

# RATHER PRISON THAN CANADA.

Fate of Vagabond Who Promised But Failed to Emigrate.

London, Oct. 1.—Duncan Brody, a well-connected young man, found guilty of theft, was let out on his own recognizance on the understanding that he would go to Canada. As he did not keep his promise he was sentenced to six months. He was described as a worthless vagabond.

Four thousand two hundred and thirty-nine laborers are at present employed by the New Zealand government on co-operative works—road and railway making.

One hundred and fifty national and international unions, and their subordinate unions have not less than \$100,000,000 on deposit in banks, while the individual members of labor unions have at least \$300,000,000.

Brookton, Mass., Shoe Stitches! Union is by far the largest local of the Boot and Shoe Workers in the United States or Canada. It has a total of over 3,000 and an income of \$100 a day.

## GENERAL BOOTH'S TRIUMPH.

On Saturday the return of General Booth from his triumphal progress half round the world, drew thousands to the Albert Hall, where a welcome of unparalleled enthusiasm awaited the veteran. The old Salvationist has a very sure place in the affections of the English people. He is a great national character, who by the force of his personality and the vigor of his methods has justified his own expectations.

A little time ago there was an idea started of sending the General to Parliament, in order that he might plead the cause of the poor and oppressed. The idea really originated in the joking suggestion of the General himself, and I learn that such a candidature is by no means an impossibility. There are two or three seats in England where the General would be returned unopposed, not as a Liberal or Conservative, Free-trader or Protectionist, but as a Salvationist pure and simple. It is quite a novel idea, and it is one that one would like to see carried out. A Salvationist member could be nothing but an influence for good, and a very healthy element introduced to the council of the nation, and so long as the representative of the Army kept his feet from the dangerous path of party politics, a Salvationist member might be an institution of which England could be well proud.

General Booth's experience in the colonies has been a very happy one. Wherever he has spoken in England, it has been of the kindness and enthusiasm of his colonial audiences. It is not to be his last world trip by any means. One remembers his farewell speech prior to leaving England, in which he startled his audience by informing them that he was "not going to die for quite a long time," with something akin to thankfulness.

The barbers' union of San Francisco reports that there are about forty Japanese barber shops in that city, employing from two to three journeymen barbers each, who work for \$5 or \$6 a week, and crowd out as many white men, whose lowest wages is \$15 a week. It is said that these shops are patronized by white persons almost exclusively.

## HERE IS SOMETHING OUR UNIONS SHOULD ADOPT.

The Committee on Constitution and By-laws of the Oregon State Federation of Labor, at the convention held last week, succeeded in having the following amendment to the constitution adopted:

"No delegate shall be entitled to a seat in any convention of the Oregon State Federation of Labor unless he can show the labels of at least three different unions on his wearing apparel."

Cronstad. The dock laborers have again struck for more pay and shorter hours. Work is at a standstill.

Berlin street cars are running. They were not properly organized. The power-house men were not with the strikers.

Chicago.—The Grand Trunk officials have met in Chicago to try and prevent a general strike of the switchmen of the system. The officials have refused the chief dispute of the men, that is the reinstatement of the Men's Grievance Committee.

## BUY UNION-LABELED GOODS.

The man who condemns the manufacturers who employ female and child labor at less than living wages and then purchases the goods produced by such labor is no better than the manufacturer himself. In order to wipe out the evil it must be attacked from every quarter. Buy only union-label goods and hit the unfair manufacturer in his weakest place.—Chicago Union Label Bulletin.

## ANSWERS FOR NAPIER.

Sir Charles Napier hated a man who had not an answer ready for him. He once asked Richard Burton, the explorer, how many bricks there were in a newly built bridge. Richard, knowing his foible, answered without hesitation, "Two hundred and twenty-nine thousand and ten, Sir Charles." He turned away and smiled. Another time he ordered a review on a grand scale to impress certain chiefs. "Lieutenant Burton, be pleased to inform these gentlemen that I propose to form these men into line, then to break into echelon by the right and to form square on the center battalion," and so on, for about five minutes, in military technical terms for which there were no equivalents in these men's dialects. "Yes, sir," said Richard, saluting. Turning to the chiefs, Richard said: "Oh, chiefs, our great man is going to show you the way we fight, and you must be attentive to the rules!" He then touched his cap to Sir Charles. "Have you explained all?" he asked. "Everything, sir," answered Richard. "A most concentrated language that must be," said Sir Charles, riding off with his pose in the air.

Pride in the heat of summer

May be erect and tall,

But in the cool of autumn

Pride's bound to have a fall.

Boom the Label!

Are you supporting the paper that is supporting you?

## TO CURE PESSIMISM.

Hang these words on your bedpost or tack them into your brain:

I am going to become an optimist.

From now on I am going to change my entire life and my style of thinking.

I will endeavor hereafter to be generous in my view toward others, broad-minded, large-spirited and kind, think well of everybody, mean to nobody, and overlooking the little faults, believing that there are other qualities in the man that overwhelm the deficiency.

There is so much bad in the best of us and so much good in the worst of us that it behooves each one of us to be charitable to the rest of us.

I shall see the bright side of every thing.

I shall talk like an optimist, laugh like an optimist, and move about like an optimist, conscious of the fact that I shall radiate sunshine and make every one around me happier.—Physical Culture.

Call for the Label.

## KEEP THESE THINGS IN MIND.

The power of kindness. It wins when all coercive measures fail.

The virtue of patience. "All things come to him who waits."

The dignity of simplicity. When the "frills are off, the man is 'on.'"

The wisdom of economy. The man who saves makes more than he saves.

The pleasure of working. The only really unhappy, rich or poor, are the idle.

The influence of example. Practice does more than precept in showing the way.

The success of perseverance. "Keeping everlastingly as it" brings the hoped-for result.

The worth of character. In the last analysis the only real value is a clear conscience.

The improvement of talent. Talent is the only capital which compounds itself by exercise.

The value of time. Lost capital may be restored, by diligent use of experience; time lost is lost forever.

The obligation of duty. Your concern should not so much be what you get as what you do for what you get.

The joy of originating. The happiest man is he who does the best thing first. The creative instinct should be encouraged for the pure joy found in its demonstrations. The subsequent financial reward brings no such pleasure as that first sense of having made a new thing or conceived a new idea.—New England Grocer.

The largest valley in the world is the valley of the Mississippi.

Bakers' strike still on.

## WHAT ARE LIVING WAGES.

A living wage ought to be sufficient to secure, for every able-bodied, right-minded, sober and industrious working man:

1. Enough to keep not only himself, but also a family, in a healthy state of mind and body.

2. Enough to permit all his children to take advantage of the public school system.

3. Enough to enable him to acquire a home of his own.

4. Enough to permit him to accumulate a bank account sufficient to furnish some security against sickness and old age.

Is there any one prepared to say any working man, no matter how humble his work may be, ought to be content with less? Can we boast of our American freedom if we know that there are not only a few men, but millions of them, whose wage is so meager that it is an absolute impossibility for them to have a home or educate a family?—The Electrical Worker.

The world does not include a cause more sacred than the cause of justice.

Pride and passion often ruin their possessors, yet without them no man will ever amount to much.

The scab does about as much as any other kind of evil-doer to foster the belief in the doctrine of total human depravity.

In the garden of life we watch growing children, and wonder will they prove noxious weeds or useful plants.

The egotist has a poor memory; he constantly forgets that the world existed before him and still will continue to exist after him.

## Dumb Without Press

When there is trouble

between CAPITAL and LABOR, the press volleys and thunders AGAINST LABOR and its unions and leaders and all other things that dare to breath against the sacred right of capital.

In such a contest labor is dumb, speechless

it has no press that reaches the public, and must submit to the vilest calumny, the most outrageous misrepresentation.

The lesson has been taught in all the languages of labor and written in the blood of its countless martyred victims.

Labor must have a press as formidable as the great movement of the working class requires to worthily represent its dignity and fearlessly and uncompromisingly advocate its principles. Every member of a trade union

should feel himself obligated to do his full share in the important work of building up the PRESS OF THE LABOR MOVEMENT; he should at least support the paper of his union and one or more other papers, and, above all, he should read them and school himself in the art of intelligent criticism, and let the editor hear him when he has a criticism to offer or a suggestion to make.

The expense of supporting the labor press is but a trifle to the individual member—less than the daily outlay for trifles that are of no benefit, and can easily be dispensed with.

The editor of a labor paper is of far more importance to the union and the movement than the president or any other officer of the union.—Eugene V. Debs.

"Unionism is the very salvation of labor."

Perish every effort to destroy it. The non-unionist is reaping the benefit of the sacrifices and labor of his union fellows, and he has a right to recognize the sacredness of his obligation to them.—Bishop Fallows of Chicago.