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Whereas, it has long been known and declared that the poor have no right to the property of the rich, I want it known and declared that the rich have no right to the property of the poor—Ruskin.
The report of the Chicago Board of Health shows that the coal famine was responsible for 344 deaths in that city during January. Of course, there will be no proceedings against the coal barons. These divinely appointed men have the right to freeze people to death with the same impunity as they have to rob them. You can assist in changing the barbarous system under which such things are possible—Union Square.

In an Illinois town a few weeks ago a citizen secured a verdict for \$10,000 against the Standard Oil Co. for injuries sustained by him through the use of defective oil. Did the company carry the case to a higher court? Not at all. It cheerfully paid the amount, and immediately proceeded to reimburse itself by raising the price of oil three cents a gallon in that community. In ten days it had not only recovered its loss, but 160,000 additional profits to soothe its wounded feelings. Private monopoly is a glorious institution—Signify Express.

Capital is the fruit of labor, and could not exist if labor had not first existed. Labor, therefore, deserves the first consideration—Abraham Lincoln.
The United States Senate steering committee has relegated the eight-hour bill to the legislative graveyard, despite the numerous petitions for its passage from laboring men. We are not surprised. The lobby against the bill was very strong, and was composed of men who make or unmake Senators. That the Senate would refuse to do the bidding of its masters was not to be expected—Typographical Journal.

A scab is a man who is a traitor to his class. He breaks the strike by taking the striker's job; he lifts the boycott by plugging for the infamously business, and betrays the power of labor at the polls by voting an old party ticket—Socialist Voice.

The robber boss who lived in castle in centuries gone by and who swooped down on travelers and collected tolls with the sword, were mere petty larceny high waymen compared with the Morgans and Rockefellers. The stock market plunder of the twentieth century could give the old barons carbide and send them to the name of the game—Miners' Magazine.

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Questions of the Day

AND THE LABOR MOVEMENT

BY JAMES WILSON

Which of us, having read the history of past ages and the downfall of the tyrants of all, will say that history is not again about to repeat itself? All the world's a stage, and we are but the actors, is very much adapted to the present situation, and the scenes in the play are ever shifting from one section of the country to another and from one extreme to another. This judge says one thing and that judge says another. Freedom, the bar to liberty, is always quoted to bolster up unjust decisions, and the complications of the law are forever being made more complicated. The heavy weight of the play rests upon the shoulders of the poor unfortunate still more unbearable. The degeneracy of some sections of the church is becoming more and more apparent, and the lot of one portion of the people is becoming harder and more unbearable, while the other portion is every day living in greater luxury and extravagance. The universal brotherhood of man is the lost chord in the anthem of human happiness. The selfish spirit is the predominant spirit of the world with the great moral wrong of the competitive system ever breeding greater selfishness in the human race. Instead of this being a happy family of contented and industrious people, it is a very large extent just the opposite.

Why this condition of things? Some will say the cause lies in this direction, others in that; all coming back to first principles and blaming it upon the foolishness of the people (coming in all cases the first person singular) in the election of individuals to sit in the high places of the rulers of this country. There are too many men in our legislatures who are continually looking to the protection of their profession and their profession in their rights to make laws appropriate to the needs of their special class, whose numerical strength in relation to the rest of the people is a mere ant hill to the great Rockies, but whose legal strength is just the opposite. This is largely the result of the people's not being united in their political action, and the result of the selfishness of the individual who is ready to further enhance their own interests at the expense of the rights of the masses of the people.

We are almost to the crossroads that point to industrial freedom and industrial co-operation, and unless we move quickly upon the political field that in the past we are going to choose the road to industrial enslavement. The spool of some rogues of the country, by the use of the executive prerogative of a privileged class, they seek something to arouse them that will strike at least as a deadly blow—that will have them shranked and their opportunity to be again free. The happenings of the past week have been something in the nature of the head-butt to at least a portion of this class.

One of the happenings of the week is the judgment of Justice Meredith in the Berlin case where the V-operators were fined and held in damages. In this judgment the court says: "By the judgment of the court says: 'The workmen were still permitted to strike—this privilege (9) will no doubt give the real justice an... and understand the judgment. It says to the workers of this country, 'You can strike, but you must not tell the people that your wrongs were not redressed by your own efforts. You must not tell your friends and neighbors that your cooperation is a remedy for their wrongs—you must not tell the people that you no longer purchase any goods manufactured under the unfair conditions you have left—your most and more loyal support in support of your rights in the local—your best address whatever under the laws of this country when laboring under an unfair wage.' In other words, you are sold into industrial slavery for all time."
Under this judgment there are practically no lawful ways to obtain and hold some rights as workmen. It is held for your employers to watch and beset their competitors and have their travelers tell the people across the globe that they sell their better than those who are not. It is held for him to carry the war to such an extent that he will convince the people of the fact that they should do all their business with him and drive up the price of his goods out of business. His competitor is a better placed commodity that is purchasable and saleable under the laws of our land. He is permitted to free competition even to the extent of driving others out of business. On the other hand, he is permitted to have his own laws, Mr. W.

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The necessity for these organizations is due to the rapid development of organized labor and its attitude towards society generally. We have only to look with a calm and unprejudiced eye at the labor horizon, when we are compelled to exclaim: "Is the great labor union movement slipping from the control of the real leaders and best thinking men, and whether it is the movement drifting?" We have only to ask Mr. Day, to look upon the great labor movement with a calm and unprejudiced eye, and to recognize that for the trades organization represents a great deal more than 20 per cent of the employees at these industries, and the day is not far distant when those callings which have as yet not realized the benefits of the great labor movement will turn to it in preference to the protection which your association is prepared to give them. It is useless to talk one way and think another. You are organizing your forces for the purpose of getting all you can out of the business your members are in, and labor is—long the same thing, and you acknowledge, is holding out the helping hand to you to better your status, while you are pledged to alter the status of the workers.

It seems to me that you had better either eliminate the person who causes the shedding of blood, or change the clause previously quoted, or change the following one to make it harmonize somewhat. Your pledge of membership reads: "In consideration of fair dealing between the employer and the employee, we pledge ourselves to protect any of our fellow-members who may require our support against any unjust demands of labor organizations, and to endeavor to settle all disputes amicably." Fair dealing, as we take it, accords to all alike the same privileges, and we are accord to you, which you in your address admit we have done, then why not in other hand admit our right to an organization to CONTROL OUR BUSINESS? We desire the facts of the case where the employer does not control his own business, as quoted by you before allowing any such a statement. We would not like to say that we don't believe you, but we would like the privilege of reading the union that will not allow an employer to hire his own help. You may either give it to us privately or publicly through the columns of this paper, which are alike open to you and all others to express your disapproval of the methods of organized labor. We believe in justice and fair dealing; we believe in allowing to others the same rights we ask for ourselves. Your address speaks very loudly in this way makes too much of the nature of a burlesque, in that we are heard and about the time the fresh air is again filling our lungs we are forgotten. The great centers where the workers congregate must make the more that will land some representatives upon the floor of the House. They must put men there whose ability will command sufficient respect and whose members shall be sufficient to make the voice of labor heard and understood in our legislative halls. The longer the present system is in vogue the worse our legislative conditions become and those laws which are passed subsequent to the interests are either left dormant or so partially enforced that we get next to nothing as a result of our agitation. If anything is to be done along this line, the present is the time for action, and the start should be made in the municipal field, so that an organization may be kept continuously alive—and the results cannot be worse than those of our methods in the past.