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THE TOLLER

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TORONTO, FEBRUARY 20, 1903

THE AUTOCRAT HAS SPOKEN

His Edict is That the Union Must be Disbanded—The Workmen 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 "fremen are but serfs, to be bullied and bessed by his kingship."

Citizenship! His edict is that the union, boys, and send back your chagrin. He might have added, "I'll force you into a union of my own choosing."

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

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

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Let not the citizens imagine for one moment that the destruction of the union by the autocrat has brought harmony into the force—far from it.

It has destroyed whatever little there was between the autocrat and his men. It has destroyed Chief Thompson's usefulness as the fire chief of the city, and there is grave suspicion that the people who have led him up to the slaughter to make way for another political boss as bad, if not worse, than the present Chief.

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 in 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 boss, but 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 Fremen's Mutual Benefit Association:

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No. 3 Hall—Samuel Graham, Jas. Hart, Geo. Fittou, Jas. Lowrie, 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. 4 Hall—None.

No. 5 Hall—Geo. Bell, Jas. Taylor, W. J. Fox, R. Scholtes, John, Hughes, C. E. Wilks, H. Wilks (since deceased).

No. 6 Hall—R. Middleton, Frank Milligan, E. Hagerman.

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The Tories 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 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 Austrian 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 constant in developing local talent at somewhat of an expense to himself. He has made a special selection for Monday night's concert to 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 shopenen, and 60 hours for yardmen and cleaners; the minimum wage for shopenen 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.

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LABOR WORLD

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IN UNION

Thursday night in Massey Hall the concert of the Street Railwaymen's Union was well patronized, as it deserved.

The Socialist's held forth in St. George's Hall last night. A pleasant and enjoyable time was the result of the evening's entertainment to all those taking advantage of it.

Mr. Wm. Avers desires us to state that he has received and forwarded on to the miners' headquarters the sum of \$64.50. This amount was realized as a result of the Socialist League's combined concert for the benefit of the striking miners.

Mr. Charles March, Fourth General Vice-President of the International Union of Painters and Decorators, was in Stratford on Monday, and settled a difficulty of the local union satisfactorily. He leaves tonight for Ottawa for the purpose of registering the International Label. On Monday he will be in Brockville to straighten out a difficulty existing between the Master Painters' Association and the union.

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

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

The greatest misery 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.—Stieglitz.

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 avoid 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 has" 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. P. J. O'Donoghue addressed the Painters' Union at 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 station. 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.

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 Election Syndicate showering money around like rain in its attempt to secure the triumph of the city. But Birmingham stuck to municipalism 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 need be. A stock of un-called for goods on a merchant's shelves is scarcely an inducement to him to do justice to union sentiments.

Glasgow, Scotland, magistrates have decided to abolish the system of female bondsmen, or "barnmaids," 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 system. 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 New 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" is a joy in store for us.

The union label is better than bullets, and the next powerful thing to bullets, if intelligently used. Ten or twenty persons in a union can create a demand for label 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 age. I may as well be dependent on another for my head as for my bread. The time is sure to come when men will look back upon the prerogative 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 19 to November 29 last year), the number of employees registered as requiring work totaled 1,744, and of these 1,285 were provided with employment. The superintendent states that the majority of the cases every satisfaction 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 "a mob" 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 unprincipled officers of labor unions.

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Violator, Out., 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 43,000.

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.

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"No, I did not see him, but I talked with him over the telephone. I wish you could have heard our conversation."

"Then, in the first place, inform the government that there has been no robbery."

"No robbery! What an absurd statement, if you will excuse me for speaking so abruptly! Where is the gold if there was no robbery?"

"I am coming to that. Next inform the government that its loss will be but trifling. That heap of debris which you propose to cart away contains practically the whole of the missing 200,000,000 florins."

"My dear young lady, pray pardon any fault you have to find with me and remain for a moment or two longer. Who, then, caused the explosion, and what was its object?"

"That I must leave for you to find out. Herr Director, you see, I am giving you the results of merely a few hours' inquiry, and you cannot expect me to discover everything in that time."

"I do not know how the explosion was caused; neither do I know who the criminals were. It would probably take me all day tomorrow to find that out, but as I am leaving the discovery in such competent hands as yours I must curb my impatience until you send me full particulars. So, once again, good night, Herr Director."

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"Then let me implore you not to give up your researches."

"Why? Amateur efforts are so futile, you know, when compared with the efforts of the regular force."

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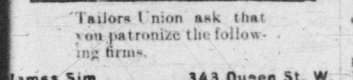
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In view of Mr. C. S. O. Boner's criticisms of the action of the Congress at Berlin, the following criticism of the fake "National" congress made some time ago will be interesting to our readers:

The last session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada will long be memorable for the important action taken to bring Canadian unions into closer and more definite relations with the union of the United States. This was effected by changes in the constitution which excluded the Knights of Labor from representation, denied recognition to national unions not in affiliation with their internationals, and insisted upon isolated unions taking only charge from their proper national or international, or should a particular craft not have reached this stage of development, from the Trades Congress. These changes, moreover, have been interpreted as a great authority on the subject, for as Congress is concerned, those unions which have no connection with a central organization.

The relations of the Canadian Congress to the American Federation of Labor have rendered the organization the most active and financially aided the work of the former, the great object of the American Federation of Labor being to unite in a single organization the labor of the continent. Affiliated with it are nearly all the international unions, the principal exceptions being the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, who, under Chief Arthur continues its policy of splendid isolation, and those bodies which are controlled by the Western Federation of Labor, or, as it is now known, the American Labor Union. The Knights of Labor and a number of the isolated unions and associations on both sides of the line also render no assistance to the American Federation.

From the foregoing statement of the broad facts of the labor situation it will be seen that the Congress became a battleground between the Federation and certain opponents, of whom the Knights of Labor were the chief, the contest ending in a signal victory for the former. The split has already resulted in the formation of a new congress—the National Trades and Labor Congress, which we understand, is likely to develop into a Canadian Federation of Labor, presumably fashioned on the lines of the American Federation, but absolutely confined in membership to unions having no international affiliations. In other words, a definite movement has been commenced with the object of isolating Canadian labor organizations from those of the United States, although it has not been explained how the Knights of Labor, as an international body itself, can become part and parcel of such an institution.

While the difference between the Knights of Labor and the American Federation of Labor and the Congress may have influenced the decision, Congress determined upon the exclusion of the former on the ground that dual representation was entirely undesirable. As a matter of fact, the order provided a means whereby men who for no reason or other, sometimes remarkably good reasons, could not obtain credentials from their unions, were able to take their seats in Congress, assemblies indeed occasionally being formed for that very purpose. Moreover, since it is to be assumed that the members of the order are all union men and as union men could be represented if they desired by delegates elected from the union to which they belonged, the exclusion of the Knights from Congress as a body did not mean the exclusion of individuals of their privileges in the Canadian labor parliament, and therefore the injury which the Knights so bitterly resented was more fancied than real.

Granting, however, that the Knights have a legitimate grievance against the Congress and that they have some reason for resisting the domination of the American Federation of Labor in the councils of that body, the method they have taken of attaining redress is not one which will commend itself to the great majority of union men. To strike at the Federation they propose to injure to the utmost their ability those international unions which have subordinate bodies on this side of the line. To do this they have joined forces with the national unionists, the avowed object of whom is the establishment of irregular organizations which must come into conflict with the regular unions sooner or later. Already the usual rubbish about "patriotic" foreign labor organizations, and so forth, is being spread broadcast, and, as might have been expected, the movement, which, if prosecuted can only end in the destruction of labor throughout the Dominion, is very loudly spoken of by the capitalist press.

There is of course no objection whatever to the formation of national unions in trades in which no international union already exists, it is generally to be found, however, that such trades have developed so little along union lines that the cry for national unionism does not proceed from the organizations in process of formation among them, and that while there are some isolated unions which have a predisposition in favor of combination with other Canadian unions rather than affiliating with their proper international, the demand for national unionism is most frequently made by unions the members of which once had the carnis of their internationals in their pockets. Can it have that then for good cause, there is in Vancouver, for instance, two of his name in mystic letters, thorough acquaintance, general all of who was doing well, but he would (good taste) and thorough appreciation not make any further inquiries, as he is tired of beauty and comfort.

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Organizations which at present protect them. To take some examples in point, how many union officers would they employ last in a conflict with the Canadian Pacific Railway Company were no all forthcoming from the United States? How many union officers would there be in Canada did the printers exchange the charters of their splendid International Union for those of a Canadian Federation of Labor? And where would the machinists, the hatters, the tailors, the shoemakers, the tanners, the cigar makers and members of dozens of other trades find their way to depend in time of trouble upon the aid of their fellow-craftsmen in Canada only?

The international unions are the only organizations of labor on the continent. Orders of one kind and another, congresses and federations, rise and fall, but the international unions survive every storm and every crisis. They are natural growths, not artificial formations. The union of one craft erect a union and the union erect a national or an international union. The international, however, are sovereign bodies. They may make treaties with each other, they may form confederations for a time, but when the treaties lapse and the confederations are broken up they remain. True they do not observe any national boundaries, but why should they? Capital flows backward and forward across the line, and as it recognizes no flag, it is difficult to see what labor has to gain by doing. The goal of British Columbia goes to California, and it is to California rather than to Ontario that the British Columbia miner must look for assistance in time of trouble. Years ago the English miners separated themselves from the Scotch miners and tried to win a strike in their own strength. The advantage of international unionism became apparent about the time Scotch came up to Newcastle. To-day it is evident that were the miners of America and Great Britain united in one great

alliance, which could would not be giving the demand created by the strike in 1922.

In one word, the proposed national unionism would be simply suicidal. A strike in Canada is often a failure, not a strike against an American capitalist, who does not hesitate to bring in American non-union labor to effect its defeat. In the face of this it is not patriotism, but sheer folly to refuse the assistance proffered by brother union men simply because the latter owe political allegiance to another State. Nor will the average member of an international union be easily persuaded that it is to his advantage or in any sense his duty to abandon the advantages of belonging to an organization which has stood the test of time, upon which he can rely when his rights are endangered, and which he expects to see win further victories, for a new and untried institution which may fall to pieces under the stress of its first trouble.

Smart Reid, of Chicago, secretary of the Newspaper Writers' Union is the labor editor of the Chicago News. Mr. Reid was formerly a machinist, and still holds membership in Unity Lodge.

"The American Finance Company, commonly known as 'the trust,' was defeated in Judge Wolf's court in Chicago recently in answer to charges of causing young girls to leave the ages of fourteen and sixteen years to work over ten hours a day.

There were 48 separate charges, all the children, accompanied by their mothers, being in court, and presented a terrible appearance. The defendants were found guilty on every charge, the total fine amounting to \$300.

The English Amalgamated Society of Carpenters and Joiners was not established until 1869, but it grew very rapidly, and as far back as 1865 had 8,000 members, and expended in that year about \$30,808. It is regretful to note that local branches of this organization exist in America, and in the American Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners—Brewery Workers.

The Hamilton Plumbers' Union is going to follow suit, for "inhibition is the highest form of bribery." It has notified the carpenters, street railway employees and latterly the hairdressers—banishing them from their shops, and has decided it is now its turn to act. It has therefore been decreed that on February 13, between the hours of 8 and 9 o'clock, the members of the craft shall lay aside their tools, wash their faces, wipe their clothes, wash and overalls, and repair to the Palace Cafe, West King street, to do a job. All members are requested to bring along all requirements so as not to have to go back to the shop, as plumbers are wont to do. The members of the Library Board will be present.

When a manufacturer or set of manufacturers' salesmen employ a large number of employees on account of a "glut in the market," or hold their output for a length of time to create a scarcity or demand, so as to be able to secure better prices, this is all right—it is "business." But when the same manufacturer's or combine's employees see that the price of their commodity, their labor power, is exceedingly low, or the contrary it has increased, as I have before shown, but out of which it produces, labor has now to pay rent. As the placer deposits were exhausted, labor had to resort to the deeper mines and to agriculture, but the monopolization of these being permitted, men now walk the streets of San Francisco ready to go to work for almost anything—for natural opportunities are now no longer free to labor.

The truth is self-evident. Put to any capable of consecutive thought this question: "Suppose there should arise from the English Channel or the German Ocean a No-man's land, in which common labor to an unlimited amount should be able to make ten shillings a day and which should remain unappropriated and of free access, like the commons which once comprised so large a part of English soil. What would be the effect upon wages in England?"

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Take now the same man or another—some hard-headed business man, what no theories, but knows how to make money. Say to him: "Here is a little village; in ten years it will be a great city—in ten years the railroad will be taken the place of the stage-coach, the electric light of the candle; it will abound with all the machinery and improvements that so enormously multiply the effective power of labor. In ten years, interest be any higher?"

He will tell you, "No!"

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