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PUBLIC MEETING

Carnegie's Offer to be Discussed To-night in St. Andrew's Hall --Further Comments.

YOU SHOULD BE THERE

That the coterie of cravens who begged for part of Carnegie's millions for the Public Library do not represent the spirit of our citizens is evidenced by call for a public meeting to be held in St. Andrew's Hall to-night for the purpose of discussing "the offer"—really called for the purpose of protesting against it.

A numerously signed requisition was presented to Mayor Urquhart Friday afternoon last, and he at once decided to call the meeting, and, if in the city, as he expects to be, will preside.

Since the publication of the facts concerning the way in which the alleged "offer" was brought about, the matter has been the chief topic of conversation amongst almost all classes, and there is every reason to expect a large attendance at the meeting.

Public opinion is pretty much divided as to the acceptance of the steel autocrat's filthy lucre, but the contemptible course of the irresponsible beggars for it meets with universal condemnation, as it deserves at the hands of every decent person.

So far, the parties guilty of placing Toronto in the position of a mendicant have not had enough manliness to admit their connection with the dishonorable business, and it is to be inferred that they are either heartily ashamed of themselves or afraid of the hornet's nest they would bring down upon them did they disclose their identity.

While these creatures, whoever they may be, are the chief culprits, the daily press are certainly strongly entrenched in second place.

The Star is the only one of the six to straightly oppose the acceptance, while the Telegram, so generally prepared to commend or denounce with violent chunks of verbiage, has not yet worked up enough courage to tell its opinion of the question, nor even to endorse the opinion of any one of the few who do its thinking for it. The World would still like better things than blood money, but wants money from some source, while the other three have no hesitation in commending the disgraceful proposition.

A MINISTER'S MISTAKE.

Inclined to pulpit sensationalism, Rev. James L. Gordon, of Bond Street Congregational Church, could not resist the temptation to increase the notoriety of his pulpit by lecturing on the supposed virtues of the humbug philanthropist on Sunday evening.

In the course of his lecture he made statements which are not only lacking in truth, but entirely devoid of it. He may have said what he believed to be true, but in that case he was grievously misinformed.

To refute in detail all the misleading statements, theories and conclusions of Mr. Gordon would be beyond our space, but as a sample, consider this absurd statement, which is absolutely false.

He says that the cause of the murderous affair at Homestead was the strike of 267 men who were receiving from $10 to $13 per day, and that they struck for 60 per cent. increase.

Does Mr. Gordon think that the people in general, outside his congregation, will accept this statement as truth? If he does, he imagines this community possessed of much more credulity than it is.

Who ever heard of a large body of men striking for an increase in wages of 60 per cent.? And their wages averaging from $60 to $78 per week.? That is simply not true, as stated to the writer by a man who worked in the mills.

Mr. Gordon claims that Carnegie paid the biggest wages of any employer in a similar line in the United States.

This also is false, for at the time of the Homestead affair, as at the present time, common laborers are working there at wages lower than 50 per week.

Do the people want a gift from a man who robbed these men of the rights and opportunities of being men? God forbid.

It is claimed that Carnegie set aside $1,000,000 to take care of aged employees who had been in his employ a certain number of years. This is quite true.

But what was the reason for this? It is an old game worked by many of the meanest men for whom others ever worked. It is simply a golden bait hung out to a few men in each department to secure their adhesion to the employer for whom they act as spies and prevent antagonistic combinations amongst their fellow-employees.

Next time Mr. Gordon tries to defend such an unworthy character or history as that of Andrew Carnegie he should possess himself of facts, and not froth.

Subsequent to writing the above The Toiler has been favored, in reply to an inquiry, with a very courteous note from Mr. Gordon, in which he gives as his authority for statements made, "Andrew Carnegie, 'The Man and His Book,' by Barnard Alderson, published by Doubleday, Page & Co., New York."

Mr. Gordon was unfortunate in his choice of authority, as this work is to all intents a defence of the subject, and was in no sense a fair statement.

ATTEND THE MEETING.

It is the duty of all members of organized labor in particular, and decent men in general, to attend the meeting to-night and set forth the fact that Toronto is not a community of beggars, but a city of independent men and women, who are not only able to pay for what they want or get, but prefer to do so rather than beg from one of the greatest industrial oppressors America ever had.

Attend yourself, and get your friends to do the same, and tell with no uncertain sound your opinion of the degrading means taken to secure the offer, and of your wholesome contempt of the source from which it comes.

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THE GARMENT WORKERS.

The situation in the Cutters' strike is substantially the same as when the men first went out last Monday.

We know very well that this branch of the clothing trade has been underpaid and overworked for a number of years, and it is about time that a move was made to better the condition not only of the Cutters, but the other branches of this trade.

About 120 men are out from the establishments of Messrs. W. R. Johnston & Co., Lalley, Watson & Co., W. E. Chalcraft and John Northway & Son. The trouble dates from last fall, when the men asked for certain reforms, principally the reduction of one hour per day from 55 to 49 hours per week, and certain regulations regarding the hiring of apprentices. Last week, when the final request was made of the employers, the men consented to abandon everything but the hour per day.

After a thorough canvass of the employers the men say that it was understood that each employer was willing to grant the reduction if all the others were willing, but as a matter of fact a compromise of half an hour a day was offered or 52 hours per week.

All the cutters are not out in each place, ten being left in W. R. Johnston & Co.'s, consisting, according to the employers, of good, reliable men. But there are other stories of the quality of these men.

In reply to the assertion by the employers that the trouble would not have been brought about but for the visit of International Treasurer Bromley, of Utica, last week, the men pointed out that the manufacturing houses engage designers from the United States to be foremen over the men whom they now criticize for themselves consulting a foreigner. Moreover, the men deny, and rightly so, that Mr. Bromley incited them to strike, declaring that their course had previously been decided upon, and that the international treasurer used the most pacific efforts to avert a strike.

The cutters and trimmers are making Richmond Hall their headquarters at present. They appear to have the utmost confidence of a successful issue, and assert that the pressers and operators are thoroughly in sympathy with their stand.

The case of Hamilton accepting the half hour is quoted by the employers as a precedent for their offer, but their action is entirely misquoted. The situation in Hamilton has been for years much better than in Toronto, and the possibilities are that the Hamilton manufacturers saw it coming and wanted to get off as lightly as possible, so they made the offer without any request from the men, and, of course, as was quite natural, the employees accepted.

The situation is liable to be cleared up in the course of a few days, unless the employers remain obstinate and refuse to recognize the reasonable request of their employees.

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We hear from the Maritime Provinces that they consider themselves somewhat neglected of late. There is a great field for organization in that section of Canada, and it is one that the international unions should not neglect.

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The Freight and Baggage Handlers, through Mr. Stamper, their vice-president and organizer, have secured unions in Hamilton, London and Toronto. Those wishing to know particulars as to getting in the fold of unionism can address Mr. Stamper at this office.

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Thirty-five cents an hour is the wage which the carpenters of this city have presented to their employers as the figure they expect to receive after May 1st. As yet no answer has been received from the master carpenters. The men are at present receiving 30 cents an hour. Both the Amalgamated Society and the United Brotherhood, numbering considerably over 1,000 members, are united in making this request. It is doubtful whether it will be accepted without opposition.

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What He Thinks Now of Union Labor and What He Thought Some Years Ago.

WHAT CAUSED THE CHANGE

There are a few of us that have been wondering for some years what caused the sourness upon the part of George Taylor Denison toward anything labelled union. This side of his character has been amply displayed upon more than one occasion in the past. The latest only occurred this week in the Police Court. It happened that a union man in the discharge of his duties ran foul of a guardian of the peace, greatly of his own accord, which ultimately wound up before Mr. Denison. The evidence of a man which was no good when he was a good union man, was first class when it suited the convenience of George Taylor to once more give it to a union man.

What a change must have taken place in George Taylor's opinion of union labor since he wrote the following, which is an extract from a report made by him to a Minister in the first Mowat Administration:

"In conclusion, I have one more word to say with reference to that class of men Mr. Arch represents. I have been all through the agricultural districts; I have attended scores of the meetings, and conversed freely with the laborers, and I am satisfied from my observations that the most enterprising and best workmen are those in the unions, and as those only will be sent out by the union who are fully paid-up members, they are very apt to be steady, saving and temperate men.

"In addition to my own observations on this point, I have the testimony of many farmers and employers of labor, whom I met in England, who complained to me bitterly that we were taking away all their best men; they said if we were to take the paupers and idlers, they would not mind, but that those who emigrated were generally the most steady workmen.

"When men join the union they are, to a certain extent, put under a ban by the clergy and magistrates in many localities; they lose their Christmas doles; they are deprived of the advantages of the blanket-club distributions, and the various other devices for the encouragement of pauperism and serfdom, and by getting union men we have a better chance of avoiding the pauper class, and of securing the honest and industrious laborer.

"George T. Denison.
"Canadian Special Commissioner."

This is no doubt news to a very great number of Toronto workers. It would be a great satisfaction to the workers to know just what changed Denison's opinion. This report was made by Mr. Denison as a special commissioner, and we have no doubt he little expected that it would be quoted against him at this late date.

We are gratified to know that at one period he had a good opinion of us, and it is up to him to let us know why the change.

Ed. O'Dell, of Hamilton, label agent for Canada for the Boot and Shoe Workers' International Union, is in Boston on official business.

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It is generally conceded that strikes are usually expensive to both employer and employee. The loss of wages is usually felt by the striker, and the breaking in of new and green hands is likewise expensive for the employer. The latest report from the Kingston Locomotive Works says: "They are still breaking machines in the shop and spoiling work. They were taking a cylinder out of the boring mill, and let it fall and broke the machine and cracked the cylinder, and bent the boring bar so badly that it cannot be straightened."

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According to a recent issue of the Kingston News, it appears that the German machinists will be kept in the Limestone City by hook or by crook; at least an endeavor will be made to have it so. One item says: "Another German took leg bail yesterday on the noon train. A cabman tried to hold him by claiming that the foreigner owed him a dollar. On opening the man's valise an old suit of working clothes and a few tools were disclosed. His best wearing apparel had gone on before."

Another item says: "G. Brown, of Toronto, who is an organizer of the I.O.F., is in the city endeavoring to organize a German branch of the lodge to take in the forty or more German machinists now in the city." In addition to this, some members of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers are endeavoring to get them to join that society, as the "bona fide" American Machinists' Union. In fact, the locomotive management is willing they should do anything but listen to the "Buffalo man."

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A. Gariepy, of Montreal, third vice-president of the Cigarmakers' International Union, and vice-president for the Province of Quebec of the Dominion Trades Congress, reports in connection with the long-existing cigarmakers' strike in Montreal as follows:

"Before the strike took place we had seven strict union shops, employing 175 members. On account of the strike we have lost two shops, in which 111 members were employed.

"We have made a gain of eleven shops, and now have eighteen shops, employing over 325 members.

"One hundred and ninety-two members were taken in and 97 went back to work during the strike; 381 left the city, most of whom are now located in Toronto and Hamilton, Ont., where the Montreal trade has practically gone to.

"The exact result of the strike is that the trade has gone to other parts of Canada, where unionism, better prices and better conditions prevail. The lack of capital accounts for our union manufacturers not having increased their trade—that is where Toronto and Hamilton got ahead of them. We have only one fich firm in the whole lot, and they have doubled their output."

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The marine firemen report their affairs to be in a prosperous condition, and three new men were intiated in Richmond Hall last Monday night.

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The Brewery Workmen hold their concert on Thursday evening, Feb. 12th. It's going to be a good one. The place is Association Hall, and the list of talent is one of the best of the season.

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It is up to the Porto Rican carpenters and joiners to start a national union of carpenters and joiners of their own, since the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of the United States has refused them a charter.

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The Journeymen Tailors are feeling the effects of Bro. Lennon's visit already by an increased membership, both male and female. At least the credit lies between Bro. Lennon and Jas. Watt, their business agent.

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Fred Sengbush was fined $100 and expelled from Berlin, Ont., Union, No. 112, until such fine is paid, for scabbing at the H. Krug Furniture Co. The fight between the Finishers' Union and the Krug Company is still on in earnest.

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The leather workers on horse goods initiated nine new members in Richmond Hall last Monday night, and report their organization as in flourishing circumstances, and stronger than they hoped it would be a year ago.

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The Executive Council of the A. F. of L. are to meet in Toronto during the month of April. This will be a very important meeting to Canadians, as it is the first ever held in Canada, and several knotty questions are to be settled at this meeting.

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The Iron Workers' Helpers' Union, of Kingston, whose charter was revoked by the A. F. of L. organizer for taking the places of the machinists at the Locomotive Works, has distributed its funds, $200, among the charitable institutions of the city.

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When the stockholders of corporations have a falling out they seldom, if ever, wash their soiled linen before the public eyes. When trades unions learn to copy from corporations, the dignity of the movement will not suffer as it has sometimes done.—The Woodworker.

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The last trade to be organized in the city is that of the outside electrical men, sometimes known as linemen, as distinguished from the inside men, who do the wiring. This union, which was this week formed in Richmond Hall, includes linemen, splicers, cablemen, undergrounders, trimmers, etc., and starts out with every prospect of success.

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The Toiler is in receipt of a copy of the proceedings of the twenty-second annual convention of the American Federation of Labor at New Orleans. The matters referring to "trade jurisdiction," "Canadian affairs," and the growth of the movement in the United States and Canada are detailed, and very interesting. In the "Socialist vote" it is noted all the old reliables voted "nay."

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At the last meeting of the Building Trades Council the following officers were elected for the ensuing term: President, F. J. Wilson; Vice-President, J. A. McIntyre; Recording Secretary, J. A. Dougan; Financial Secretary, B. J. Markle; Treasurer, J. H. Reeks; Tyler, Chas. Seryver; Trustees, W. N. Brabon, J. D. Skinner, Robt. Gunn; representative to Technical School, Alfred Raynor, James Richards; representative to Exhibition Board, Thos. Izzard.

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The Cigarmakers' Union of the city lost by death one of their oldest members in the person of Andrew Zeirs last Wednesday. Mr. Zierz' name appears on the Cigarmakers' charter as president of Local No. 27, which was issued on the 18th of May, 1869. Mr. Ziers' wife, who was also quite old, passed away on the day following, and the aged couple were buried together. The Executive Committee attended the funeral on behalf of the union, and presented a wreath of flowers. The union at regular meeting Monday night decided to have a resolution of condolence engraved and presented to the family.

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The Glass Workers, having had a year in which to strengthen their position, are about to present an agreement to the employers, which will include a draft scale of wages and a proposition to make a contract of at least one year beginning with May 1st. Thirty cents an hour is understood to be about what the scale would average. There are 13 establishments in the city employing glass workers, and in all but one of these the men work nine hours a day except Saturday, when they work five, making 50 hours per week. In the other establishments they work 55 hours a week. No reduction will be asked from the 50 hours per week. The men do not anticipate trouble in gaining their end, and point out that such an agreement as they desire to make would vastly simplify things for the employers in making contracts, reducing competition to a minimum, etc.

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Several Montreal shoe cutters have left that city for Lynn, Mass., to take positions in Lynn shoe factories.

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Secretary R. Stockwell, of the Kingston Trades Council, will introduce a resolution at the next meeting of that body to affiliate with the Dominion Trades Congress.

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There seems to be no cessation in the difficulty between the Cincinnati unions of brewery workers and firemen and engineers (both stationary). Frank Morrison, secretary of the A. F. of L., has been sent there by President Gompers to see if a settlement cannot be reached.

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In the space allotted for the Montreal correspondence in the January Labor Gazette a note appears: "No correspondence submitted by J. S. Fitzpatrick." Either Fitzpatrick is busy organizing for the National Trades Congress or preparing a reception for the president of the Dominion Trades Congress, who will visit Montreal in the near future.

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