right here. False teaching in what keeps hell here, and no one knows where such teaching will land us. —James Russell Lowell.

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Here is an incident in the bull-pen methods vaugued for by an eye-witness at Cripple Creek: An old prospector named Page was brought into the department from his cabin, eight miles distant. After four days in the pen he was brought out for a medical examination. He had never belonged to a union; never expected to do a day's work in a mine; didn't want to mix in these troubles; wanted to prospect in peace. "Don't you want to join the alliance?" was asked. He shook his head. "Take him back to the bull-pen till he finds out where he is!" was the sentence of the court.

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In that issue, speaking of the impending strike on the transit lines of New York, it states that strike breakers are on hand to burn the cars at the slightest notice.

Incidentally it refers to the fact that at the time of the last threatened strike at the Toronto Street Railway, "Parley's" gang of strike breakers were in Toronto, ready to take the place of the strikers.

One of the veteran followers of Parley, in giving a history of his career, says: "In May there were rumors of a strike in San Francisco. The presence was required there more as a bluff than anything else. The strike was given in and after a long discussion practically agreed to. Our services were sought in Canada. Well, we went to Toronto, arriving there on May 31st. We remained there four weeks, prepared at any time to jump aboard the cars and take them out; but the union backed down. Then we scattered, and have since been in various parts of the country."

The pay of these strike breakers is \$1.50 a day, and if they succeed in carrying out their threat they receive a bonus of \$100. All of them are poorly dressed and unkempt, and, judging from their looks, most people think they are a half-starved lot; who haven't earned a dollar for some time. The men, however, go to a place with plenty of luggage and put up at good hotels. Parley pays all expenses.

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By a Workingman.

WAGE SLAVERY.

If the toilers wish to find the cause of all our industrial troubles they will find it, if they will only think over the "wage slavery," as it is called today, as the great fundamental cause of all our industrial troubles wherever they exist.

NOT UNTIL.

And not until the toilers organize and organize are prepared to strike at the great curse, "wage slavery," can they hope to find a solution of our industrial troubles.

THREE WAYS.

There are three ways open to the toilers. The first is the present method of the organized toilers, namely, that of trying to make the present owners of our industrial relationships not harmonious, on every side there is discord, dissatisfaction and distrust.

BUILDING STRIKE.

The building strike that is now on in this city is evidence of this. There never was a time in the history of Toronto when there was more building waiting to be done, yet we read in our papers that builders are leaving the city by hundreds.

LUTHER.

Now, if Luther had tried to make the Pope run the Roman Catholic Church on the basis of the principles he had in view, he would have failed, but he did not. He appealed to the Pope, and the Pope, instead of doing what he had done, was trying yet, but he did not do this. He started a new church, governed by new principles.

THE SECOND WAY.

For the second way we have to look to the path pointed out by enthusiastic social reformers. They believe that by political action we can find a solution of our industrial problems.

TRADE UNIONS.

In spite of the great strength of trade associations in this city, it has not traduced our industrial problems, but has rather tended to irritate our industrial unrest instead of removing it.

THE TROUBLE.

The present trouble among the building interests has been caused by the employers thinking that the wages they pay are not enough for the work done, part of it not enough for the work done, while the employers and those who are in sympathy with them think it is quite sufficient.

A HOD-CARRIER.

I heard a man say the other day: "Just imagine a common hod-carrier earning the rate of nearly fifteen dollars per week. Why, it is simply ridiculous." I thought at the time that the hod-carrier, after all, was a man, but I remembered that, under the present money standard, manhood does not count, because to-day we place a higher value on wealth than we do on the needs of humanity.

THE THIRD WAY.

If the toilers are in earnest, and wish to really solve our industrial problems, they themselves will have to come to the point where their conscience will tell them that wage slavery is wrong, and they will have to establish new industries.

LABOR IS THE STANDARD.

and not wealth, as it is in our industrial institutions, and instead of competition we will have to

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men with men, both in producing and

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