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THE AUTOCRAT HAS SPOKEN

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Have no Rights Except What the Chief Gives Them.

The Great I am (Ward Boss of No. 2) has spoken. His kingly spirit must needs lead him in autocratic ways. The Big Chief to whom the aldermen of Two Bay in submission has decreed that the "freemen" are but serfs, to be bullied and beessed by his kingship.

"Citizenship!" He cries, "You are not Citizens!" He has said this at the meeting of the Council held last Saturday. Well, the freeman has no rights as a citizen but to obey the will of the ward boss both at work and when not at work.

They will not only say it, but will act on it as well.

Let not those aldermen think that by just and just it is done all alike and the interests of justice to one section of the community.

Let the citizens imagine for one moment that the destruction of the union by the autocrat has brought harmony into the force—far from it.

Let the citizens watch well the movements at the City Hall for the next six months and see if there is not more in this present little incident than appears upon its surface.

The daily press are so imbued with the spirit of fairness to the manufacturer and employer generally that they have gone out of their way to an effort to undo the language of Kirby with reference to trades unions being prone to sacrifice life and property to obtain their desires.

On every hand has there been a continuous misrepresentation of facts in this controversy, and like the proverbial chickens, this misrepresentation will some day come home to roost.

Just one more word to the gentleman who was the leader in the onslaught against the union. He succeeded in destroying the union at the call of the ward boss, and he did not, he succeeded in destroying the confidence of his best friends in the labor movement—friends that have stood by him in season and out of season, when every friend was a necessity.

They have been basely betrayed, and they will never again place the same confidence in Alderman Spence. That the union was thought to be a good thing by men there can be no question. The following is a list of the men who composed the Freeman's Mutual Benefit Association:

- No. 1 Hall—S. Best, H. Hamilton, J. Dixon, C. Dickens, A. Baistrof, F. Bird, A. Gates, E. Mitchell, Thos. Williams, W. Tomley, Geo. Adams, W. Shannon, E. Good, A. Lucas, W. Hunter, A. Hart, J. Stewart, W. Corbett, W. Seaman, M. Sandon, A. Cochran, A. Potter, T. Croucher, Jas. Gordon, W. Phillips.
- No. 2 Hall—Jas. Creighton, H. Mattson, A. McFee, W. Fox, M. Skanes, F. Taylor, F. H. Wilkes (since deceased).
- No. 3 Hall—Thos. Brown, H. Cunningham, W. Hawkes, S. Johnson, W. Sleeth, W. A. Brown, A. Dean, W. Dawson, Jas. Gilling, C. Gordon.
- No. 4 Hall—None.
- No. 5 Hall—Samuel Graham, Jas. Hart, Geo. Pittor, Geo. Lawrie, John See, Jas. Leslie, W. J. Best, F. McCune, R. Falconer, H. Lyon, H. Atkinson, E. Brown, Jas. Potts, Chas. Adamson, Geo. Simpson, C. Gordon.
- No. 6 Hall—None.
- No. 7 Hall—None.
- No. 8 Hall—None.
- No. 9 Hall—Geo. Bell, Jas. Taylor, W. J. Fox, R. Scholtes, John, Higgs, C. E. Wilkes, H. Wilkes (since deceased).
- No. 10 Hall—R. Middleton, Frank Miligan, E. Ingerman.
- No. 11 Hall—O. D. Arlidge, A. Everist, Jas. Nolan, Thos. Brown, Samuel Boyle, Jas. Hart, John, Foster.
- No. 12 Hall—None.
- No. 13 Hall—Geo. Gaultier, A. Crawford, A. Thompson, R. Gibson, Jas. Bell, W. Cross, Frank, Carey.
- No. 14 Hall—Thos. Eward, A. Auchinclass, Jas. Jones, Jas. Lappin, W. Calhoun.
- No. 15 Hall—J. C. Dunn, Chas. Taplin, Jas. Spence, Thos. Connolly.
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The Tariffs are holding a special meeting Saturday night to consider their new bill of prices which they expect to put in force very soon.

Typographical Union holds a special meeting on Saturday night to discuss changes in their laws to permit of acquiring the latest necessary in the trades union movement—a business agent.

Constant watch should be kept by the workers upon the construction of the city's new charter. We do not want to let a single clause get into it that will not allow people at all times doing as a majority of them see fit.

English has been made a compulsory subject of study in Australian schools, and it is taught in nearly all the countries of Europe. English is the international language of trade, as French is of diplomacy. The nations fool one another in French, and swindle one another in English.

Toronto Orchestra's popular concert in Massey Hall on Monday night should receive the patronage of the workers, because it is composed of union musicians, and they are all local men. Mr. Toronto has been identified with this class of work for years, and is constantly developing local talent at somewhat of an expense to himself. He has made a special selection for Monday night's concert: members of unions, affording the opportunity of the best seat in the house for 50 cents.

New South Wales Affiliation Court has fixed the wages and working conditions for undertakers' employees and assistants. Among other things the award provides that 54 hours shall constitute a week's work for shopmen, and 40 hours for yardmen and cleaners; the minimum wage for shopmen shall be 47 1/2¢ per week, and for yardmen and cleaners 45¢ per week. Union men are to have the preference of employment. The award places the employees on a far better footing than previously existed.

Toronto Bread Bakers' Federal Union held a very successful meeting in Occident Hall on Feb. 10th. Four new members were enrolled. The action of the City Council re Firmen's Union was condemned, and a record of aldermen who voted may well be kept till next January. A half-hour's musical entertainment by Bros. Hurst, Thorne, Jay and Hall was part of the evening's enjoyment.

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See that your house is swept with a union made broom.

Without liberty of press there can be no liberty of person.—Walter Lurtz.

It is not capitulation that keeps the people down; it is the people that keep capitalism up.

The greatest difficulty of my life is that the men who do the work never get rich.—Andrew Carnegie.

Persecution is the only name applicable to punishment inflicted on an individual in consequence of his opinions.—Steeley.

If you do not desire God's kingdom, do not pray for it; but if you do, you must do more than pray for it—you must work for it.—Lusk.

Cigar-makers' International and Local Unions spent \$125,000 a year to advertise the blue label. Are you doing your share to help them create a demand for the label?

When your merchant assures you that an article is union made, gently remark, "show me what it is, I mean the label, don't buy it." The label is the only certificate of genuineness.

While at Kingston last week in connection with the wages of ship carpenters working on the Government boat, sent Dr. J. O'Donoghue addressed the Painters' Union, a Labor Hall on labor problems.

By ten votes to nine the Sydney Municipal Council decided to adopt the day labor system in carrying out the excavation work for the city's electric light system. A minimum wage of 75¢ per day was fixed.

If work was wealth, horses and mules would be rich. Most men are always looking for work—never mind the work. Look out for the wages, the boss will look out for the work, and see that you get your share.—A. W. Holmes.

Wall street arithmetic:
10 trusts make one trust
10 trusts make one combine
10 combines make one merger
10 mergers make one magnate
1 magnate makes all the money.
—Boston Commercial Bulletin.

A demand made by you to those whom you favor with your patronage, that they handle only union made products, is of immense value in creating a union sentiment. It costs you only a little moral courage, and indirectly helps yourself as well as the other fellow. Try it.

Yankee Boodle was greatly in evidence during the Birmingham, Eng. municipal elections. Ferguson, Morgan's Electoral Syndicate shoveling money around like rain in its attempt to secure the franchises of the city. But Birmingham stuck to municipal policy by a two to one majority.

It isn't fair to induce a merchant to intend to purchase yourself, recommending him to others, advise his wares, and defend him when he needs it. A stock of un-called-for goods on a merchant's shelves is scarcely an inducement to him to increase union sentiments.

Glasgow, Scotland, magistrates have decided to abolish the system of female bondsmen, or "tharmies," and have gone so far as to intimate that all proprietors of wet goods dispensaries who are in danger of losing their licenses if they continued the business. Can it be that the tavern-keepers' employees have influenced the city magistrates?

Women polled their votes than men in two electorates in the recent New Zealand elections, and three more Zealand States were added to the one that existed before. The sexes did not make faces at each other, the men behaving nobly, and the women coming out dressed for the occasion. "My election day umbrella" was a joy in store for us.

The union label is better than bullets, and the next powerful thing to ballots, if intelligently used. Ten or twenty persons in a union can create a demand for labor goods, if they are persistent. They will make such goods called for by others. Every union ought to have a label committee, whose business should be to look after label articles and encourage merchants who patronize the union paper and handle union made goods.

The feudalism of capital is not a whit less formidable than the feudalism of force. The millionaire of to-day is as dangerous to society as was the baronial lord of the middle ages. I may as well be dependent on another for my bread as for my bread.

The time is sure to come when men will look back upon the prerogatives of capital with as just and severe condemnation as we now look back on the predator chiefs of the dark ages.—Horne Mann.

The New South Wales State female registry is proving a boon and a blessing to both workers and employers. During the first eight months of its existence (from March 1st to November 29th last year), the number of employees registered as requiring work totalled 1,744, and of these 1,285 were provided with employment. The superintendent states that the majority of the cases entry into fact has been given to the employers, and the employees appear to be satisfied with their employment and remuneration, as they invariably retain this situation.

Chicago Journal: Seven labor union men sat on a jury Friday which convicted a union man of assaulting "some" employees of the People's Gas Light and Coke Company. There were opportunities for a disagreement on the evidence, but the union jurors voted as a man for conviction. That incident will do great good in the cause of union labor. It indicates that the rank and file of the labor unions are opposed to thuggery and violence. They are law-abiding citizens. The action of these jurors will do much to obliterate the prejudice that has been caused by the scoundrels of certain unscrupulous officers of labor unions.

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Windsor, Ont., Carpenters' Union, only recently formed, is not doing so badly, with a membership of 125.

Last week the barbers of Kingston held a meeting to consider forming a union. Another meeting held this week resulted in sending for a charter with the names attached.

Judge Smith of the Superior Court of Ohio, has decided that strikers have the right to picket a factory when they seek to accomplish a lawful purpose and do not coerce non-strikers.

The International Typographical Union is the third largest body in the American Federation of Labor. Its total membership is about 40,000, although its active membership is only 33,000.

The first step towards building the temple of labor at Los Angeles, Cal., has been taken. The Women's Union Label League having raised the initial sum. A building fund of \$75,000 is to be created.

To the Cigar-makers' International Union of America belongs the honor of having introduced union labels. Now the Cigar-makers' Mutual Association of London, Eng. has adopted a union label similar to the cigar-makers' blue label of this continent.

It is reported that when one of the strikers being returned from the Northwest to the Kingston Locomotive Works as "not accepted," reached Sharbot Lake, the C.P.R. junction to Kingston, there had already accumulated a freight bill of \$870.

"The Union Man" is a new play prepared to typify labor, and awaken the public concerning the intention of organized labor. A Chicago manager will put it on the boards with 50 players, each of whom carries a union card.

Trades unions are investing their surplus cash in order to recuperate their strong boxes. It is said that over \$100,000 worth of stock in the St. Louis Exhibition has been taken by trades unions. The Allied Printing Trades Council of St. Louis has taken \$5,000 worth, and the International Union, No. 8, \$1,000 worth.

The City Council of Slocan, B.C., recently passed the following resolution: "That, whereas it is provided by law that fair wages shall be paid by the city under contract, and whereas the union label is a badge of honest workmanhood, and fair wages, therefore, be it resolved that this Council do endorse the principle of the fair wage, and do hereby order that the union label shall be affixed to all printing, stationery, and all other supplies procured by city and all departments of the city government and services."

The Women's International Union Label League held their regular meeting last Friday evening. Considerable business was transacted, and the following resolution was unanimously adopted: Whereas, we have been informed through the public press that Andrew Carnegie has offered to the city of Toronto, for Public Library purposes, the sum of \$500,000, and a great deal of money for the purchase of the same, and whereas it is our duty as workers to oppose the said Andrew Carnegie, which we claim would place the tollers in a most contemptible position.

Some twelve months ago it was reported that the W. B. Reid Co., cigar jobbers of this city, were getting some private brand of cigars made in union shops to squander the labor label, while W. B. Reid was president of the North American Cigar Co. of Montreal, a strike shop, where the bulk of Reid's brands were made. This dishonest practice was discovered, and manufacturers in Berlin, London and St. Catharines were prohibited making brands for W. B. Reid Co.

Lately the same trick was tried again in a factory in Montreal recent standing, and a few thousand of "Reid's Turtles" were made with the blue label on. When Business Agent Kennedy, of the Cigar-makers' local, located them, and immediately informed Montreal local of the scheme, who took action at once, so that the W. B. Reid Co. is again out in the cold. Look out for Reid's brands, and let your dealers know they are unfair. Help the Cigar-makers in this fight.

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