

Political Domination of Unions.

It is a fact that the power of the labor unions is so great in San Francisco that even the newspapers will not print the truth about the situation. With a union mayor, a union board of supervisors, and complete union political domination these organizations have all their own way, and will have until they have rained the tension to the snapping point. Even the promotion committee that sent out such reckless boom statements on the rebuilding of San Francisco that they are now being reviled for their hysterical optimism, did not disseminate the truth about the labor situation. This committee urged young professional men to rush to the coast to help in the immediate rebuilding, when a glance at the ruins of the city would have convinced the most casual observer that there would be no actual rebuilding for months. But no adjective-splattered circular sent out by this committee mentioned the fact that the real opportunity was for the working-man and laborer, and not for the engineer and architect.

It may seem cruel to say it, but this promotion committee is as much under the thumb of organized labor as are the municipal officers of the city. Practically the labor unions have edited the promotion committee's copy, and they edited out of it all reference to the high wages that could be obtained in any branch of the building craft. The unions are really not as strong as they are believed to be, and any considerable importation of labor would undermine them.—San Francisco letter to New York Evening Post.

Canada, the Eveless Eden.

Canada is winning the unenviable reputation of an Eveless Eden. The men outnumber the women, and even immigration does not mend matters, for it is figured that of the 14,000 new settlers who have arrived in Canada since the first of the year, not more than eight per cent. of them have been women. Of this eight per cent. the majority were married women. In the western part of the Dominion the lack of women is a serious handicap to the development of the country. The settlers cannot find wives, and as woman plays just as important a part as man in the drama of a new country, the government of Canada is worried over the unenviable situation. The government is satisfied with the class of immigrants that has arrived this year. They are said to be a sturdy lot of men, few of whom are past 45, and most of whom are between 20 and 25 years, and many are fairly well-to-do. A number are from the north of Ireland, many from Scotland, and the rest from crowded centers of England. The government frankly admits that the Dominion cannot supply wives for the new settlers and advise them to send to the old country for mates. Now, if Massachusetts were only in Canada, the problem would be partly solved, for in the old Bay State the women largely outnumber the men.—Rochester, N. Y., Post Express.

Deserter Dishonorably Discharged.

Matthew Fortner, the preacher-sailor from South Carolina, was dishonorably discharged from the United States navy yesterday. Fortner is the young man who, while telling of his ministerial calling to a recruiting officer, was advised to enlist in the navy to study the conditions which might aid him in his work when he entered the army of gospel workers. Fortner enlisted, but says he did not find the navy suitable to a young man of his morals, and he deserted. He was arrested in a divinity college in South Carolina, where he was pursuing his studies for the ministry. Fortner stated that he will return to South Carolina to pursue his studies for the ministry.—Norfolk, Va., dispatch.

The Ohio Way.

They must have a very stringent anti-trust law in Ohio. Five prominent and wealthy citizens of Toledo formed a combine of the ice business and advanced the price of ice. They were indicted under the Ohio anti-trust law and convicted. They doubtless expected to get off with a fine, but the judge who tried the case imposed a heavy fine and sentenced them to a year each in the workhouse, which probably in a measure corresponds to the chain gang in this part of the country. But now comes the astonishing part, and that is that the case could not be appealed, and no technicality could be found to stay the sentence. At last account the ice trust magates, some of them worth \$100,000, were in the county jail, while their attorneys were devising ways and means to save them from the workhouse. The judge intimated that if they would make restitution to those they had robbed he might change the sentence, and while they seemed willing to do this, the difficulty of getting the amounts apportioned among hundreds and perhaps thousands of customers was a problem. At last account the price of ice had dropped while the combiners were yet in jail. If we had some more laws like the Ohio statute that proved so effective in this case, and judges with the nerve to enforce them, the monopolists might not have such plain sailing.—Statesville Landmark.

White Babies to Negroes.

Macon, Ga., June 29.—That many white babies have been given away by their mothers to negro women in Macon is the startling announcement made by Dr. J. L. White, pastor of the First Baptist church, of Macon. Six children have been rescued already and Dr. White states that several other similar cases have been brought to the attention of himself and members of his congregation.

The half-dozen babies already found have been placed in the Hepzibah Orphan Home. The others will be placed there immediately.

Dr. White, in an interview given out last night, says that moral and social ulcers of the most loathsome nature have been unearthed in the city of Macon. He says conditions have been discovered here that could not exist in heathen countries where cannibalism is not practiced.

Attorneys and detectives have been employed and will make a thorough investigation of the Macon slums. In every case the children discovered have been found to be illegitimate.

To England on a Cattle Steamer.

Messrs. J. E. Kestler and Jacob Bostian, who live near Bostian bridge, left Monday, and R. O. Miller, of Statesville, left last night for Norfolk, Va., and will sail from that port in a few days for Liverpool. These young men will work their way across the Atlantic on a cattle steamer, securing for their services, in addition to the regular pay, a first class return passage. They will spend some time on the British isle, visiting several of the more prominent cities, including London. Numbers of young men throughout the country secure their passage in this manner and although the work on the way over is a little rough, still all who make the trip never regret it.—Statesville Landmark.

A Modern Miracle.

"Truly miraculous seemed the recovery of Mrs. Mollie Holt, of this place," writes J. O. Hooper, Woodford, Tenn., "she was so wasted coughing up puss from her lungs. Doctors declared her end so near that her family had watched by her bedside forty-eight hours; when, at my urgent request Dr. King's New Discovery was given her, with the astonishing result that improvement began, and continued until she finally completely recovered, and is a healthy woman today." Guaranteed cure for coughs and colds. At all druggists. Trial bottle free.

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