

**Current Comment**

The Mother's Union had a visitor during the past week in the person of Mr. J. J. Mulcahy, the president of the Atlanta District Union. He is here on business connected with a new scale of wages at present being negotiated.

East and south it takes the place of the striking hot-hands, and often strike-offs over the men are turned adrift and the regular men taken back. The riff-raff brought here continue here, and live on pilage and crime. The same can be said of most of the big strikes recently settled here. Chief O'Neill's statement does not speak well for the company that Chicago's capitalists keep and use to defeat the purposes of unions.

The trade union movement has been a great safeguard of British freedom. It was the chief influence in securing the extension of the franchise in 1868, and again in 1872, and upon the whole, the men whom the unions have sent to Parliament have done excellent work in assisting to realize democratic ideals. Some of them, no doubt, have from time to time shown an inclination to play the role of leaders of their districts, but they have been more loyal to the Labor party than to any other. Their integrity or their willingness to do the right thing according to their lights.—*Reynolds' Newspaper*, London.

There is no serious disturbance of any kind in any union stamp factory. We are constantly progressing toward peaceful relations along right lines and beat the company to it.

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Mr. Frank Miles is the business agent of the Sheet Metal Workers. Any having business with him will find his office in the new Labor Temple, 167 Church street.

These printers who are hung up the fond delusion that the Party crowd does not mean to touch the Typographical Union, will do well to digest the results of the National Convention of United Typothets of America held in St. Louis. It decided to provide for an emergency fund in which each local organization is bound to subscribe.

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