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IDLE THOUGHTS.

BY THE PRESIDENT OF R. T. U.

Last week was my busy season, hence my failure to contribute my mite. However, for fear the associate editor may return with a flock of b ars, I herewith make promises-I will try to be more attentive to my duty, as I feel that all unionists should consider it a duty incumbent upon them to assist rarely. in some manner, since the editor's time is consumed in preparing the "heavy" or "solid" matter (editorials), looking after subscription lists, soliciting prospective advertisers, and a multitude of smaller duties. I take the liberty, therefore, to suggest that some one in which many lives are lost. from each arganized body of workingmen send in, as often as convenient, cently there was a most terrible and something for publication. If it is not death-dealing explosion. to the editors liking, he will change it it to suit himself, and you will doubtless be pleased with the finished prod-

cerning the great labor uprising in day of a little eight-year old girl in Spain, I notice that if the printers refuse to work, they are dealt with by the military authorities. When one of one of her hands in the machinery reads of this unjust method of discip- of a cotton mill. ling honest labor, he can easily account for the existence of the bloody a baby, was forced by her parents to anarchist. The nearest approach to United States was when Gen. Merriam that they may enjoy the fruits of her Cor. Hargett and Swain Sts. ,- - - Bell 'Pnome 322 The established his Bull Pen in Idaho. In labor, and, no doubt, the first thought speaking of the Idaho trouble, one of of every one who read the story was to the leading dailies of the country said : strongly censure the parents. "The United States troops, sent ostendistrict, acted entirely for the mine- to blame? The answer is, No! The sibly to maintain order in a disturbed owners, arrested the local officers, in- laws of the State that allowed this litfluenced the courts, and generally did tle girl to work in the cotton mill is took as a special duty the disruption of labor unions, but our Spanish brothvisit of Merriam and his brigands

A minister of the gospel has asked, through the labor press, the best method of reaching organized labor, or the working people in general. To early grave, and I will protect you " answer all his questions, would take much thought and a great deal of is cursed by such a law being on her space. However, I believe a little statute books. Georgia has this inmore practical Christianity and a little less theology would do all classes, not to say the working people alone, a deal of good. It has always been a great men-if they can be called men-who wonder to me why the church fails to are sent to the Legislature to repregive assistance and encouragement to sent the people. labor organizations, for while the church prepares one for eternity, the labor union prepares him for the church; that is, the labor union relieves one's have openly declared in their reports burdens while on earth, while the as committeemen, that they would church points out the best method to rather see the young children slave be without burdens in the hereafter.

There is little doubt but that some of the good people of this city class the burglars, who recently made the round of the city, as the very worst will, from the regions of eternal darkcriminals. They are, to say the least, ness, view the almost endless procesundesirable citizens, but I have unearthed the worst of all criminals, in a person who distributed poison to kill unsuspecting dogs, cats, etc. This, I claim, to be an outrage on our boasted and compassion of the Great One as civilization, and I must confess that I these children, maimed and dwarfed fear to sleep in a community infested by the cotton mills, as He looked upon by such people, expecting any night to them. When it becomes their time to awake and find my house wrapt in flames. Certainly the dog or cat is much more valuable to a community

storm, a group of small children were from me ye accursed."-Macon Press. seen standing at the door of the Raleigh Hosiery Company's mill, waiting for the toot of the whistle to gain admission to the well-warmed rooms within. There is scarcely any reason fight the Geary law at Washington.

to doubt that the man who formulated the rule which kept these innocent little tots standing out in the snow and the sleet until the hour should arrive when they could commence their sentence of eleven or twelve hours of drudgery, was, at that moment, snugly ensconced in the bed the children assisted him in buying. But let the matter pass, as we have snow storms very

CHILD LABOR.

Almost every day the columns of the newspapers are filled with accounts of horrible accidents on land and sea,

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All of these cause one to shudder with horror at the terrible loss of life; but none of them thrills with such sickening feeling as did the news sent In reading the press dispatches con- out by the Associated Press the other Huntsville, Ala., losing several fingers

> This little girl, nothing more than work in this dangerous place in order

But the question is, were the parents the dirty work of one faction of a wage to blame. The law which is enacted Bell 'Phone 864. controversy." The troops sent to Idaho by the Legislature has said to parents, ers can find consolation in the fact that dren to the factories. Their hire is the labor unions of Idaho are stronger worth so much, and no one has a right than they ever were previous to the to say you nay. Hire them out and sell the bloom of their cheeks and the lustre of their eyes, and make them old men and women before they become of age. Send them down to an 216 Fayetteville Street.

> Alabama is not the only State that iquitous law, and all attempts to do away with it are frowned down by the 25c.

Human flesh and blood is placed at a cheap value by these men, and they their lives away in the cotton mills than to stop the cotton mills from locating here.

In the great and final day these men sion of little children as they pass before the Great Throne, and they will see the smile of submissive sweetness stand before the judgment bar, they will see the smile changed to the darkthan the individual who destroys them. est frown, and then, as they approach closer, they will hear in thunderous One morning, during the recent snow tones their awful sentence: "Depart

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