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come, O heroes, to the world gone wrong;
I bring the hope of nations; and I bear
The warm first such of rapture in my The faint first light of morning on my

I look upon the ages from a tower; I am the Muse of the Fraternal State; No hand can held me from my crowning

My song is Freedom, my step is Fate. The toilers go on broken at the heart; They send the spell of beauty on all hands; But what avail? the builders have no

No share in all the glory of their bands. have descended from Alcayne; I am the Muss of Labor and of Mirth; come to break the chain of infamy Twat Greed's blud hammers forge about the earth.

have descended from the Hidden Place. To make dumb spirits speak and dead feet start; feel the wind of battles in my face,

I hear the song of nations in my heart stand by Him, the Hero of the Cross. To hurl down traitors that misspend His bread; fouch the star of mystery and loss To shake the kingdom of the living

wear the flower of Christus for a crown I poise the suns and give to each a name;

And through the hushed Eternity bend

To strengthen gods and keep their souls from blame.

come to overthrow the ancient wrong. To let the joy of nations rise again; am Unselfish Service, I am Song; I am the Hope that feels the hearts im the Vision in the world-eclips And where I pass the feet of Beauty

And when I set the bugle to my lips, The youth of work-worn races will return.

I am Religion, and the shurch I build Stands on the sacred flesh with pas-sion packed; In me the ancient gospels are fulfilled— In me the symbol rises into Fact. I am the maker of the People's bread,

I, bear the little burdens of the day; et in the mystery of my song I tread. The endless beavens and show the stars their way. -Edwin Markham.

SOCIALIST MEETINGS.

Rev. J. T. Sunderland delivered as address before Socialis, League No. 2 as Broadway Hall on the evening of the 18th inst., on the subject of "Peace on Earth." He dealt with the awful wastes and burdens of war and the military system, which in Europe required the maintenance of armies amounting in the aggregate to 24,000,000 men. Provision of war and payment of the debts incurred in past conflicts absorbed six-tentbof the national resources of Britain War was infinitely worse than anarchism. It raised up false ideals of heroism and national greatness. The Crimean war had been admitted to be a blunder. How long would it be before the South African war was classed in the same category? Moral heroism was a fur superior and more valuable quality than brute curage. The way to obtain peace was not, as had been stated, to prepare for war, but to prepare for war, but to prepare for peace. In communities where every citizen went armed, bloodshel was of frequent occurrence. To create an army and may was the surest means of precipitating war. Wars were promoted by the military class from selfish motives with a view to personal advancement. He auticipated that the principle of aphitration as a means of settling international disputes would gradually gein ground, and that The Hague Arbitratice Court would be exat Broadway Hall on the evening of the

desire of the capitalist class to find new fields for exploitation was the great cause of wars set agreesion, which would not cease until Secialism was established.

"An Evening with Bellamy" was the subject of an interesting and foreible address by John A. Kelly before Secialist League No. 5 at Secial Hall, Bloor street west, on the 19th inst. The speaker outlined the main features of the coorstitute commonwealth, as presented in operative commonwealth, as presented in Bellamy's "Looking Backward," and contended that the programme of Socialism was a practical and attainable one. He alluded to the marvels effected by modern science, which had made what were formerly regarded as the dreams of visionaries, accomplished realities. The The regular weekly meetings of Leag

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From Tom Baston's Column, in the Star.

A legal decision of the highest importance to trades unions has just been rendered in the courts of Great Britain. The decision is important from the fact that in the opinion of some of the best authorities on questions affecting the legal relations of employers and employees, the decision in question will stand as a leader in the settlement of questions where the issues involved are of a similar character to that in the suit which has just been

to is regarded as a signal victory for trades unions.

The case was that of the Glamergansine Coal Company, in which no less than 74 coal mining companies were the plaintiffs, against the South Wales Miners' Federation, defendants. The suitwas to recover compensation from the Federation for losses incurred through the action of the Miners' Federation in proclaiming certain days as holidays to be observed by the miners. Judge Bigham, the presiding judge in the court in which the suit was tried, gave a very elaborate and broad minded set of definitions as to the legal rights of employers and employers, making his milings of general application. His principal ruling was on the point of "injufy" to the employers as the result of the observance of the holidays proclaimed by the Federation executive officers.

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The judge declared in very precise and far-reaching terms the undoubted legal right of employees to organize themselves into a federation "for their own protection," and their consequent right to adopt certain lawful methods with a

ion," and their consequent right to dopt certain lawful methods with a low to insuring such protection. The riew to insuring such protection. The executive officers of the Federation were the lawful advisers of the miners as to the lawful advisers of the miners as to the steps necessary for their protection. The act of advising the observance of the holiday, or, in effect, advising the miners to cease work for a definite term, was not "for the purpose of injuring the coal companies," eatt "for the purpose of protecting the miners." It might be true that the coal companies were "finjured" by such action, but that was not the purpose of the Federation Executive in advising the men to cease work. The point is a very nice one, but in the legal aspect it is very wide and farreaching in consequences. As having a bearing upon, and illustrating, this point of "intentional injury," and "injury not intentional," attention has been called to the case of a company of traders, who by a certain course of action, ers, who by a certain course of action brought absolute ruin to another trader ing for certain advantages for its members. Otherwise the position would be that there is one law for the employer and another for the employee.

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A CHANCE FOR ORGANIZER FLETT.

The Telegram publishes the following etter from a much abused class of work-rs who would better their condition by

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"The workers to whom I refer are the warehousemen, packers, porters, etc., probably the poorest paid men in the Dominion. The rate of pay runs from five to nine dollars, and sometimes ten dollars per week. I know several strong, active young men (not boys) who are paid five and six dollars per week for heavy work requiring some skill and entailing some responsibility.

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"We have been frugal, had no contingent expenses lately, such as sickness, in fact no expense outside of actual living expenses, including a very limited supply of clothing, and on this 18th day of December all we have on hand to last until December 31st (next pay) is \$7.31. And this is the happy holiday season and glorious growing time.

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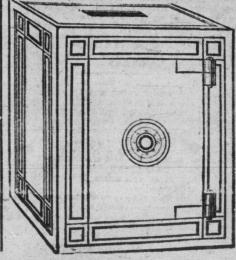
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