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a bribed judge and a who get out free. pray thee, in all thy or we feel that thou art in the defence of a where thy potent and ms are not felt. In thy omy the household and on. But when thou, are with us—oh! Al- low cheerfully the best- gential the warmth of coal diffuses our apart- ments to swell in our at the joy of our youth ago; the favorite of the ideal of lucky heads, in is to be carried, thou argument of solici- tude that decides the art worshipped the but not hypocrites in the hearts at thy-alths- bow before thee, and e. Thou are loved by id with unfeigned and our sister of charity, had made the various haced armies in vies on the ocean. At thy powerful hand their with lightning and flash, our contents together by and made the various omments available. The laid prostrate and the boom as a rose, y Dollar, art the hand- and sister of charity, reech thee, attended by number of thy misin- d in thine own image be but silver quarters, g light shall illumina- y and with her- with which shall cause the to break forth in eccla-

art the awakener of guide of our footsteps of our being. We ac- realize that thou wert granfathers, the two- children, and the three- children. Permit us to abundance—with all thy us. Amen.

Why should she sigh because he fails to treat her as he did before? If marriage made no difference, Fair ladies, what would be the sense of having weddings any more.

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THE WRONG IDEA

The W. G. & R. Factory of Berlin Have a System by Which They Hope to Keep Organization Out of Their Factory—Sweating Charged.

One occasionally reads of the wonderful philanthropy of present-day corporations and capitalists. How they share their profits with employees or let them in on the ground floor of the company in buying stock, and in many other forms of a like character minister to the needs of the workers. They are heralded throughout the country as broad-minded and generous citizens in the columns of the local or national press according to the size of the individual or corporation and their ability to pay for the gush at so much per line.

This form of advertising is considered of the best, and is usually paid for by the independent press and through special magazine articles that it is hardly necessary to bore the public in this instance by a re-hash of an old story.

It can be very safely said, however, that the majority of them are designed to protect the firm in a systematic way by keeping the deluded employees under their special care so that they can be more easily robbed of what is their just dues as a return for their labor. These schemes are also designed to keep out the trades union or if it is already in to bring about its destruction.

All too late the employees wake up to the real purpose of the conspiracy and find themselves in the meshes of those who designed the trap.

By a perfected system of taking so much each week off the small pay of the employees these philanthropic concerns institute libraries, clubs, entertainments, gymnasiums, insurance and many other features which are designed to keep them by a generous use of advertising space manage to convey the impression to the public that they have out of the generosity of their hearts and the fullness of their pockets made conditions under which *Alas* in this employ will enjoy more of the comforts of this life.

The real aim of all these schemes, however, is to systematically make a special care of the employees (which is rank hypocrisy) and to assist them in the advertising and assist them to keep the influence of the trades union, which demands justice for the workers, away from their special interests.

These few introductory remarks are put down here because of the fact that the local press has been brought to the steps that have been taken toward the introduction of a library and reading room for the intellectual advancement of your employees. I can but feel that your company, in taking this precedent, is to be congratulated on the step, and I have no doubt it will result in bringing about better relations between employer and employee, and will so improve the existing conditions in fostering the idea of a better understanding between the two great necessities of industry, capital and labor.

Being one of your new citizens, and being mixed a great deal with the various workers that comprise the many industries of your progressive town, I state that the impression has gotten abroad that your policy is not one of a philanthropic nature, but is merely done from a business standpoint. Now, having had this brought to my notice so late, I feel sure you will grant me a fair and just means of ascertaining how to be refuted the statements that are being repeatedly made both by business men like yourself, as well as workers in your establishment. Having been all my life interested in the great problem of Labor vs. Capital, and having just finished reading a volume entitled "Organized Labor," recently written by one of our foremost, conservative and intelligent labor leaders, namely, John Mitchell, president of the United Mine Workers of America, it brings to my mind to suggest the following questions to you:

Has the organization of labor in any way benefited industry, i.e., by creating and fostering skill, independence, loyalty and honesty among the working classes? Has it elevated the working classes morally and intellectually?

What has the movement had to contend with, with the prejudices it has received from all classes, in striving to educate the various nationalities that comprise its membership, up to the standard of a fair day's work for a fair day's pay? In speaking to the last question, I can safely say, without fear of contradiction, that the organization I have the honor to be a member of has succeeded in doing a wonderful work in bringing together men speaking no less than thirty-eight languages, has educated them through these times as mentioned, and the result is shown in a raising of the whole laboring industry. It has never been in the whole history of the industry, and the change has been brought about by so little friction that our employers are beginning to awake to the fact that what are a number of trades unions are not a burden, but rather to co-operate with them to make the conditions more uniform for all. I would refer you to over 300 firms using our labor for truth of this. In conclusion, I would ask, in your company, is it not intensely opposed to the principles, aims and objects of organized labor, and do you deny the right of your employees to form an organization for the bettering of their conditions. It has been stated on many occasions that your firm and others have intimidated the workers by informing them that no organization would be tolerated. Does not the policy you are following out correspond with the aims and objects of trade unionism? Hoping that you will accept this letter in the spirit in which it is written, and that the near future will show the W. G. & R. Co. using the recognized emblem of fair and just labor, all their products, that is, the union label.

Thos. Sweet.

26 lbs. BEST GRANULATED SUGAR FOR \$1.00

- With every \$5 Grocery Order, or 24 lbs. for One Dollar without Orders.
- 10c. New Pink Salmon for 7c.
 - 12c. New Pink Salmon for 10c.
 - 15c. New Red Salmon. very best, 12c.
 - 1,000 lbs. Good Evaporated Peaches, per lb. 7c.
 - 5c. Boxes New Table Figs for 10c.
 - 30c. Packages Black or Mixed Tea 22c.
- Fancy Dairy Butter, 1 lb. prints, 20c.
Gold Seal Creamery, best made, 23c.

SPECIAL BARGAINS

Crosse & Blackwell's 25c. Pickles..... 10

10c. packages Ammonia 9c. or 3 for 20

6 large packages Naptha Washing Powder made. Try it.

Quick "O" for easy washing, 6 for 20

85c. bag Choice Family Flour..... 25

10c. bag "..... 25

10 lb. Graham Flour for..... 25

3 five-cent bags Table Salt for..... 10

15 lb. Cooking Salt for..... 10

15c. Large Nuts per lb. 10 and 15

Fancy Malaga Grapes per lb. 10 and 15

No reply being received to this, Mr. Sweet attempted to show up the hypocrisy of this firm by writing the following to the Berlin News-Record, which refused to publish it:

Berlin, Dec. 16, 1903.

Editor News-Record:

Dear Sir,—I submit you herewith a true copy of a letter which was forwarded to Mr. S. J. Williams, president of the W. G. & R. factory, on Nov. 28, 1903, and has not, for reasons of his own, seen fit to reply to. Probably if it had been written by one of our captains of industry instead of merely one of our small spokes that go to make up our modern civilization, the letter would have been answered long ere this. However, as the questions contained therein are questions of vital importance to you many readers, I would respectfully ask you to give it publication as it is written. In looking over the report you made entitled, "Another Step Forward in the New Movement at the W. G. & R. Factory," I realize Mr. Williams' attitude regarding the comments made by two government officials on the conditions existing at the W. G. & R. factory. Now, I am totally unaware of who these officials are who are so greatly interested in the full name of the firm manufacturing this brand. The Williams, Greene & Rome concern is located in that bright little town of Berlin, and correspondence published herewith will explain some of the things the workers wearing this brand do not know.

The local papers of that town published last week an account of the second annual concert tendered by this firm to its employees under the caption of "The Right Idea." Apparently, this was published at so much per line, and the same papers refused to publish the accompanying correspondence.

At the opening entertainment of this season, given in November last at their factory, Mr. S. J. Williams, the president of this company, is reported in the local press as saying:

"The success of these entertainments and the bettering of the business and social conditions rests with the employees. They are responsible for the increased business by the constant care bestowed on the work that passes through their hands. Nothing is good

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330 & 332 Queen St. West
485 Yonge St. Phone North 1015
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The A. F. of L. issued the following charters to various unions:

International unions	20
State federations	3
Central labor unions	171
Local trade and federal labor unions	1139
Total	1333

At the end of the fiscal year were affiliated:

International unions	113
State federations	29
Central labor unions	549
Local trade and federal unions	1747
Total	2338

The actual increase in membership for the year which is comprised in these figures is 442,100. And the average membership on which per capita tax was paid for the fiscal year was 1,465,800, and if we were to take the exact figures on membership at the close of the year there is no doubt that they would far exceed the 2,000,000 mark.

In regard to finances, it is interesting to note the steady increase from the year 1881, being the first year of the Federation, up to the present year:

Year	Receipts
1881	\$17,495
1882	123,000
1883	690,919
1884	339,222
1885	188,603
1886	474,111
1887	1,989,822
1888	4,512,525
1889	6,538,400
1890	22,949,774
1891	17,702,336
1892	17,834,511
1893	29,864,621
1894	15,346,408
1895	13,751,715
1896	16,290,115
1897	18,839,922
1898	18,894,115
1899	36,757,113
1900	71,125,782
1901	135,229,892
1902	144,498,211
1903	247,802,993

The above figures show an increase in membership of 50 per cent. for the year just closed.

Surely these figures do not verify the rantings of those individuals who try to make themselves believe the movement is going backward. There is an old saying that dollars count, and if our American workmen had any doubts about the stability of the trade union movement, I hardly imagine they would make such a great showing in their full confidence in the movement.

In conclusion, I would like to mention a statement recently made by a manufacturer who is a large employer of labor, and who in the past has been opposed to labor organizations. He said that industry has nothing to fear from the legitimate trade union movement, but there was a grave danger in this socialist element that was manufacturing itself in society. And what is the cause for this? It will readily be found that where the capitalists show themselves as being strictly class conscious and refuse to recognize the rights of labor, the result is shown in labor being driven to the uttermost extremity. If the capitalist would only consider carefully the labor problem and be willing to co-operate with labor in its industrial life, there is no doubt this would be avoided; but just so long as they refuse to see and recognize the rights of labor, labor will most certainly take a leaf out of their books, and will go to the ballot box as one solid phalanx and will succeed in electing representatives to our governments out of the ranks of labor, and the result will be shown in legislation of a strictly class nature in favor of labor.

WHY IS THE ADD WHICH WAS IN THIS SPACE IN IT NO MORE?

For the Best Answer to this query in an article of 500 words a prize \$5.00 will be paid at this Office.

Contest Closes Feb. 1st, 1904.

THE NASMITH BAKING COMPANY

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MEMBERSHIP.
From Oct. 1st, 1902, to Sept. 30, 1903.

THE CANADA METAL CO.

William Street, Toronto.

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Cann Leads
Lead Castings.

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To demonstrate that labor is not so selfish as some people would try to believe, I would like to point to the broad-mindedness of our local Trade and Labor Council, in endorsing the present Labor Committee for another term. Labor by this shows its willingness to advocate anything that will be a benefit to the public at large. And in endorsing the present committee, they clearly saw that it was in the best interests of Berlin to retain the present commissioners for another term. In view of the fact that they have been recently granted a large sum of money to make alterations in our lighting system; and it was therefore thought to be in the best interests of Berlin to allow the present commissioners to make the alterations. It is sincerely yours,
Thos. Sweet.

The News-Record told the correspondent that for business reasons they would be unable to publish it, so Mr. Sweet wrote the editor of the News-Record, with a view to publication. I have already submitted it to the editor of the News-Record, and am sorry to state they say they could not give it publication. Now, my reason in submitting it to you is to give you at least an equal chance with the Record, and to ascertain if there is at least one daily newspaper in Berlin that is not led by the herald of capitalism. I might state that it is my earnest intention to have the facts enclosed in the letter laid before you many readers. In case you send your refusal to comply with my request, it leaves me with only one alternative, that is, to submit it to the different labor papers, and have sample copies distributed to your many readers. I can assure you I will much regret having to say we have no newspaper in Berlin which is fearless, fair and forceful.

Hoping to have a satisfactory reply, I remain, yours respectfully,
Thos. Sweet.

Perusal of all this matter leads one to the belief that there is much in some of the stories which are circulated about the charging up process of this firm, in order to parade their philanthropy before the public.

They have no use for the unions because these unions will not allow any of this sort of doctory. Unions fight for the employee getting all that he or she earns. They fight against the home being made a sweat-shop in order to enrich the manufacturer. The profits are not so large to the employer under union conditions, but they are larger to the employee.

A honest investigation would no doubt show that with all their boasting, the wages paid in this factory will not compare favorably with others.

We would like also to know the two freaks in the employ of the Government who commended this system which charges employees for what all other factories furnish free.

It is not so strange that Miss Bryan should marry an artist. Her father is a word painter.

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THE TOILER

TORONTO COUNCIL NOW UP-TO-DATE

Consumption of the Amalgamation Which Has Been Under Consideration for a Couple of Years.

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AFFIDAVIT Re GURNEY

John Cunningham Tells What He Knows in an Affidavit.

The following affidavit speaks more eloquently than we dare attempt at the present moment.

I, John Cunningham, of the Town of Wingham, in the County of Huron, manager, do solemnly declare: 1. That I was foreman of the stove motters' department in the Gurney Foundry Company in August, 1901.

BRITISH LABOR NOTES

The increasing trade depression is unpleasantly illustrated in the boiler-makers' monthly report, which shows the unemployed list to be steadily growing bigger.

An important conference was recently held in London to consider the general situation of the unemployed.

BROOM MAKERS

This Label appears on all Union made brooms, and guarantees that it was not made by convicts in a prison factory.

ONTARIO LEGISLATIVE ASSEMBLY

MONDAY, The Twenty-sixth day of January, 1904.

NOTICE

There is one Lager which combines all the good points of the light beers of Germany with the wholesomeness born of good Canadian barley malt—that's

Gold Seal EXPORT LAGER.

LABOR WORLD

News and Views of the Ever Advancing Army of Workers

Women's Union Label League hold a box social to-night in Temperance Hall, Bathurst and Queen streets. Ladies provide, and a good time is assured.

Tom Johnson has won his fight for three-cent street car fares in Cleveland, O. The electric railways there were compelled after a long fight to give in.

The Bookbinders at-home in Strathcona Chambers on Feb. 11th is their tenth annual, and will be more enjoyable than has been if that is possible. Go and see the binders off duty.

The Northcimer Piano Company have generally provided a smoking room for their employees. It is a boon to these men to have a pleasant smoke in a warm room at the dinner hour when the thermometer hovers around zero.

The Bakers' banquet on the 9th of this month was enjoyed by quite a company of bakers and their friends.

The Architectural, Bridge and Structural Iron Workers held a very successful social entertainment in Richmond Hall on Tuesday evening, October 6th.

All newspapers in Cripple Creek, Col., have been muzzled. The military officials who are attempting to break the miners' strike have prohibited the printing of statements issued from the headquarters of the miners.

The Picture Framers are experiencing a slight difficulty in the Cobban Company's shop, caused by the firm cutting the wages of one of their members agreed upon last year.

Ladies' Auxiliary of the Machinists are to hold their first at-home in Forum Hall on Friday evening, Feb. 20th.

The regular meeting of Tobacco Workers' Union, Local 63, was held on Thursday evening of last week in Richmond Hall.

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The quarterly report ending September 30th of the Co-operative Wholesale Society shows an increase of sales over the corresponding period of last year.

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Meetings

PRESS FEEDERS, No. 187 Marlborough St., Wednesday, Stratford.

WOMEN, No. 24, Miss Jane J. Duggan St. Meets 11th Mo. St. Building.

OPERATORS, No. 1, Joseph Lamb, 183 Queen St. West.

PRINTERS, No. 188, Press Ontario St.

CUTTERS, No. 151, G. I., 266 Queen St. West.

INTERNATIONAL, No. 111, Teller Office, 45 Nassau St. and 4th Monday, Richmond.

INTERNATIONAL, No. 111, Coleman, Toronto.

ISCELLANEOUS

FOOD OF LEATHER WORKERS, 24 C. Hepburn, 45 Nassau St. 1st and 3rd Mondays, Rich.

SBO WORKERS, No. 28, 130 Oak St. Meets 1st and 3rd days, Room 5, Leader Lane

BLE BLOWERS ASSOCIATION, 66 Joseph Williams, 212 Ave.

WOOD OF TEAMSTERS, No. T. Hughes, 62 Kensington

AND WAGON WORKERS, 285 Eucalyptus, 285 Eucalyptus

ASSOCIATION, K. of L., 212, 172 Ossington Ave. Meets Tuesdays, Richmond Hall.

ASSOCIATION, K. of L., 15, 120, 172 Ossington Ave. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Richmond Hall.

ASSOCIATION, K. of L., 122, 298, 298 Simcoe St.

FEDERAL, No. 28, 172, 172 Ossington Ave. Meets Tuesdays, Occident Hall.

GRS, No. 21, R. Haberstock, 125, 125 Kingston St. Meets 1st and 3rd Saturdays, Richmond Hall.

LABOR LEAGUE, 285, 285 Eucalyptus, 285 Eucalyptus

INTERNATIONAL, No. 28, 172, 172 Ossington Ave. Meets Tuesdays, Occident Hall.

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If you want to know what smartly dressed men will wear this season, ask to see Gough Brothers' Smart Clothes Union Made.

are in our store awaiting your inspection. They are hand-tailored garments, ready-for-wear, and the only clothes made that are in every particular the equal of the exclusive custom-tailor's handwork.

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This label stands for all that is good in clothes-making. It is sewn on each garment.

Gough Bros. Smart Clothes are specially tailored to meet the exacting requirements of those men who have had their clothes made-to-measure.

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Our Fall stock is now complete. We have Boys' Solid School Boots from \$1 00

And full assortment of fine lines. All Rubber in all styles and sizes. J. J. NIGHTINGALE & CO.

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JOHN PHILLIPS, Secretary, 97 Bedford Ave., Brooklyn, N.Y.

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Patronize our advertisers. Help your friends. Get Union Label goods.

The varnish is soon worn from the railing in front of the bar, but the church pews seldom need repair.

When a baby girl is born she is once begins to yell for clothes and she never gets over the habit.

The sound of the brewery wagon rattling through the street is sweet music in the deaf's ears.

A bad man gets vast credit for doing a good thing which nobody would have noticed if the deer had been deaf.

STRAY THOUGHTS

The coming messenger The press is waiting to print it, The wires to string above.

INDUSTRIAL REFORMERS UNITE. With our hands clasped in each other, We will set the worker free.

THE STROLLERS

By FREDERIC S. ISHAM

Author of "Under the Rose"

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"When did it happen?" As he spoke the young man left the veranda...

me-forcing me into this coach—and driving away—where?" "You asked where we were driving?"

Nearer it drew. Quicker beat her pulses. Moreover, it was the rat-at-tat of galloping...

breaking in upon the servant's painful reverie. "Then help this man change the horses and put in the grays."

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848 Queen St. West R. R. Southcombe

Bargains in Each Department Merchant Tailor and Clothier

CHAPTER XIII. For a man who can't abide the sex this is a predicament...

White Label Brand Wm. Ross, Manager

DAVIES Brewery

Over the half reclining figure swept his glance, pausing as he surveyed her face...



CHAPTER XIII. THE afternoon was waning. Against the golden western sky...

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Carter's Teething Powders

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