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A RAILROAD MAN'S DREAM.

Last night as I lay in my slumber
And breathing the fresh mountain air,
I seen in the distance a symbol
Of broken hearts and despair.

Then into the yards there came steam-
ing,
A monstrous, oh monstrous, big
train.
The number of it was destruction,
To our prosperous Hamlet it came.

John D. held the post of conductor
And Morgan the engineer's goal.
Its brakemen were Taft and Rogers
And Teddy scooped in the coal.

They were bound to far-off Hungary
And asked for the least of delay.
They were bearing the Vanderbilt mil-
lions,
The titled count to repay.

The Goulds were the chief car inspec-
tors
And marked all the defects they
saw.
Then along came the light repair
man,
And lo, and behold it was Thaw.

When you hear six blasts of the whis-
tle
And the smoke has all cleared away,
You'll hear the big divorce doctor
Say Gladys has come home to stay.
—Frank Chadek, in Railway Conduc-
tor.

SOCIAL TRUTHS FROM MANY VIEWPOINTS.

By the Rev. Charles Stelzle.

It would be difficult to think of a shade of religious or economic belief which was not represented in the Sociological Conference which it was my privilege to attend during the first week in July, at Sagamore Beach, on Cape Cod bay. About one hundred men and women of prominence in the sociological world discussed for three days the questions of trades unionism and socialism, and the relation of the church to these problems. Everyone who spoke, from John Spargo, the socialist, to Mrs. Edwin D. Mead, the exponent of universal peace, was an acknowledged expert on the subject which he discussed.

The conference was opened with a paper by John Mitchell, on "The Philosophy of Trades Unionism." John F. Tobin, of Boston, led the discussion. Dean Hodges, of the Protestant Episcopal Theological Seminary of Cambridge, Mass., prepared a paper on "The trades union from the point of view of the church." "The spiritual significance of socialism," and "The socialized church," were discussed on the succeeding days.

Editors, college presidents, social settlement workers, authors and writers, trades union officials, ministers, business men, professors, and workers in many phases of social life, freely presented their views. There wasn't a dull moment. Everybody was on the job every minute of the time, while the meetings were in progress. The speakers had come from every walk of life. There were some who had come up from the slum and the tenement. Others had always lived in homes of luxury and refinement. Most of the members of the conference had come direct from the firing line, and they were there for business. There was no time for platitudes and common-places. There was no evasion. The talks were true expressions of very real experiences, or of genuine desire to get at the truth. There wasn't a fool speech made. There was no trace of bitterness. Whatever feeling of bitterness there may have been in the hearts of some, was hidden, although sometimes it would have caused an explosion, had not everyone respected the others' opinion.

At times the audience was deeply moved as the injustices of the tollers were presented. Going back to their respective vocations, the men and women who listened to the talks will become more aggressive in their efforts to alleviate and finally wipe out these wrongs.

the men who shape our legislation are purely makeshifts and do not deal with the depression and its causes. However, the leaders of the dominant party do not brood over the tariff as a panacea with easy assurance of yore. Judged by the amount of discussion they are divided between the currency and the campaign publicity as a vote getter. You can read extensively, without any suggestion that there is any land or land question in this country. In England, however, the best thought of the Liberal party is coming to recognize that private property in land is a social menace. That there never can be any genuine or permanent prosperity while permitting inflation and artificial restriction of the source of all wealth and that one employment agency that never cries, halt on our efforts—land.

RALPH HOYT,
Los Angeles, Cal., July 4, 1908.

To the Editor of Labor News,
Greensboro, N. C.
Dear Sir:—A recent magazine article, descriptive of the marvelous improvements in transportation facilities in New York by means of tunnels under the East and North Rivers ends with the following paragraph:

"It is easy to see that these extensive improvements mean to the city. To the surrounding country, too, they bring great good. Since the opening of the McAdoo tunnels real estate values have shown a marvelous advance in the value of land."
This is invariably the rule with public improvements, the landlord gets the benefits while the tenants are made to pay increased rents.

Allow me to call attention to the fact that under the single tax system of taxation as advocated by the late Henry George, the benefits of public improvements, all of the fruits of material progress, would be automatically and equitably distributed to the whole people instead of as at present to the landlords and the speculators alone. Investigation of the subject will invariably lead to this conclusion.

Very truly yours,
HENRY WARE ALLEN,
Wichita, Kan., July 10, 1908.

COMMON SENSE TALK.

If fair play and equal rights will hurt the trusts, then the trusts ought to be hurt. If nothing less than confiscation can make us free and self-governing people, then the trusts will have to be confiscated. This fact should be as plain as daylight to everyone except the trust owners and their salaried menials.

Every man has a right to all he can honestly earn. If he pays fair wages and sells at a fair price, he has a right to his profits. If he invents a machine he has a right to his royalties. If he organizes a business for the public benefit, he has a right to be well paid for it.

But no one individual out of our 77,000,000 people is entitled to \$250 a minute. If that is the monopolists' union wage, we should refuse to pay it. The monopolist is too expensive a luxury to a nation like ours, where out of 16,000,000 families, only 4,739,900 own their own homes free, and where the average useful, industrious man gets no more than \$2 a day.

In spite of all the hullabaloo about "socialism," "the rights of property," etc., this one simple fact is becoming clearer every day—it is better for the people to own and operate the trusts, than for the trusts to own and operate the people.—Herbert N. Casson.

BETTER VOTE RIGHT THAN WHINE.

Max Hayes' paper, the Cleveland Citizen, says: "Not only is Gompers greatly embarrassed by the manner in which his labor plans were turned down by the Republican convention and the nomination of 'Injunction Bill' for president, but the naming of Sherman for vice-president was the last straw. Sherman, Danwell and 'Joe' Cannon are the three goats who refused to permit the labor bills to be reported to the house. Says Gompers: 'After the treatment accorded me by the resolutions committee, which was most shabby, and the absolute ignoring of our wishes in making up the platform, one would have thought the attitude of the Republican party had been adequately expressed regarding labor. Evidently afraid, however, that someone might still suspect them of being in some slight measure favorable to our cause, they finally clinched the matter by nominating Sherman. With that accomplished, none of the enemies of labor need have any fear in supporting the Republican candidates and platform. For president a man is nominated who, while a federal judge, used the powers of injunction against the labor interests whenever he saw fit, and for vice-president we are offered the owner of the Utica ice trust, a man who has always talked and voted against everything that was even slightly to benefit the union labor cause.'"

FOR THE UNION LABEL.

The label council of the women's auxiliaries of Greater New York has for its purpose the inaugurating of a systematic movement by the trades unions to make the union label necessary to employers as a means of selling their goods. It is composed of one representative from each woman's auxiliary belonging to a trades union in the greater city and one representative from each trades union having an auxiliary in connection therewith.

SAYINGS OF THE CYNIC.

If you see what you want in this world ask for it, and nine times out of ten you won't get it.

Laugh every time you get a chance and never worry. If you have any troubles, lend them to somebody. There are plenty of people constantly going about borrowing trouble.

Don't get all upset about the grocery bill or the coal dealer's account. You had to worry a whole lot before you found somebody who would trust you; now let them do a little worrying.

If your best girl throws you down, don't grieve. Get another. There are plenty of them, and a man cannot escape matrimony always even if he tries.

When you see the boss saving and tearing out his hair on account of bad business don't bother. You'll get yours on payday, and when you do get it offer up a prayer of thanks that you are not a boss.

When your wife seems grouchy and her eyes are red with weeping, don't be surprised and ask her what is the matter. She'll ask you who Mabel is soon enough. Put in your spare time preparing your alibi.

Don't overeat at your own table. Remember you have to pay for what you eat at home, and go slow. Wait until you go out to dine, and then eat enough to last you a whole week.

Allow not the delusion that you are the whole thing to get into your head. If you think you are, just disappear for a few days and see if the town is not still there when you return.

Don't drink to excess. When you fall on the floor you have enough. There is no excuse for a man making a hog of himself even if he is out for a good time.

Don't knock. If you have a hard opinion of a man, just tell your wife about him, and she will spread his record good and plenty and save you lots of trouble and talking.

Be happy. If you cannot be happy, be as happy as you can. Smile and the world smiles with you. If you buy it, but don't buy. When you need a high one get it, but get it alone. A sucker and his bank roll are soon divorced.—Exchange.

THE REPUBLICAN PARTY WILL FIGHT LABOR.

The Republican party has accepted the service of ex-Congressman Littlefield to fight the cause against labor in the next national campaign. Ex-Congressman Littlefield has been for years the bitter foe of trade unionism and as chairman of the Judiciary committee of the House of Representatives has prevented labor from getting favorable legislation. The empty of Littlefield toward President Gompers is well known and shows itself in his offer to the Republican campaign committee to take the stump for the Republican party in order to vilify and fight labor.

If anything else was wanted to keep company with Littlefield's injunction propensities, Littlefield has furnished it. The defeat of Taft should now be made certain. If there is a working man in this country who has been in the habit of voting the Republican ticket and who does not now sever his connection with that party he must be slow in grasping the significance of recent events. That the Republican convention handed out a "juicy lemon" to labor no one denies. Now they accept the services of a radical enemy of labor for their stump orator. If predatory wealth is looking for trouble it seems likely that this country is becoming aroused to the necessity of cutting above from present party affiliations and voting for individual friends of labor whether they be known as Republicans or Democrats.—Holyoke (Mass.) Artisan.

THE VERY TIME TO ADVERTISE.

During the money panic—when dollars and work are scarce is the very time to advertise—the time to reach the pocket books of the men and women who buy cautiously and for the low dollar quality considered. The merchants that have been carrying ads. all along—every week-day in the year—are the merchants that have been doing the business, nine times out of ten. The wide advertising of the merchant knows that he is getting new business every day and also knows that it comes from the other fellow—the merchant that doesn't tell his customers what he has got through the newspapers and is steadily losing out in this day of rush and close competition. There is no way of getting around it—advertising pays—it is one of the most valuable assets in business. Every successful business concern is a living testimony to printer's ink. The fellow of yesterday can't keep pace with the fellow of today employing old methods. A wise man knows that. Advertise and stick to it—it pays and pays well.—Greensboro Record.

GRAPTERS EXPOSED.

Two aldermen in Rockford, Ill., have confessed that they were grafters and the confessions have been sworn to and are now in possession of the state's attorney. The credit for their apprehension is due to Mayor Mark Jardeas who was elected by the union men of that city and his splendid work is bringing him the highest praise from both press and public. Brother Jardeas is well known in Kansas City, having resided here while serving as General President of the United Brotherhood of Leather Workers on Howe Goods, and it is gratifying to know that he is reflecting credit on organized labor during his administration.—Labor Herald, Kansas City, Mo.

LABOR LEADERS DISAGREE ON DEMOCRATIC PROMISES.

Denver, Col., July 11.—Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, is evidently satisfied with the so-called anti-injunction plank in the Democratic platform. He said yesterday:

"We will endeavor to have the American people to ratify the stand taken by the Democratic party in its injunction plank in the platform. We received nothing in Chicago; a great deal in Denver."

Messrs. Fuller and Wills, representatives of the railway trainmen, are greatly dissatisfied with the anti-injunction plank. Their objection is based on the failure of the plank to contain a specific declaration for a law compelling courts to give notice before granting injunctions.

Local labor leaders, when interviewed yesterday, were not of the same opinion as that of President Gompers. Bernard Weckstein, special organizer of the International Bakery and Confectionary Workers' Union, said:

"The anti-injunction plank in the Democratic platform is as much of a bluff as the one in the Republican platform. It was put in there to catch the workmen's votes. I have no confidence in either of the old parties."

"Should the Democratic party win this fall, it will find a way to get out of fulfilling its promise, or it will find a judge to declare it unconstitutional. Should they lose they will claim that they stood for the workmen."

Morris Braun, secretary of Local No. 144 of the Cigarmakers' Union, said: "Gompers was handed the lemon I predicted he would get in Denver. It is a pity that a president of a national labor movement should spend time, energy and money for such labor planks as were put in the Republican and Democratic parties."

"The only way labor will ever get its rights is by following the example of our British brothers and organize an independent political labor party to work in conjunction with the socialist party of America."

Edward Hourigan, secretary of the District Council of International Association of Machinists, said:

"The so-called anti-injunction plank is a hocus-fucus affair. All they promise is a slight modification, but leave in the most important evils in the injunction, such as having the same judge who issued the order try the contempt cases, and the omission of notices before injunctions are granted."

"The proper way is to abolish the injunctions altogether, for if union men are guilty of breaking the law they can be prosecuted. And if the workmen want to abolish the injunction, the only way they can do it is by voting for the candidates of the socialist party."—N. Y. Evening Call.

EDITION: TWELVE BILLION COPIES.

It is estimated that the annual aggregation of the circulation of the newspapers of the world is some 12,000,000,000 copies. To grasp an idea of what these figures mean one should be told that these papers would cover no fewer than 10,450 square miles of surface; that they are printed on 781,250 tons of paper; and, further, that if the number (12,000,000,000) represented, instead of copies, seconds of time it would take more than 333 years for them to elapse. In lieu of this arrangement, we might press and pile them vertically upward to reach our highest mountains.

Topping all these and even the highest Alps, the pile would reach the magnificent altitude of, in round numbers, 500 miles. Calculating that the average man spends five minutes in the day reading his paper (a very low estimate), we find that the people of the world altogether annually consume in the reading of their newspapers, an amount of time equivalent to 100,000 years.—Harper's Weekly.

BLUE NOTES ARE GOOD.

The new form of national bank currency, drawn in conformity with the recently enacted Aldrich-Vreeland law appeared yesterday. The law requires that all additional national bank circulation shall be of the same form provided for the emergency currency, which the banks are free to take out under the law.

The new bills are printed in blue, and, besides bearing the announcement that currency is secured by United States bonds "or other securities," differ in some other details from the old banknotes.

The new bills are part of the currency issued to newly organized national banks which have just taken out their circulation.

LABOR NOTES.

The Iron Molders' Union of North America will celebrate its semicentennial next year.

Two hundred thousand men are employed by the National Metal Trades association.

The New York legislature of 1908 enacted ten of the bills proposed by the workmen's federation of the state.

DRUGS COMPOUNDED FROM COAL TAR.

More than half of our drugs are compounded from coal tar; nearly everything we wear in the way of dress goods is dyed by coal tar; artificial perfumes, saccharine, which is 500 times sweeter than sugar; explosives, medicines, food preservatives and photographic developers are all provided by coal tar. Chemists have evolved from coal tar no less than seven hitherto unknown acids, 14 alkaline substances and ten neutral bodies.—Oil City Derrick.

On March 31, 1908, the Order of Railroad Telegraphers had in its treasury \$537,072.26. This is a snug sum, and the Telegraphers are wise in distributing it among eight banks so as not to jeopardize the whole amount in case one or two of the banks should fail. A full treasury is a powerful factor in promoting the interests of a labor union, and many other organizations could profitably follow the wholesome example of the O. R. T. in this respect. A union nevertake it, and it should by all means "in time of peace prepare for war," not because it desires a fight, but to be ready to meet the enemy when the necessity arises. Many contests have been lost because of unpreparedness due to obstinate indifference on the part of a union's membership when no trouble is in prospect, and it may be expected that for the same reasons other contests in the future will be lost. The best, safest and surest plan is to be ready at all times, for the unexpected most generally happens.

JUST A FEW THOUGHTS

Before You Part With Your Hard-Earned Cash.

Did it ever occur to you why it was any merchant would have a "sale?" No doubt you understood it's because he has not done the volume of business he anticipated when he bought his goods; we can tell you why. There can't be but one reason (when his goods are bought clean, new, and up-to-date) and that is he is not satisfied with a small living profit. He thinks when the season is on everybody wants his goods, no matter what the price. At the wind up he finds that he has bought his goods from a merchant who was willing, and did sell them their merchandise at what they call sale prices in their great special sales. The great sale price is just the same price that you can get your goods from the Original Racket Store every day in the year, without being faked on any single article. You will notice the people who are judges of merchandise don't fall all over themselves to reach these great sales, for they know when they reach the scene of this great, grand offering of merchandise that they will be only told that the particular item advertised is out. It's a great game but it's playing out. The people are on to it, and it's like every other skin game it don't work very long. We contend and we can prove by our 21 years' business experience in one store in Greensboro that there is only one way to do business and exist, and that is to do a straight legitimate business every working day in the year. We don't profess to sell goods cheaper than the mills can make them or cheaper than they ever came through any auction house in this country for every dollar's worth of goods that is billed to us we pay one hundred cents for, but we do say we turn loose this merchandise at a smaller profit than any other merchant in Greensboro can afford to and we do it every day in the year. If we were to have one of these great gigantic sales and mark every dollar's worth of goods in our store at exactly what we paid for it, the difference at what we would sell it at then and now would be so slight you probably would not notice it. They cry hard times; they tell you the working people are not at work. The country people are not coming to town. They give you every other excuse in the world because they have not done the business. Right in the face of that our business is increasing every day and this year is not expected and why? Simply because every customer that comes in our store gets one hundred cents worth of merchandise for every dollar he spends and he don't have to wait for any special sale to get it. He gets it every day in the year.

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I. B. OF BOOKBINDERS.

Protests from the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, it is announced at Washington, are to be sent to the mayors and controllers of all cities in which public libraries have been established against having books for the libraries bound in foreign countries or by non-union binders. The body has also decided to start national agitation for a higher duty on all books sent to Europe to be bound as editions de luxe when they are brought back to the United States.

SPECIAL MENTION FOR BUSY PEOPLE.

PATRONIZE HAGAN'S CHINA STORE. All kinds of China and Glassware, plain and fancy lamps, novelties, wedding presents, etc., etc. Large stock. Prices right. 215 S. Elm street.

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