

UNIONS TO THE FRONT

Organized Labor to be Prominent in Floral Parade at Los Angeles.

Los Angeles, Cal., May 7.—(Special Correspondence)—For the first time in the history of Southern California, which is filled with union-baiters, organized labor will participate in the annual floral parade in Los Angeles, which will be given during the visit of President Roosevelt.

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ON A CERTAIN AFFECTION OF LITERARY WRITERS WHO SAY SOMETHING.

A literary person named Evans-T. C. Evans—recently took occasion to display his ignorance in a well-known journal by sneering at the late John Swinton because he had not written a book.

It is easy to sneer at the "labor language" of a man like John Swinton, who for at least fifty years of his life devoted his voice and pen to a denunciation of the evils of society.

It matters little to John Swinton how he should be regarded in the petty literary or journalistic world.

DO WITHOUT ELECTIONS. Editor Toller: Now that we are railed by injunctions, it might be well to consider the advisability of saving the expense of elections.

Such tremendous irregularities in the disposition of wealth can no longer be tolerated, and the demand for an alteration cannot be longer delayed.

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Bar-room talk on unionism is generally worth just about as much as the laud breath that accompanies it.

We would not wish to appear in the least disrespectful, but at the same time cannot help remarking that the "glory of England" is somewhat dimmed by the official report that one person in every forty of her population is in poorhouse and one in every four is "underfed, underclothed and wretchedly housed."

The question of increasing judges' salaries came up in the Senate on Tuesday, but nothing definite was done, and it is to be hoped that no further action will be taken.

THE WORST KIND OF ANNEXATION. Hon. Clifford Sifton declared in a speech in England last week that there was no sentiment in Canada favoring annexation.

There is another kind of annexation, though, of quite as much importance which is favored by a few and lazily protested against by the many.

With this declaration we have no fault to find, but we do find fault with most of those who make it and fail to act up to it.

OF what use is Canada to the great majority of Canadians when it is being given away, billions of acres at a time, to the railway and other grafting corporations, who give no adequate return?

It seems to us that a man will keep just as lean and hungry on 90 cents or \$1 a day paid by the U. P. R. or G. T. R. as he would if paid the same generous wages by Jim Hill, Rockefeller, Pierpont Morgan or Vanderbilt.

"Canada for Canadians" we say a fervent amen, but we mean all Canada for all Canadians, not the bulk of lands and the means of transport to and from them for Senator Cox, Sir William Van Horne and other multi-millionaires, whose love of wealth and power greatly overweighs their more or less genuine or superficial patriotism.

We have been roused to enthusiasm by volumes of words about patriotism, and it has been held to sleep by declarations of undying loyalty to the Mother Country—and all the time our pockets were being picked by the corporations.

The confidence game has been worked to the limit, and it must be stopped. If our parliamentary representatives do not stop giving Canada away to the grafters we can come to only one conclusion—that they get their share of the spoils.

FAKE PATRIOTISM. Capitalists of a third or fourth grade of understanding have run so short of arguments in opposition to organized labor that they have fallen back upon the "patriotic" bluff.

This is just about the cheapest kind of ruse to talk imaginable.

Capital has no country or permanent place of abode, and what is of more consequence, it has no heart or soul.

It was the capitalist who put forward the idea that "labor is a commodity," and he should be satisfied when his bags are being taken him at his word.

Labor is out for the highest price in the market if the conditions are fair, and workmen would be fools not to join international unions when by doing so they can in any honest way raise the price obtainable.

Capitalists are out for profits in any field and obtained by any means, and that being so, they cannot hope to stampede the public by crying their shibboleth against "foreign labor agitators."

When they get one decent, commonsense argument against international unionism they shall be pleased to hear it, but if their "patriotic" bluff is the best attempt they can make they should apply for admission to the Kindergarten and stay there till they have learned as much as the average five-year-old boy.

INJUNCTIONS UNIVERSAL. As injunctions are being granted against unionists for every conceivable purpose other than prayer, the prayers of all unionists are requested on behalf of the Harness Makers in the town of Toronto Junction and the adjacent city of Toronto, who are in trouble.

MUST BREAK EMPLOYER'S POWER

On account of the scarcity of jobs, the employer has a great advantage over his men. They are entirely in his power, and if any man does not like the conditions imposed he can leave, for there are plenty more men the employer can get.

General Manager F. E. Ward, of the Great Northern, acting under instructions from President Hill, has sent to the committee of trainmen representing that system, a communication announcing two "decisions."

From this reply it appears that the employer's power lies in a high-handed manner with the two organizations named. A few more decisions of this kind should confine the class orders that only by joining together can compact unions hope to fight autocrats of Jim Hill's type.

A NEW CAPITALISTIC MOVE. The suit for \$10,000 damages brought by Mrs. Schoen, of the Schoen Manufacturing Co. of Racine, Wis., against the International Ladies' Garment Workers' Union came to trial last week.

The case is without a parallel in the history of labor troubles in this country, and the outcome is eagerly awaited by all friends of organized labor.

A short time ago the girls employed by this firm were organized into a union, and the jurisdiction of the international body, and the same management learned of the movement the girls were discharged.

Should this charge be proven, she will win her suit and the injunction be dissolved.

It is remarkable that the employing class can use every scheme within the annals of schemery to beat the workers, and yet be heard about it, yet the days of the great temptation to their employees to frequent the saloons, with out any alternative of any other place to go to, are numbered.

The prominent men who are now leading in the matter give the strongest convincing assurance that it is going forward to better and more manly habits, morally, socially and financially Canada has seen.

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TORONTO DISTRICT LABOR COUNCIL—2nd and 4th Thursdays—Richmond Hall

1st and 3rd Sunday, 2.30 Sec. Occidental Hall, 73 Adelaide East

2nd and 4th Sunday Toronto Railway Employees' Union, Sec. Occidental Hall, 73 Adelaide East

1st Monday Toronto Railway Conductors, Sec. Occidental Hall, 73 Adelaide East

1st Monday Pressmen's Union, No. 10 Sec. Occidental Hall, 73 Adelaide East

1st and 3rd Monday Electrical Workers (Innocent) Sec. Occidental Hall, 73 Adelaide East

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