















## CASUAL COMMENTS.

An item in Monday's *Mail* illustrates very forcibly the lengths to which the organs of capitalism will go in their efforts to discredit organized labor. It referred to an anticipated strike among the carpenters and railway men, and was evidently manufactured out of whole cloth, as there is no such action contemplated in either body. Doubtless a rumor was heard of some kind, and as likely to call down the disapprobation of the public, the item is written and appears forthwith. The same paper in an editorial attributed the recent disastrous strike in Great Britain and Australia to the New Unionism, and stated that a reason for ordering the Australian strike was the refusal of a captain to discharge his steward, because he would not join a union. This is an unfounded statement, and I cannot understand how the editor of a big morning daily could display, at the best, such lamentable ignorance. If he had taken the pains to ascertain the facts of the case, he would have found that the beginning of the strike was the dismissal of a seaman named Magan from the *S. Corom*, but the fact of its existence was taken advantage of to try and settle another question relating to men under apprenticeship. It was thus extended until it became one of the most gigantic strikes on record, and its failure is said to have struck a death-blow to old Unionism, as I understand it. In attributing this unsuccessful strike to the New Unionism, the *Mail* follows its settled policy, as if it can convince the public that the latest efforts of organized labor, founded presumably upon past experience, are unsuccessful; it will go to that extent; discredit the cause of Labor Its form and retard its progress.

Now, if I know anything about the New Unionism, it is working not in the direction of strike, but the labor has, and that is where victory can be gained. That is what is understood as the New Unionism in Toronto at least, unless I am altogether misinformed; not what the *Mail* would have us believe, and the sooner this kind of unionism supersedes the old, the sooner will the wealth producers and bondsmen of the world obtain that justice which is now denied them. Only by our votes can we achieve lasting reforms, and we should use them at every opportunity.

The socialistic labor party in Chicago is positive in all its pronouncements in this matter,

which we will do well to follow in the near future. They have nominated a straight ticket of their own, and are hard at work preparing for the struggle at the municipal elections, which come off this spring. They may not achieve anything except the disaster; of their strength, but that will be worth the battle, as it is the first step in the right for a better condition of things, and must be taken before any intelligent action is possible. Besides, nothing offers such an opportunity of educating the community as an election contest. We can do nothing until we know our strength, and every trial of it increases if the cause be good. This we know to be, and I feel certain that if all Labor Reformers, Single Taxers, Socialists and Nationalists were to unite in a municipal campaign next winter, a big accession to the ranks would be the result, whether success were achieved or not. There are plenty of points upon which all could agree to make a grand platform, and the fight can not begin too soon, nor the preparation for it. There is no other way to secure an administration in which shall regard the rights of the citizens as primary in importance to those of a few grasping individuals or corporations, but to elect men who are not interested in maintaining the reign of capitalism, and, so far as I know, the organized power of the halo is the only means of doing this which we possess. Organize should be the word from now till January 4, 1892.

After the disappearance of one of the principals in the case, it is probable that the new Chancery Act would have been introduced in the meeting of a joint plenum of the two houses of a joint legislative session. The parties still occupy prominent positions, and but little time is required in all probability to get the bill introduced in the courts and the public before this.

The son of our newspaper daily speaks often of the saddest stories of a child's train which has appeared for many a day, considering it quite a matter of course, that because the parties interdicted were prominent persons the facts should be kept from the public. The account then goes on to give the particulars of the shocking affair. The terrible grief of the aged mother and his wife over the loss of their adopted daughter is vivid upon her as described as having entwined her self around the hearts of her adopted parents, as being beautiful, tenderly reared, highly educated, and yet, as the

story goes on, it tells that "the poor unfortunate girl, with her fatherless baby, was shipped back to England three weeks ago."

Truly she had "entwined herself at their hearts," but the twining is not very noticeable, when, because her betrayer is the son of a prominent Methodist divine, she must be got out of the way, lest perchance there be a scandal among the saints. What matter though the poor girl go to the devil, if the Church is kept immaculate. She was after all only a nameless wif, made what she was by the charity of these golly people, to cut her short, and did it speedily. Let her go upon the seat of temptation, let her be drawn into the vortex of vice, give her a good fair start for the hell they are do-

want to believe in, but at any cost cover the thing up. Do not let it be known that such a thing happened within the walls of the church.

Never mind Christ's teachings, they may teach love for the fallen, they may be, "do to others as you would have them do to you," but the Church is in danger, and at all costs scandal in it must be prevented. This may be what some people know as Christianity, but, if it is, let us all be Free Thinkers, Athiests, Agnostics, Buddhists, anything or nothing, so that we do not escape from a religion such as this.

Men not if the poor girl were sent to hell, but the poor girl were sent to heaven, as she may have been, for aught I know; the fact remains that all concerned washed their hands of her with much less feeling than if an illustrious died had been the subject for consideration. Now, just imagine these things to have happened among some notorious dunces, or even mortal living free-thinkers, what material for forcible disclosure the facts would have furnished, how they would have been used to point out the dangers of a life of worldliness, but because it is one of our young men, over him up for Heaven's sake, let the finger be pointed at the holy and immaculate (Church), which is our God. Can they not see that these things always come out, and that when they do, the very efforts made at concealment work ten fold the harm they were planned to avert. I am a church member myself, but I am foolish enough to believe that Christ's teachings and example are infinitely higher than any organization, be it ever so holy in our

Era. I may appear to have made more of this than the known facts warrant, but I happen to know a little more about the German effects which have been made

to keep the story out of the papers than appears in the only account furnished the public. How well these effects have succeeded is best shown by the fact that only one paper has dared to make it public, and even it did not give the names. This is an indication of the influence which a large and thoroughly respectable body, such as the Methodist Church, is able to exert over the press of the city.

## THE TAXATION OF LAND.

Mr. Penruddock's motion, calling attention to the unequal share of the public taxes which falls upon land, is one of the most important subjects brought before the House of Commons this session. It is true that the tax is distributed in an abstract resolution, but the facts are not well supported, and the admissions that were made during the discussion are highly instructive to the laboring classes. Mr. Penruddock, Mr. T. C. Price, made a speech in defense of the Poor Law, and gave the sum of £120 millions of revenue raised in that fiscal year, as follows:

Taxes on food, five and a half million;

on unearned income, three millions;

on land, one million;

on capital, one million;

on personal property, one million;

on foreign trade, one million;

on imports, one million;

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