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## LONG STANDING LABOR DISPUTE SETTLED.

The settlement of the dispute between the Buck Stove and Range Company of St. Louis, and the American Federation of Labor by the company agreeing to run a Union shop, ends a bitter and prolonged struggle. Mr. James W. Van Cleave, the Buck Stove Company's late president, was for many years an implacable foe of Union labor. His removal by the hand of death, it is said, opened the way for the negotiations between the company and President Gompers, which have now ended in a satisfactory agreement. The fate of Mr. Gompers and other federation officials who, as publishers of the Federationist, violated the injunctions issued by the Supreme Court and the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia in this case, still remains to be decided.

President Van Cleave, in spite of every effort made by labor leaders, persisted in running his works as a non-union shop. Because of his attitude, organized labor undertook to fight him with his own weapons, placing his goods upon their "unfair" list, and calling upon Union men all over the country to refuse to buy the Buck Stove Company's products. President Van Cleave thereupon took legal action against the labor organization, and the upshot of the fight was that President Gompers, John Mitchell and Treasurer Morrison of the American Federation were sentenced to long terms of imprisonment for contempt of court. Their cases were appealed and they are now out on bail pending a final hearing.

The death of Mr. Van Cleave gave Mr. Gompers an opportunity to negotiate with the new management of the company. The result is a happy settlement of the long standing trouble between the Buck concern and Union labor, and a consequent removal of all those differences which have hitherto made the relations between these two forces so strained.

The fact that a settlement has been reached goes far to show that when capital and labor approach subjects of difference in a spirit of reasonableness, prepared to do for the other what is fair, and ready to recognize and grant what are the admitted rights of each, there is no good reason why these differences should not be overcome without disastrous friction.

The legal aspect of the dispute which brought Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison before the courts naturally remains unchanged, even if the Buck Company withdraws from the prosecution. In defying an injunction served on them by the Supreme Court of the District of Columbia they came into direct conflict with the federal judicial authorities. The United States' courts have decided that when a dispute arises between an organization of workmen and a single employe, or an association of employes, neither has the right to draw innocent third parties into the quarrel by threatening them with reprisals if they continue to have ordinary business dealings with the other party. This, it is claimed, is the principle involved in this case, and it is well and necessary that a decision should be given. Should the appeal go against the labor leaders it is not unreasonable to expect, in view of the settlement of the difficulty with the stove company, that their punishment will be no more than nominal.

## STILL URGING RECIPROCITY.

President Taft has been touring the Eastern States across the border, making a speech here and there, in which reciprocity with Canada was his usual topic. At Eastport, Me., the president said:

"If in the next year we can come to an agreement which will make our trade relations closer we shall be fortunate. We have reached a time in our development when neither should be jealous of the other. The more prosperous the one the more prosperous will be the other. The trade of one as it grows is the trade of the other."

One is impelled to wonder, says the London Free Press, why this line of reasoning did not present itself to a president of the United States before the year 1910. If what President Taft says is true today it was equally true when the United States government cancelled a reciprocity agreement with this country and began the erection of a trade wall that shut out Canadian manufactures and produce as thoroughly as though the wall had been a duplication of the great wall of China.

Canada is indifferent as to reciprocity with a neighbor who gave her so cold a deal through the years when reciprocity would have been advantageous. Canada might better leave reciprocity alone than enter into an arrangement that will permit the highly specialized manufactures of the United States to strike a blow at Canadian manufactures.

The United States wants Canada's raw material that she may manufacture it into goods to sell back to the consumer in this country. What is Canada to receive in return? Free trade in farm produce? Would this be a concession, when the time has so nearly arrived that the United States must import wheat for home consumption? Canada is today independent of her kind neighbor. American anxiety for reciprocity is not without reason.

## THE FISHERIES CASE.

The fisheries case at The Hague is being followed both in Canada and the United States with as much interest as the somewhat meagre reports admit. The United States has attempted to base on a century-old treaty what is known legally as a servitude over matters which without dispute are within the sovereignty of another and friendly power.

This is a very strange argument for the United States of all countries to set up. By its operation Russia might under some such servitude assert claims through a treaty made by Tamerlane or Britain by some action of one of the Roman emperors or the United States through something done by Queen Elizabeth. There must be some mutual arrangements between countries whose mutual affairs impinge, respected as sacred contracts. But there also must be some rights inherent in a free people and inalienable through any parchment inscribed by their ancestors or by any one else on behalf of their ancestors. It would certainly look as though the Newfoundland legislation expressed rights of this character.

If The Hague tribunal has got no further in jurisprudence than that ancient parchments can limit such rights, that would mean that the world was to be governed by old treaties as interpreted by lawyers, no matter how far they were removed from present day conditions. This might be good for the lawyers but it would be very bad for justice and therefore very bad for peace. It would leave the sword where it found it the final arbitrament of justice, and that would make The Hague tribunal a most wretched irony on the conception upon which it is founded.

## FARMER ROOSEVELT.

"No," said he, and there was a note of sadness in his voice. "That is a thing I never could do. I can't milk a cow. Many years ago I tried to milk a cow on a ranch in North Dakota," he continued. "We had condensed milk morning and night, and so one day I went out and chased a cow lickety-split for two miles over everything we came to. Finally I roped the cow, threw her and turned her upside down. I tried to milk her, but the result was not as good as I expected. I got precious little milk."

The speaker was ex-President Roosevelt; and all who know him, must realize what this frank and manly acknowledgment of his own limitations must have cost a man of his proud and sensitive spirit. "We all of us have our limitations and none of us like to recognize them. Colonel Roosevelt has never had the advantage of sitting at the feet of the Hon. Sidney Fisher; or he would have known that he should have exhausted all the resources of diplomacy before adopting Rough Rider methods in attempting to obtain concessions from the cow."

Of course the cow may have been a wild bull. To the average timid woman every cow is a wild bull; and who knows but that to a man like Theodore Roosevelt, every wild bull may be a cow? In any case all the best authorities are agreed that you cannot get the best results in dairying by roping the cows, throwing them and turning them upside down.—Montreal Star.

## OUTLIVED HIS INVENTION.

Were you alive and taking notice between 1860 and 1870? Then you remember the hoop skirt? Sometimes it was worn under a "balmoral." Does that help you any? Often it blocked doorways. Usually it made trouble in church and at the theatre. Men—men we say—laughed and cursed. You remember now? Well, the inventor of this—shall we say garment?—died the other day. He lived to the age of 83, and retribution never overtook him. His name? "Would be unkind to give it."

Emboldened by immunity he followed up the hoop-skirt with the button-down-the-front jersey. Still Nemesis refrained. What's the use?—as has been said on more serious occasions. Every day we find crime going unpunished. See what a charmed life is led by the dressmakers and milliners of Paris. Yet what have they been doing for the past ten years and more, except making poor timid, patient women ridiculous? Woman knows it, of course. How could it be otherwise? But she would rather be ridiculous than singular. What is more singular, more odiously conspicuous, than to be showing good taste when everyone else is showing bad taste?

So in the '60s every woman got inside a hoop-skirt and Joseph Thomas—yes, that is the name—was to blame for it.

## CURRENT COMMENT

## (Millett Packet.)

If you are a kicker and see the shadows of failure in everything that is proposed to help the town, for heaven's sake go into some secluded canyon and kick your own shadow on the clay bank, and give the men who are working to build up the town a chance. One long-faced, hollow eyed, whining, gaping, chronic kicker can do more to keep away business and capital from a town than all the droughts, short crops, cinch bugs, cyclones and blizzards combined.

## (Vancouver Province.)

A survey of the entire history of the subject for the past quarter of a century seems to indicate that the advocates of women's suffrage have made but little tangible advance. The tide has been high sometimes, and low at others. But the conformation of what may be called the shore line of public opinion remains about the same. And the ebb and flow of the tide is always an interesting phenomenon.

## (Hamilton Spectator.)

Once again Montreal rumor is busy with a story that the New Quebec bridge contract is to be given to the same old Phoenix company that made so well out of the government for the bridge it started but didn't build. It was from this same rumor factory that the story of engineers' resignations came some days ago, and this has never been specifically denied. Can it be possible that both stories are true?

## (Archives Israelites, Paris.)

There have been some truly liberal monarchs in Europe who have refused to admit the fact of Jewish birth as an obstacle to social advancement. The King of the Belgians, Leopold II., shared, on this point, the wide views of Edward VII., and Belgium, no more than Great Britain, has had cause to regret having made no difference between Christian and Jew.

## (Victoria Colonist.)

The practice of the "third degree" by the police in Ottawa having been brought to the notice of one of the judges, he took occasion during the course of a trial to say "those charged with administering the high duty of criminal justice should refrain from playing prisoners with questions, visiting them in custody, and taking an unfair advantage, as was the case with the prisoner."

## (Montreal Star.)

It may be quite practical to grade other things besides wheat; but we draw the line at the proposal to classify eggs. Somebody has well said that there is no such thing as a moderately good egg.

## (London Advertiser.)

Only two Fathers of Confederation are living—Sir Charles Tupper and Senator Macdonald. They may be properly styled the grandfathers of their country.

## (Vanceboro World.)

Stocks are watered, gentle reader, for the purpose of soaking the investor.

## JULY NIGHT

No moon, but starlight, and soft after-glow.

From sunset radiance of the fiery ball  
Swung to his cloud-bed in the misty waves

Of shadow and of twilight. Far away  
The mournful woodnote of the whip-

A sad voice calling out of poignant years  
Of old, old loves and waitings weird

And long  
For answering echoes from the tall  
oak grove

Of pine clumps forming vanguards  
of the woods.

Yonder the cities thundering in our  
dream

With roar of night-sounds and the  
ring of wheels,

Buzzing of trolleys on the surcharged  
wires,

Clatter of hooves on hard, metallic  
streets,

Human up-breathings of the voice of  
pain

Chanting in brotherhood of wordless  
speech

The common misere of the race  
Here in the quiet country nameless  
peace,

Total revulsion from the clang of  
things,

The harsh reverberance and the roar  
of strife

Sudden a Bob White out of stillness  
borne

Up to the ecstasy of that clear call  
Which weds to the wildness of the  
lovely world

Weird and inviolate music of wild  
love,

Flashes a firefly—then the shadowy  
lawn

Bursts in a fairy splendor where  
they wing

Pricking the fluttering foliage with  
their light

Of delicate phosphor on the weedy  
garth

Tall hedge and boxwood shrubbery by  
the gate

Warm in the air, and fragrant—and  
just now—

Breathed through it faintly from the  
neighboring wood—

Musk of the chestnut bloom and chin  
quapla!

—Baltimore Sun.

## CHEERFULNESS IS POSSIBLE.

I must die. Must I then die lamenting? I must go into exile. Does any man then hinder me from going with smiles and cheerfulness and contentment? Tell me the secret which you possess. I will not, for this is in my power. But I will put you in chains. Man, what are you talking about? Me in chains; you may fetter my leg, but my will not even Zeus himself can overpower. I will throw you into prison. My poor body, you mean. I will cut your head off. When then, have I told you that my head alone cannot be cut off?

—Epictetus.

## Good Stories

## Try Again.

(From Tit-Bits.)  
Two young ladies boarded a crowded tramcar and were obliged to stand. One of them, to steady herself, took hold of what she supposed was her friend's hand. They had stood thus for some time, when on looking down, she discovered that she was holding a man's hand. Greatly embarrassed, she exclaimed:  
"Oh, I've got the wrong hand!"  
Whereupon the man, with a smile, stretched forth his other hand, saying:  
"Here is the other one, miss."

## Then it Happened



Beary, the polar explorer had just reached home. He was somewhat chilly.

Into a Turkish bath he dashed and made straight for the steam room.

"Hotter!" cried Beary, as the thermometer shot up to 100.

"Say, can't you give me a little heat!" he peevishly quavered.

The heat reached 115.

"That's enough," cried Beary, "cool her off."

But still the mercury climbed higher. The steam valve was jammed.

The End.

## JOSH WISE SAYS.

Where there's a pill, there sure to be a pay.

Can You Beat It.

Prospective Customer—But you told me the house was only a stone's throw from the station.

Agent (coolly)—Merely a professional figure, sir. You must be aware that a stone can't throw.

Time to Move On.

She (pouting)—Today I am 23 and you haven't wished me many happy returns of the day.

He—No; don't you think you've had returns enough of your twenty-third birthday?

Prima Facie.

The Barber—Shall I go over your face twice?

The Patron—Yes, if there's any left.

Too Messy.

Oh, mamma, I'm to travel with Edgar in Egypt—the land of the pyramids and hieroglyphics!

Well, dear, remember I can't have you bringing any of those things home with you.

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A cash deposit must accompany each bid, the amount being as stated in the specification.

A sample of the kind of asphalt proposed to be used and an assayer's certificate of the analysis thereof must accompany each tender.

The city does not bind itself to accept the lowest or any tender.

All tenders must be addressed to the Common Clerk, Room No. 3, City Hall, who will receive bids until noon of Tuesday, July 26th instant.

No bids will be considered unless on the form supplied from the Engineer's office.

WM. MURDOCH,  
City Engineer.

ADAM P. MACINTYRE,  
Comptroller.

St. John, N. B., July 20th, 1910.

## HAWAIIAN PEAK IS

## NOT IN ERUPTION

Honolulu, July 23.—Mount Shihad-din, the volcanic peak which was recently reported as emitting a great sheet of fire, is now only smoking, and the sides of the mountain are covered with snow, indicating that there is no great heat within, according to Captain Gregory, of the lighthouse tender Armoria, which arrived here today from Unimak.

## Wrist Watches

We have received a new lot of WATCH BRACELETS in gold (Spring Link and Mesh) from \$30.00 to \$80.00. Also gold watch and leather strap \$18.00 to \$30.00. Silver and Gun Metal with Leather Straps, \$5.50 up.

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