# **Toilersand Idlers** Our Serial Story Copyrighted, 1907 by John B. McMahon,

SYNOPSIS.

A rich young man goes to work in foundry which he discovers to be is own property. He learns social orditions and gets next to union colla amerchicita estilament work ple, anarchists, settlement workers, inmates of orphan homes and other types. He faces the problem of his relations to his employees, com-plicated with a strike and riot.

CHAPTER XVI.

(Continued.)

But the men still hung their coats nt. Instead of using the filtered spigot in the chilly yard. The new tools seemed to be had the old battered ones. The gilt radiators under the windows had been ssailed with tobacco juice; a placard

calling attention to a mutual insur-ance plan had the same jaundiced "The me There was no doubt of a boycott.

Only when the noon hour came a detail of benevolence proved not to be in vain. This was the lunch for the apprentices. Ohio Jimmy, Mike and Salvator pounced on the tin pails brought by a restaurant messenger, devouring the thick sandwiches and drinking the hot coffee with eager "That seems zset. A humorist lightened the gen gloom by chaffing the boys on

ance of their lunch being poison-Ohio Jimmy cursed, screwed fingers to his nose and twisted his sharp shrunken features into a grim-

"Ah, what d'hell. Youse wisht yeh had dat poison t' tickle yer inside." Some of the molders began to jest about the paternal methods of their

"Say, the foreman he's going to wear a dress suit and have his voice ured, so he won't holler.' "I'll tell you what, it's straight

is bein' fixed up to sell out to any English syndicate." That aint it. The boss wants to

ro into politics, and you'll see him e out as the friend of labor,

"Ha, ha, he'd oughter find Con-gress easy. All the friends of labor isses barrel."

his grandfather was sons ofbut they was honest men, by God a dollar of pay with the other." Rensen angrily stepped up to the

hairy neck, and wore a red and the improvements ?" shirt What right have you to abuse a

Well, I'm damned," growled the

"S-a-y, who are red-shirted one. "He's the patent-leather bloke

what took dope and thought he was swell !"

"Where you been, patent leather ? seen you ain't forgot how to shovel don't talk to no laborers," said

red-shirt loftily. "I was speakin to intelligent molders-" Rensen walked away.

During the afternoon he pondered the state of affairs with not a little chargrin and worry. It seemed a terrible thing and those whom he would of obvious motives. The reduction spree and wants in pay to correspond with less hours, with the foreman. while What reason for their attitude ? .

atural nevolence.

It was the drama of work, enacted by man and the machine. 'So you want to know about the son ?" said John Day, as trouble, Rensen walked beside him, homeward "Yes, I am very much interested-

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"That's right. Every man ought to be. The union is easy to under rstand stand, if anyone wants to unde it. Now, I guess if you heard about the union objecting to more appren tices, you thought that mighty

queer 9 "Yes, I did. One would think that more apprentices would lessen the

"It's this way, son. There are twenty good molders out of a hunand lunch pails on rusty nails within the foundry. The washroom towels were immaculate, the cakes of soap Other trades have more room. Perhaps it's a convenience to the bosses water, they patronized the to have an over-supply of labor that can be put on or off according to the season, but it's no advantage to the

> "I see,-I have read the theory of modern industry requiring a surplus

get the habit of running in a lot of all apprentices who do pretty near a man's work and get a boy's pay. Their time is up, out they go, and a

crowded, it would certainly be fool-

molder ? The old man chuckled, "Well Otis uess I encouraged you on general principles, seeing you looked to need it then. But molding is a good trade for a young hardy fellow, who can travel around the country looking for chances. He sees the coun try anyway. I like it myself, though my boys are studing electricity. "What was the objection to the us

money

of molding machines ?" "Firstly, it's a plain fact that all machinery tends to work a hardship in any trade. It makes a life's

training worth nothing to thousands. They used to smash machinery and kick up a riot; to-day we only ask that it be introduced with the least get together there, like flies on a damage and that we share some of the benefits with the employer. These "Boys," said another, "his father little molding machines don't amount to much. We object to having them run by unskilled labor at low wages

It's like using the apprentices for journeymen's work." "I can understand that .-- What was last speaker, who had a flat face, a the trouble about mutual insurance

"Nothing, except the source "What right have you to abuse a came from-like you see a bright man you have never seen ? How do you know his motives are not but you know the scrappy charge in

the cupola." "The half hour loss time," said Rensen, managing to digest the parable, "must have been the worst change ?"

"Certain. We could afford to lose the time, but not the pay. Besides, we had to do about the same work." "Can the same amount of work be accomplished in fewer hours ?' "Yes, son. A short day and a good speed beats the long stint. It's the last hour the accidents happen.

The men are tired and careless, thinking about the whistle. "I heard some talk about pace makers. What is a pacemaker ?" "That's a little system of the boss refit should put obstacles in the es to get more than value. The pace way, misunderstanding, preferring maker is a special quick man, or the old discomforts, having suspicion maybe a fellow resting up from a and wants to square himself the foreman. The bosses want le a blunder, was no injustice ac-ting to common standards. It reason for their attitude?... haps, after all, it was not un-"Would you" compel the special

for these men to suspect ence, when they had been "No, son, let him work as fast as

#### COTTON S WEEKLY, APRIL 7, 1910

# Unjust Discrimination **Is Again Proven**

HE following is a copy of a letter sent by Geo. H. Town-send, of Dundas, Ont., to the Postmaster General. The probing done by Comrade Townsend shows conclusively that Lemieux enforces regulations against Cotton's Weekly which are a dead letter with regard to other An affidavit to this effect will be published leter HE following is a copy of a letter sent by Geo. H. Town-An affidavit to this effect will be published later. most bitter opposition. papers.

> ndas, Ont. the Mail and Empire was printed March 25, 1910 words "Postage Prepaid." Dundas, Ont. A movement is on foot to consolidate the Socialist societies of Great Britain.

The Honorable Postmaster General, | I received the papers in the bundles as aforesaid from my home post Ottawa. office, Dundas. I am not a subscriber Honorable Sir:-Since acknowledging the communication from your De- to any of the four mentioned publica-partment, bearing date of 15th inst, tions, or am I a newsdealer or news

partment, bearing date of 15th inst, 1008, or am 1 a newsucater or news-relative to my request of 10th inst, agent or advertiser. for an explanation re alleged dis-crimination against "Cotton's Week-ly," would say:

That while your explanation would seem to be expected to satisfy my-self and hundreds of others that no discrimination was being practised against "Cotton's Weekly" owing to the set of our cents per pound on Cot-ton's Weekly when sent in bundles to others than regular subscribers, newsdealers and agents, etc. I ask, if the evidence I have sub-

"The men don't require it, son, when they have to walk the streets. . . Another reason, some bosses ing of your department, namely that all newspapers . . . shall prepay per. Cotton's Weekly, then what expostage at rate of one cent for each stitutes discrimination ?

four ounces or fraction thereof on all Please understand I am not actu-bundles mailed to others than regular ated by any spirit of animus against new lot come in. So it's been a subscribers or news agents or deal-union rule to have one apprentice to eight molders." "That seems all clear and simple," exclaimed Rensen. "If the trade is submit that the facts of the case as wish to see the absurd and unjust control diverse the previous submit that the facts of the case as wish to see the absurd and unjust gathered by my self since the 19th regulations enforced against them or ish to make it worse.... But why did you encourage me to become a yours of 15th are exceedingly mis-periodical, as I consider it a inst., prove that your statements in any other Canadian newspaper or the menace to a Free Press and a flagleading and not in accord with facts. For proofs. note the follow- rant violation of the spirit and intention of the Postal Act made for

On Friday 18th inst., I remitted the guidance of Postmasters General money to the Toronto Globe, the and your Department and I trust Toronto Mail and Empire, the Brant- that you will see that this discrim ford Courier and the Burlington Gazination ceases at once and that the ette, (all Ontario publications) and ette, (all Ontario publications) and obnoxious four cent per pound ruling that I asked for a bundle from each is resended and the Casual Bundle of them. The bundles (issue of Satreceiver placed on an equal footing urday 19th inst.,) all arrived in due with the regular subscriber and course and not one of them have any news agent. I remain, postage stamps affixed and no evidence that any postage has been pre-paid except that on the wrappers

their bitterness against the present order and think it is useless for them Respectfully yours, GEO. H. TOWNSEND to protest with one weak voice crying in the wilderness, so long will

By Lizzie M. Holmes 'The sorrows of the poor ? Ah yes, We know, but then you see The poor are always with us-we But accept what is to be. We are not our brothers' keepers: Upon themselves must rest The burden of their want and woe And if they are oppressed. We aid the charities that give To the deserving poor; And thriftlessness to cure. They're called by God's intent. ... Ah well, you rich ! You think the Twixt classes, sharp and clear Are drawn, and from their poverty You've naught to heed or fear. Taste of the sweets of luscious life Seek new fruits to enjoy, Spend, loll in luxuries partake Until your senses cloy.

WRONGS WILL BE FELT.

But ever anon your thrones Quiver, and 'neath your tread And mold the minds of men to love Flames burst, and noisome gases And sickening horrors, fed From the hells below: ominou Rumblings and curses deep Whose eyes shall see what thou hast vainly sought. Rise to your ear; and spectres dark From the riv'n chasm leap.

growing by the sub hustlers and the separate little fires of discontent will Disease and death stalk in your mids Sprung from the loathsome deeps, Into your sweetest, purest homes revolution that will wither the capi-Vice, from their misery creeps

# Clubs of 5 Yearlies, \$200

Insurgency has struck Ottawa. The

Conservative Members are insurging against the slow pace of their party

and the country is insurging against

losing their hold on labor. They were elected to be an independent party

and have become the tail of the Lit

eral dog, to wag at the will of the

owner. The Socialists, the clear cut revolutionaries, are now coming to

place of the Labor Party and fulfil the functions of fighting the battle of

the workers for their emancipation

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UP! UP! UP!

The sub list goes up three hundred.

Ontario elimbs away above the two

thousand mark and British Columbia

goes over the thousand. Alberta

touches the six hundred notch while

Canada is neither dead nor sleep-

ing. Every week new sub hustlers

growing. There is a vast amount of

Canada. That discontent is not

gathered nor focussed in an effective

manner. The Socialist Party is focus-

sing that discontent and the Social-

ist Press is the means whereby the

consciousness that there is a mass

movement of protest and revolt, is

long as those individuals think that

they alone are in revolt, as long as

they consider that they are alone in

the voice of revolt be stilled. But

when those individuals consider that

there are hundreds and thousands

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cruel indignation exist against the

present order of injustice; when they

alone, but that they are one of a

mass; when they sink their individual

viewpoint and wake to the social

consciousness of a better order, then

will the wrath in their human hearts

burst into flame and a movement for

social amelioration will sweep over Canada that Laurier, with all his

That the consciousness of that uni-

versal protest may be realized is one

of the reasons why I publish, week by

week, the circulation statement ac-

ording to provinces. Cotton's Week-

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ton's Weekly, week by week, is get-

ting more and more of such men and women as readers. From Atlantie to

Pacific they unite themselves and grow conscious of their own strength

through unity. Is it any wonder that politicians begin to fear ? Is it

any wonder that capitalists plan more effective military control ? And

Cotton's Weekly has but touched the

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#### **Unionist Combination**

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4. CLASS UNIONISM, by Debs. 5. CRAFT UNIONISM, by Debs

6, INDUSTRIAL UNION

These books were formerly sold at Five ents per copy, but you can have the ten now or 25 Coems. Send a postal note for 36 cents o Cotton's Book Department and get this fine continue to the sold of the sold of the sold of the sold of the period matter of the sold of the

VILLAGE OF COWANSYLLE.) At a special session of the Municipal Coun-cli of the Corporation of the Village of Cow-ansville, held at the usual place and hour for sessions of the said Council, the 24th day of March, 190, duly convened under provisions of the Municipal Code of the Previnee of Quebec, at which meeting were presents-His Worship the Mayor, W. F. Vilas, Esq., and the Councillors, Messrs Enoch Buzzell, H. F. Williams, John McCabe, William Oliver, George F. L. Fuller, M. D., and Robert H. Strange, being all the members of the said Council, and all taking part in the said meet-ing under the presidency of the Mayor. It is on

### **BY-LAW NO. 109**

Whereas, the Corporation of the Villa Cowansville is actually indebted in the of nine thousand five hundred dollars, as and for the baiance of the purchase of the following immoveable property-"All that control of the order of the ord forming part to the conditions of fencing the North it said piece of land and to a certain restri-as to the use of said land; including the Company's rights and interests in ace lease from the "Montreal and Atlantic Vegrs, from November 11, or allest years, from November 11, or allest years of the number one hundred and fity on the (addastral Plan for the said Yilli Owwansyille, and contiguous to the S Cowansville, and contiguous to the line of said piece of land, subject to ti ment of the rent and the fulniment of conditions of said lease; with a two brick building, plant, machinery and all the

ed by the said Corporation of the Village of Cowansville fom the liquidators of the Wood-burn Sons Company Limited, in process of liquidation under the Winding Up Act, solely for the purpose of protecting its rights and interests in the same.

WHEREAS, for the purpose of paying the

by the present by-law as follows: 1. That the Corporation of the Village of Cowanies ille is hereby authorized to borrow the sum of nine thoosand five hundred doi-lars, payable on the first day of the month of May, nineteen hundred and forty (1940), and bearing interest at five per centum per an-num, proceeds of which ioan shall be extend-ed for the purpose aforesaid.

taxable real property of the Mun the Village of Cowansville as long necessary : sald tax to be appor distributed according to the Valua the said municipality, in force eas collected in the same manner a laxes.

6. That the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation of the village of Cowans-ville be and they are hereby authorized to 6. That the Mayor and Secretary-Treasurer of the Corporation of the village of Cowans-ville be and they are hereby authorized to sign said debentures and interest coupons, and affix the corporate seal. In the comport of the said corporation of the Village of Cowansville, who are proprie-tore for the village of Cowansville, who are proprie-tore for the Ville and corporation of the Village of Cowansville, who are proprie-tors of said taxable real estate and entitled to voic thereon, and by the Lieukenant-(sovern).

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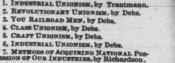
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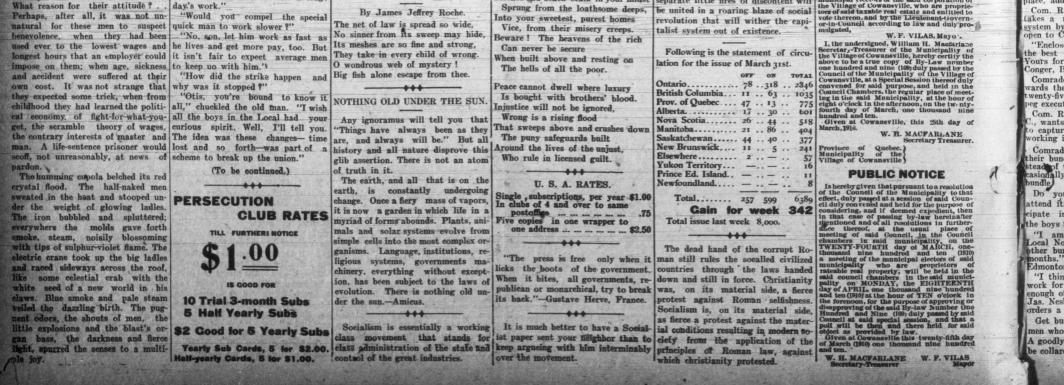
certain piece or parcel of land t of the South part of the lot of

squipment." WHEREAS, the said property was purchas-ed by the said Corporation of the Village of Company ville form the liquidators of the Wood

said balance of purchase price it is necessary for the said Corporation of the Village of Jowansville to borrow nine thousand five hundred dollars. THEREFORE, it is ordained and enacted by the present by-law as follows:

shay, nineteen hundred and crive (1940), and bearing interest at five per child of the extend-tion of the purpose aforesaid. 2. That said loan shall be contracted by an issue of ninetcen debentures of five home to ninetcen inclusively; issue hered from one to ninetcen inclusively; issue the village of Cowansville, and bearing the seal of the said Corporation, payable to bearer at the offlee of the fasher Townships Bank at Cowansville on the first day of the month of May, in the year hine ta the rate not exceeding five per centum per annum, payable semi-annually, on the first day of the month of May and November in each year; coupons of tweive dollars and fify cents each since here the the and not exceed wable semi-an-months of Ms ons of im per annum, paya he first day of the imber in each year; rs and fifty cents ea he counterside centum per annum, payante semi on the first. day of the months e November in each year; coupons dollars and firly cents each, sign Mayor and countersigned by the shall be annexed to acid of the said presenti-g the said semi-annual in math, payahle at the office of thes math, payahle at the office of thes individe the said office of the said of the capital of produces of neutof the capital of ord disca is her is inking fund of two percenting per the annount of the said ioan is her interest pay said Bank. the repay maturity,

the amount of the said ioan is hereby estab-lished. 4. In order to provide for the payment of the annual interest and for the said sinking fund, it is hereby required that there shall be apportioned and set apart each year out of the revenues of this memory apart is the sam of sam of the present ioan. 5. That in order to provide for the payment. of the annual interest and for the said ainking fund, an annual tax of six hundred and sixty-five dollars is hereby imposed upon all the taxile real property of the Municipality of the Yillage of Cowansville as long as may be



The prophets and the poets reject, And crucify at noon in shameless The silent midnight pauseth to re-And praises spring upon the lips of More truth and beauty wait now to We cannot be supposed their sins Truth waits a man to speak it We have our own full lives to live from the cross; And they should be content And waits a form which tombs can- To fill that place in life to which not conceal. Nor counts the shroud left in the tomb as loss. Let truth and beauty break the silent

seal And roll the rock of error far away !

THE PEOPLE'S POEMS

FOR THE FUTURE

By Percy Marshall,

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thy thought:

May early light their holiness reveal To seekers by the tomb at break of day !

Speak thou for generations yet un-

Wait thou the ear of that triumphant

THE NET OF LAW.

By James Jeffrey Roche