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SOCIAL SECTIONALISM.

Labor day was celebrated in Syracuse by an immense parade and by a very sensible address by President Roosevelt, earnestly protesting against social sectionalism. The warning was addressed directly to the unions, since sectionalism has a tendency under its present management to promote this kind of sectionalism by arraying one section of society against another.

This is a form of social disease that is especially to be dreaded in a democratic country. Indeed the existence of democratic institutions and this form of malady is incompatible. In a democracy one class must not be arrayed against another, and in proportion as this is done democratic ideas are obscured.

The president's doctrine is all right. But his practice is all wrong.

If there is one man in America today who is an offender in respect to social sectionalism, that man is President Roosevelt. He has, albeit unwittingly, done more than any other man to array the negro against the white man when it comes to the relation of the races. President McKinley, although appointing more negroes to office than Roosevelt, never at any time raised the social disturbance that Roosevelt has raised.

The president is too much of a rough rider most any way that you take it.

EDITOR MARSHALL'S LETTER.

In another column we reproduce a letter written by Editor Marshall, late president of the North Carolina Press Association, to the Scotland Neck Commonwealth during the recent prohibition campaign in Scotland Neck. The letter covers points that apply to Kinston's condition, now that the dispensary question is under consideration.

Although Scotland Neck defeated straight prohibition by a few votes, that fact does not invalidate the statements contained in Mr. Marshall's letter.

Turkey is one of those countries with which our commerce consists principally of imports.

In 1902 we exported to Turkey cotton goods, provisions, agricultural implements, manufactures of iron and steel, and mineral oil. In that year we imported, principally from Turkey in Europe, rugs and carpets, \$2,253,238; tobacco, \$840,874; hides and skins (chiefly goatskins), \$812,218; oils, \$206,292, and wool, \$187,798. From Turkey in Asia, licorice root was the largest item, \$987,287; wool, \$575,273; opium, \$401,113; figs, \$363,678; dates, \$213,608, and raisins, \$136,227. From Turkey in Africa—Egypt—cotton amounted to \$9,525,533; sugar, \$1,351,908; and gum arabic, \$206,196.

The following table shows the commerce between the United States and Turkish territory in the year ending June 30, 1903:

	IMPORTS FROM.	EXPORT TO
	Dollars.	Dollars.
Turkey in Europe	5,672,538	486,785
Turkey in Asia	4,897,428	276,247
Turkey in Africa	10,795,502	740,375

Russia will evacuate Manchuria on October 8, provided she is given such assurances by China as will ensure her virtual control of the province; so that the bear can have all its riches to feed upon until he wants to feed no more.

Canada's Woods.

The impression that British North America is covered with valuable timber is fallacious. Black walnut, red cedar and white oak are not found north of Toronto. A line drawn from the city of Quebec to Saint Ste. Marie will designate the northern limit of beech, elm and birch. The north shore of Lake Superior will mark the northern boundary of sugar hard maple.

Ancient.

Hobson found Smith engaged in vigorously polishing his shoes. "What are you doing that for?" he asked. "I always thought you wore patent leather."

"These used to be patent leather," replied Smith, pathetically bringing his spout column into its normal position. "but the patent on them has expired."

In Exclusiveness its Charm.

"What is the object of your society and the serious little woman."

"Why," answered Miss Cayenne, "the same as that of any other society—to enjoy the satisfaction of knowing that there are a lot of people who want to get in and can't."—Washington Star.

Her Answer.

"What kind of letter did your husband write when he was away?"

"He started 'My Precious Treasure and ended by sending 'love.'"

"How did you answer?"

"I started with 'My Precious Treasure' and ended with 'Send me \$20.'"

THE TRUE AIM OF THE UNION

By THOMAS L. KIDD, Vice President American Federation of Labor.



THOUSANDS of well meaning workmen believe society to be arrayed against them and consider the military and the police to be the subjugating tools of capital.

Knowing that labor war and riots mean the arraying of workmen against workmen, the union aims to bring about that PEACE BETWEEN ALL CLASSES for which the Declaration of Independence provided. During the agitation of the Venezuelan boundary trouble the trades union congress of Great Britain passed stern resolutions declaring that workmen would refuse to shoulder a gun to butcher American workmen on account of capitalistic questions in which they have no interest.

With Henry D. Lloyd I believe THE SAFETY OF THIS REPUBLIC DEPENDS ON ORGANIZED LABOR more than upon any other institution. But, after all, are there many riots during strikes? Out of the 25,000 strikes involving 2,000,000 persons in seven years not even 1 per cent were accompanied by riots. Will the same percentage hold regarding political conventions? The people making charges against unionism are not many, but THEY ARE ACTIVE. The leader of an association of employers does not truly represent the employers of the country, but the employers of the Pinkertons, who incite to violence, are the chief denouncers of unions. Who hired the coal and iron police during the anthracite strike? The few men who were guilty of more degradations than the 150,000 striking workers. Who white capped the Colorado miners? Who instigated the Danville and Evansville riots? Who are lynching in southern and northern states? USUALLY THOSE OPPOSED TO UNIONISM. The organization of labor, meaning higher wages and better conditions, easily accounts for the antagonism of employers. Simple ignorance of the conditions of thousands of workmen and their families accounts for much unjust opposition to organized labor.

The attempts to make capital out of the charges against strike leaders are nullified by the orders issued by John Mitchell and similar orders issued many times by strike leaders. All differences between railroad companies and railroad organizations are settled by conciliation or arbitration.

MANY STRIKES ARE CAUSED NOW BY THE AUTOCRATIC, ARROGANT EMPLOYER WHO DOES NOT BELIEVE WORKINGMEN HAVE ANY RIGHTS TO BE RESPECTED. MOBS AND RIOTS USUALLY OCCUR WHERE EMPLOYERS ARE OF THAT CALIBER.

If the charges that New York labor leaders are bribe takers are proved they should receive punishment to fit the crime. While we punish bribe takers LET US NOT FORGET THE BRIBE GIVER. Let society mete out punishment to both the equally guilty parties. It is unfair to charge unions with the guilt and wrongdoing of a few men. The church, the professions, the colleges—all are misrepresented by the actions of individuals.

I cannot emphasize this fact too strongly—that while the trades unions do wrong they are not alone in wrongdoing. A judge does not justify them for the wrong they do. At the same time it must be borne in mind that MOST UNION MEN ARE IGNORANT. They have been toiling for many years and know no better.

In conclusion, we want the support of the church. If we do wrong it is right to chide us, but we should not be abused and vilified for doing that for which others are honored and praised.

WITH THE CHURCH BEHIND THE UNION TO AID IT AND ADVISE IT THE UNION WOULD BECOME A POWER FOR GOOD THAT WOULD BE VERY HARD INDEED TO ESTIMATE.

THE RECOMPENSES OF YACHT RACING

By THOMAS W. LAWSON, Millionaire Sportsman

IT has been asked where the recompense comes in for those who put up the money for the America's cup yachts. Of course there is no end of recompense to the New Yorkers, who chip in when the hat is passed around. HAVE YOU NEVER NOTICED A DRUM MAJOR IN FRONT OF A REAL BAND? His chest resembles one-half of a Fourth of July balloon. He is covered with gold braid and silver gimeracks, and besides blowing fire and smoke from his mouth and nostrils he performs many queer stunts with a long stick, with a brass ball on the end. Drum majors, I understand, work for nothing—in fact, pay for the privilege of prancing before the band. Where does their recompense come in? What a question!

There has probably never existed a drum major who would have been heard of anywhere on top of the earth if he had not been a drum major—THE WHOLE THING ON PARADE.

Of course the recompense to Sir Thomas is self evident. He is the first cup challenger who has shown business ability enough TO MAKE CUP RACING A RATTLING GOOD INVESTMENT.

He has spent \$2,000,000 on three races. I have little doubt that if the privilege of using racing boats for advertising purposes was sold at public auction IT WOULD BRING AT LEAST \$3,000,000 FOR EACH RACE.

It is right that we Americans should take off our hats to Sir Thomas, for he truly shows us that a man may be a good business man and a good fellow and yet by combining the two produce a howling success out of what, on the surface, appears disastrous failure.

A SCOTTISH PEER.

Duke of Roxburgh, who is to wed an American heiress.

The Duke of Roxburgh, whose engagement to Miss May Goelet has just been announced, is a Scottish peer and the head of one of the most ancient and distinguished of the lowland clans. The present duke is the eighth holder of the title and succeeded his father



DUKE OF ROXBURGH

eleven years ago, when but sixteen years of age. He is somewhat reserved and distinguished in manner, is tall, good looking and soldierly in bearing. His rent roll is estimated to be about \$250,000 a year, and his chief seat is Floors castle, on the Tweed. The Duke of Roxburgh, which is pronounced "borough," sits in the house of lords as the Earl of Innes.

Miss May Goelet is about twenty-five years of age and is a petite brunette. She is the only daughter and eldest child of the late Ogden Goelet, from whom she inherited a fortune of about \$20,000,000. The duke is now in this country, and it is expected that the marriage will take place in New York early in November.

ROMANCOF OF SCIENCE.

Jules Verne, famous author, is losing his eyesight.

Jules Verne, the famous French writer whose magic pen has charmed two generations of readers, is said to be nearly blind and in rapidly failing health. Last February he celebrated his seventy-fifth birthday, but until recently the author of "A Trip to the Moon," "Twenty Thousand Leagues Under the Sea" and a host of other books that will always be popular with boys of all ages has worked regularly every day.

Few writers have been more prolific. It was his custom to work every day from 8 to 12 o'clock, and no doubt it is due to this habit of regularity that he was enabled to turn out more than 100 books. They have not all been published, however.

It has been M. Verne's custom to spend his afternoons in reading, except when he had to attend to his duties as a municipal councillor of Amiens, where he has lived for many years. Long



JULES VERNE

ago it became a habit of the great romancer of science to make copious notes of anything he thought might be useful to him in his works. After he had studied his notes he would set to work to think out a plot, and when he had satisfied himself in that direction he would start writing. He took a keen interest in his characters and practically lived with them until their history was finished.

M. Verne began his literary career as a dramatist and for thirteen years labored successfully in that field as a writer of comedies. It was not until 1863 that he published the first of the stories upon which his fame was to rest. This was "Five Weeks in a Balloon." Its immediate success induced him to continue in this direction, and the result was the widely read series of romances that have delighted the world.

Jules Verne's books have been translated into many languages, even into Arabic and Japanese. Not caring for traveling, he naturally spent a good deal of his time reading about the countries he wished to describe. His chief amusement since youth has been yachting. He has a fine steam yacht, and his happiest days have been those spent on its decks.

The veteran story writer's wife is a highly cultured woman and is a great admirer of her husband's work. They are a devoted couple and a year ago celebrated their golden wedding. Two years ago M. Verne distinguished himself by declining a seat in the French academy for the second time.



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