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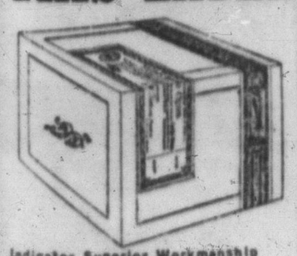

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To a living friend this very day,
Than a bushel of roses, while and red,
To lay on his coffin after he's dead."
—The Toiler.

Current Comment

The first strike in the United States is said to have been that of bakers in New York, who combined and struck for increased pay 162 years ago.

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The American Federation of Labor has now 1,175 commissioned organizers in the field reporting active work.

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In Philadelphia the Pennsylvania factory inspectors rigidly prevent the manufacture of clothing in any house not sanitary and having a license.

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Cotton mills in New England, employing about 10,000 operatives, which either were shut down or running on short time for several months, have gone on full time schedules.

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The act imposing $500 upon every Chinaman entering Canada has had a prohibitive effect. Since January no Celestials have come to this country, with the exception of two who escaped from steamships.

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It is quite possible for a consistent union man to belong to one of the political parties, but he is certainly not progressive, and the unions should see that this class of unionist is not heralded forth on the bill boards and in newspaper reports of meetings as a "prominent" labor man.

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Is it not somewhat humiliating to the rest of the twelve candidates for Parliament in Toronto and South York that five were lawyers, and not one of them in the front rank of the mental prostitute brigade? While the people are content to be "represented" by lawyers, they show plainly that they are "out for the stuff."

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All men believe and repeat that equality of conditions is identical with equality of rights; that property and robbery are synonymous terms; that every social advantage accorded, or rather usurped, in the name of superior talent or service, is iniquity and extortion.—P. J. Proudhon.

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I don't believe in charity. It is merely another drink to a shaky man. What the world needs is justice and not benevolence. I shall continue to decline to give cheques to the clemosynary institutions and I shall leave no money to build churches and found libraries. My family will be well provided for, but the rest of my fortune, after my death, as well as before, will be spent in trying to teach people how to stop me, and men like me, from robbing them. So long as it is permitted to any man to take what doesn't belong to him through monopolizing nature's resources, and the private ownership of public utilities, plenty of men of my kind will always be ready to step in and do the stealing. My mission is to show the people how it is done, to take what they are stupid enough to let me take, and show them how they can put an end to the system which enriches me and impoverishes them.—Tom L. Johnson.

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One of two things must happen in this country. There will be a set of castles and lords on the one hand, and hovels and slaves on the other, or else the common people will come together and assert their right and be free forevermore. Man makes progress from the ground upward, and we have not gotten above our stomach yet. Some time there will be a generation that will rise above our stomachs. For that time let us labor.

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Carnegie, the Pittsburg despot, writes a book on "Triumphant Democracy." Hetty Green, the queen of usury, writes stupid sermonettes on "Thrift" to the Sunday papers. Russell Sage, the Wall street gambler, quotes to reporters to be industrious. Rockefeller tells his Bible class, "Don't drink, but economize, and all will be well with you." Put any of these millionaires on the streets of Chicago without a cent of money or a friend, and how far would self help, that most of these parasites advise, carry him? Only to the nearest police station. In spite of the greatest extravagance and laziness, there are thousands who cannot get poor, and in spite of the greatest industry and thrift, there are workingmen who can not get out of debt. Government ties a saw-log to one man and a balloon to another, and declares they are equally free to rise.—The Red Light.

A COMMON OCCURRENCE.

A father dropped into the office of the Central Business College one day last week, as many fathers do. This one approached the principal, saying, "You will hardly remember me; my name is Gibbon, of Penetang. My boy Finlay was with you some time ago. Now I have another. When may he come in? Finlay did well, became a good writer, skilled in accounts and commercial customs, and is invaluable to me in our business. I want you to give my second boy the same training."

Such an incident is a common occurrence in that well-known, reliable school above referred to, and its reputation for thorough work and for the success of its graduates will no doubt keep this school in a foremost position among such institutions as they now exist in our country. Mr. W. H. Shaw, the principal of this college, is to be congratulated upon the success of his work in establishing and conducting a school which has won the confidence and favor of the best Canadian firms, who look to it almost exclusively for well-trained young men and women to aid in carrying on the commercial interests of our country. The catalogue of this college is most interesting reading, and any young person who aims at higher success in life should procure a copy. A postal request addressed to the Principal will bring it by return mail.

INDUSTRIAL REFORM

(By a Workingman).

OUR UNPOPULAR SLOGAN.

"The products of the labor of the toilers for the toilers, or Love thy neighbor as thyself."—Christian economy.

THE POPULAR SLOGAN TO-DAY.

"The products of the labor of the toilers for the capitalists, and as small a wage as possible for the toilers."—Political economy.

ALL OVER.

The Dominion election for the year 1904 is all over, and as far as any change is concerned, we have changed for more of what we had before. If the toilers were dissatisfied with the results they obtained from the last Government, they have every reason to expect to be more dissatisfied with the prospects that are now before them.

ONE LESSON TAUGHT.

This election has taught us one lesson, and that is that we have a lot to do yet before men will vote for a principle in preference to a party.

IT IS ENCOURAGING.

It is encouraging to find in Toronto the voters did pay a little attention in one case to principle in preference to party.

A NEW ERA.

It is rather remarkable that the announcement of the Canadian Labor League platform should be announced on the very night that we received the results of the election.

IF IT DOES.

If the Canadian Labor League makes as big a stir and as much progress politically as the trades unions have done industrially, there certainly will be some interesting things happening before long.

ARE WE PLAYING?

This is the question that every man should ask himself on joining the Labor League, Are we playing or are we in earnest, and do we intend to send men to the City Hall, or are we only going to make a pretence and say we would like to send some?

MEN WANTED.

A hundred and fifty men are wanted to join the Labor League, and every one of us should do our best to get that number as quickly as possible. If you have not sent your name in, do not neglect to do so at once.

OPPORTUNITIES.

There never was a time when more opportunities presented themselves to the Labor League. We are just on the eve of a provincial election, and then we will be in the midst of the civic elections.

DON'T LOSE TIME.

Don't let us lose time in getting into the field. We may not be able to accomplish very much in the provincial contest, but it will prepare us to do better work in the civic elections.

WHERE THE ROADS MEET.

Up to the present time the organized wage earner and the unorganized wage earner have been travelling on two different roads, but in the Labor League they can both travel on the same road towards industrial freedom by the ballot box.

A SUCCESS.

If the Labor League is going to be a success, it will be necessary for the boys to take more interest in The Toiler than they have done.

EDUCATIONAL WORK.

The Toiler offers a splendid medium for educational work, if only the toilers would use it. Don't forget to find time to read it when it comes to the house.

WORTH TRYING FOR.

The time is very short to accomplish much in the provincial election, but it certainly would be encouraging to the Labor League if on New Year's night we could listen to six labor aldermen address us from the Labor Temple platform. Stand shoulder to shoulder, boys, and it can be done.

REMEMBER.

Remember, toilers, that your vote counts just as much as any other man's, and if you can trust your comrades to represent you on a board of arbitration, you should be able to trust them to represent you in our Provincial Legislature or at the City Council table.

THE TOILERS.

The toilers must be getting mighty near some great truths when the ministers of the Christian Church are beginning to throw stones at them.

PLEASE REMEMBER.

If the ministers of the gospel would please remember that it is their duty to assist and not hinder the toilers in spreading the gospel of the brotherhood of man and universal peace.

SO AFRAID.

The Christian churches are so terribly afraid that the workingman wants us all to become equal, and yet we have one common Father and we are all brothers; but there is a difference between us all being equal and every man enjoying the same privilege and opportunity in our industrial affairs.

MEN AND CHRISTIANS.

At the present time we have a fancy name for nearly every individual on the face of the earth. We are nationally Canadians, Americans, English, Irish or Scotch. Industrially we are employers and employes. Religiously we are Roman Catholics, Church of England, Baptist, Presbyterian, Methodist and Congregationalist, but as for meeting a man plain and honest without a handle to his name, we can't do it. And as for a plain Christian who believes in the Fatherhood of God and the brotherhood of man, they are very rare.

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LONG HOURS, LESS WAGES

That's What the Open Shop System Means for the Workers.

Organized labor has been opposed by some from the time of its incipiency, not a passive opposition, but a spirited one. This opposition emanates technically from those who would to-day sympathize with chattel slavery to their own advantge were such a condition possible under our government. This particular opposition within itself would be almost imperceptible were it not for the re-enforcements acquired by various intrigues and false reasonings of the leaders of slavery sentiment. Deceptive arguments are used to mislead those who are unfamiliar with the workings of labor unions and uneducated in the movement for social advancement.

The open shop is yielded to by organized labor destroys its virtue and places the question of wages, hours and conditions as well as the price of production absolutely under the dictatorship of the employer and leaves the wage earner without appeal, and the moment hours are lengthened and wages are reduced, as must be inevitably the result of the adoption of the open shop system, then will the ranks of the idle swell and the wage worker again be on his knees begging for that which the open shop advocates claim he has a just and perfect right to do. Again will the larder at his home become depleted, and again will he hear the pleadings of hunger from the lips of his little ones.

Under the present order of things the employer is the individual who determines as between himself and his employee what shall be the volume of production, and the volume is determined by the commercial demand. For example, there will be no more material used to construct a building than is required, and labor sufficient to produce the material, and no more will be employed in its production. When the job is done the employer, so far as the job is concerned, stops production.

Labor was never even a party to the restriction of production. Organized labor has for its prime object the more equitable distribution of the value of production. Under our present system this object can be best affected by limiting the hours of work per day and forcing a higher wage scale. The policy of organized labor does not and cannot restrict production. On the contrary, it increases production by stimulating commerce. It creates greater purchase power and increases the value and quantity of production.

The charge that the union interferes with the free employment and discharge of employees is ridiculously false. The employer is left to employ whomsoever he chooses. It is a system of organized labor to do collective bargaining. In looking about for the non-unionist, however, he is unreasonable to censure unionists because they do not become non-unionists just to meet his convenience. Neither should he complain of the non-unionist should his employees change in their opinions, become unionists and leave him to employ other non-unionists provided they give him an opportunity to conform to union conditions of employment.

One year ago there was no cry against collective bargaining. True, there were a few extremists who were assailing union labor, but these men were as little heeded as Mother Shipton's prophecies. To-day exists a different situation. Our inequitable system of distribution has brought us to a point where too great a proportion of the medium of exchange has floated into idle profit. The demand exists, the power of production has not been impaired, but the profit taker holds the medium in idleness. Can anyone say that organized labor is limiting production now? Labor is anxious to turn the wheels of industry, but why do they not turn? In the busy past the speculative employer exhausted every available avenue of profit. There remains but one more resistance to greater profit gathering, and that is the distribution system of organized labor.

There is not an employer in America that desires to operate his business upon the open shop idea. Unionism and non-unionism are as incompatible as oil and water, inharmonious as the braying of a donkey and the symphonies of Mozart. The employer who advocates the open shop is insincere. There isn't a sensible argument that can be brought to its support. It is not the intention of its advocates to operate upon that principle.

Organization is a progressive movement. It cannot afford to turn back. It will not. But the open shop advocate says he is not opposed to organized labor. But labor has seen flies stuck in molasses. The fact that they stand out against the working rules of organized labor falsifies that statement. The salvation, the prosperity of wage earners under our present economic system depends upon organization, and for self preservation organized labor must hew as close as possible to the strict union shop policy.—Motorman's Journal.

A TRAITOR TO HIS CAUSE.

When the union man buys non-union made goods because they are a few cents cheaper than those made under fair conditions and bearing the union label, he is actuated by exactly the same motives and impulses as is the employer when he hires cheap non-union labor. Both are making a very sad mistake, which both will surely discover in due time. The union man who will continually keep on buying scab goods is a disgrace to the name of trades unionism, and should be got rid of at the earliest opportunity. He is a menace to the common cause of organization and a disorganizer at heart. Therefore strenuous measures should be resorted to in his case wherever found.—Tobacco Worker.

If man to man will not be true,
Their duty to each other do,
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—Rev. H. M. Brooks, Paris, Ill.

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