

Current Comment

Mr. D. A. Carey returned this week from New York, where he has been attending the convention of the Federation of Musicians.

There is nothing for it now but to drink union label beer. All the brewers in Toronto have disposed of their men by locking them out, and it is up to the workers to refuse to drink the beer of brewers who place the standard of living wages at \$2 per week.

The bricklayers are on strike, and the building contractor is giving the excuse for blaming the unions for setting back what promised to be the best building season.

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There is a number of years. But are the unions to blame is the question that you should ask yourself. Condemnation is all right if placed in the right quarter and that quarter in this instance should be the brick manufacturers.

The union organizers of Boston have started a co-operative cigar manufacturer. Circulars are being sent all local unions under the International Typographical Union by the Denver, Colo., local, urging the raising of a fund to erect an addition to the Printers' Home at Colorado Springs in honor of the late Congressman Amos J. Cummings.

In England the trades union movement has gone into politics with a vengeance. It has over 200 candidates for the next general election.

The Presbyterian ministers of Chicago have made application for membership in the Chicago Federation of Labor, and their application was referred to the committee on by-laws.

At last the custom tailors of Montreal have come out of the hammer of the J. A. of A. Hugh Robinson, of Hamilton, assisted by a French custom tailor formerly in Hamilton, lined up the boys who were enthusiastic about the proposition and decided to send for a charter.

The Parry allies and the "closed shop" institutions are not having it all their own way across the border. Besides the fifteen firms independent of the Employers' Association, which signed the new wage scale of the Boiler Makers and Iron Shipbuilders in New York, the Naub Iron Works, South Brooklyn, have broken away from the Metal Trades Association and agreed to the closed shop conditions of the union.

The brewery workers at the Reinhardt and the O'Keefe breweries of Toronto are out on strike for an increase in wages. Manager Karaman, of the O'Keefe brewery, is reported in the press as saying that \$2 per week wages was all his business would stand up to.

Great ado is made in different parts of the United States when a trade union declares a boycott, or an individual unionist intimidates a non-union man. At the same time it is declared the constitution of the country has been violated.

The contention of organized labor in Canada, that the importation and encouragement of immigration of mechanics is being done to force down wages by an overplus of labor is refuted by an article in the Mail and Empire during the week.

The undersigned organizations wish respectfully to call the attention of the churches to the unfortunate lack of harmony between the equities of religion, and the condition in our social adjustments.

Could there be anything more sublime than the truths to which religion claims our fealty? The oneness of the Eternal Father, the unity and concord of brotherhood, the equity of the golden rule and the supremacy of the law of love!

There will be done on earth as it is done in heaven? Do not these considerations point out the overwhelming importance of this subject, and should not the churches give more attention to the equity? How can we adapt the principle of religion to our social adjustments?

Editor Toiler: I am a farmer here in Kent County, near the town of Dresden. My father before me was engaged at farming, both of us have been employed of labor more extensively than the average farmer, and have never yet seen what the capitalist press will the great scarcity of labor. I have never seen the time that almost at an hour's notice that logging or threshing gang could not be got.

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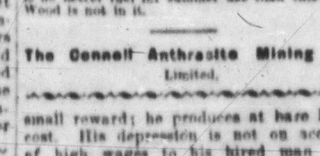
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