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DON'T BE IDLE WHILE THE WRONG IS DONE

President Gompers, Vice President Mitchell and Secretary Morrison are not the ones alone affected by the recent decision of the Court of Appeals of the District of Columbia, which says these workers must go to jail.

A question involving the very fundamentals of our government is now involved. If Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are placed behind prison bars, because they violated a court order, denying them the right of free press and speech, a precedent will be established that closes the mouth of any worker, and puts a Russian censor over the labor and reform press of our land.

Not only does this question affect workers, but the interests of all other patriotic citizens, who deny the right of a court to say what shall or what shall not be published in our press, are involved.

Our constitution declares against "the abridging of speech or of the press."

These words are plain, and while written before our present judicial tyrants had perfected the injunction writ and chloroformed our best and noblest ideals, the constitution still stands as an inspiration to every liberty lover who protests in righteous indignation against injunctions and other capitalistic sandbags.

REMEMBER, THE MEN INVOLVED STAND FOR WHAT YOU STAND FOR, and if their liberty is taken from them, as sure as the sun shines, you, too, are dragged behind the bolted bars.

These men must not go to jail—an aroused public opinion is our and their salvation.

These times call for plain talk.

And don't forget that when you buy that new fall hat, or pair of shoes, shirt, pair of suspenders or tie, to see to it that the union label is on them and prove yourself a union man and not a card man.

PRIVILEGE, MAN MADE, IS A FRANKENSTEIN

Privilege crucified Christ; stoned the prophets; enslaved Egypt; destroyed Greece and Rome; plunged earth into the dark ages, and fought to keep it there.

It causes every war, famine and plague; creates every prince and every pauper; gives every bribe; corrupts every branch of government; turns the "Sermon on the Mount" to a laugh and the "Golden Rule" to a sneer; and sits today in court, in senate hall and throne the absolute ruler of the world, so hedged by ignorance and corruption that few there be who know where and what privilege is.

For privilege preaches in pulpits, teaches in schools, writes books, edits papers, controls politics; the first truth it kills is the truth about itself and it is the policy of privilege to appreciate and parade itself in the clothes of dead truth.

Privilege has no patriotism, no religion, no country, no creed, no king but graft, no god but gold.

Privilege is the root of all evil, a "Pandora's Box," whence come all the ills that flesh is heir to, and which forever holds hope a prisoner.

It is a "Frankenstein" man has made with which to destroy himself.

NON-UNIONIST SHOULD JOURNEY TO HIS FATHER

One of our exchanges got into a religious frame of mind last week and this was the result:

Undoubtedly the devil was the first non union man. There is no disputing the fact that heaven has always been run according to union principles and as a closed shop. Satan rebelled against these conditions and started to agitate for an open institution, whereupon he was expelled from membership in the angel's union and fired to perdition.

Ever since then harmony has reigned in Paradise, and the closed shop prevails. No non union man is tolerated in the kingdom of heaven, and there is no room for Professor Eliot's hero strike-breakers there.

Our advice to the man who is so low as to act the strike breaker is to go to his father.

PARCELS POST WOULD CURE POSTAL DEFICIT

How much truth is told by a Western contemporary in the following editorial paragraph!

"Railroads are responsible for the \$20,000,000 deficit in the postal receipts. It is blamed on the rural routes, on the newspapers,

properly understood lose much of their objectionableness.

The real test of an institution lies in its helpfulness to those who need help. The union stands for the progress of the plain people. Its word is personality. Its aim is to lift the standard of toiling manhood and womanhood. It has done much and will do more to make the multitude happier and better. To criticize it apart from a recognition of this purpose is to do it an injustice.

WHERE WOULD WORKER COME IN AT \$1 A DAY

Formerly it required 200 hours of human labor to place 100 tons of ore on railroad cars. Today, aided by machinery, two hours of human labor will accomplish the same task.

Formerly it required 240 hours of human labor to transfer 200 tons of coal from canal boats to bins 400 feet distant. Today machinery will accomplish the same work in 20 hours.

On a bonanza farm in California wheat was produced at a cost of 3½ cents per bushel.

Professor Rerzog of Austria has estimated that 5,000,000 people with the help of modern machinery, could supply a population of 20,000,000 people with all the necessities and small luxuries of life by working 1½ hours each day.

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have to be growled at or driven to do it by the boss, although there are sometimes found employers who have become so hardened to the sense of fairness that they cannot recognize the true worth and ability in a good union man when they have one.

YOU COURT DEATH MINUS THE LABEL

"You would not employ a little child to stitch on your garments. You would not invite a sick and diseased, wretched, coughing consumptive to your home to make your clothes.

You would not have sick children sleep on your new suit of clothes. You would not employ men and women in a filthy room to sew on your clothes 18 hours a day.

But, my union man friend, that is what you encourage; that is what you actually do—these things mentioned—when you buy a suit of clothes without the label."

UNCLE SAM WOULD FORCE AFFLICTED FROM EMPLOY

The secretary of the navy issued an order this week which, while it does not directly affect organized labor, must concern every workingman who has a real heart in him. The order directs that all persons in the navy department, whatever their station, must submit to an examination, and if traces of tuberculosis are found in any of them they are to be dismissed from the service.

There has seldom been heard a more sweeping or more unjust ruling by a public official. It is, of course, stated that the action is taken to prevent the spread of the disease, and this may be exactly true. But at the same time, in view of the fact that the government makes no provisions for its decrepit employees, no more heartless action could possibly be taken.

An exchange quotes Wm. J. Bryan in the following eloquent words: "The union label is humanity's emblem, forging its way into the workshop, factory and mill, bearing upon its wings sweet messages of peace."

Then goes on to say that there is no typographical union label on "The Commoner," Mr. Bryan's paper.

Is this correct?

Esau sold his birthright for a mess of pottage.

Julius Iseariot sold Jesus Christ for thirty pieces of silver.

Benedict Arnold sold his coun-

try for the promise of an officer's commission in the English army.

The modern strike-breaker sells his birthright, his country, his wife, his children and his fellow-workmen for an unfulfilled promise from a trust or corporation.

Esau was a traitor to himself; Judas Iscariot was a traitor to his God; Benedict Arnold was a traitor to his country.

A strike-breaker is a traitor to himself, to his God, to his country, to his family and to his class.

Governor Draper of Massachusetts is invited by the labor unions to explain why he vetoed the eight-hour day law recently passed by the legislature of that state, and we think he has got the task of his life before him with failure an assured result.

Astronomers are earnestly searching for the planet Vulcan, which seems to be missing. We suggest, that inquiry be made of Mr. Rockefeller.

It turns out that the reported failure of the peanut crop was only a "shell game."

Nineteen deaths from baseball this season will make it necessary for football to brace up.

We are not surprised to hear that a clergyman in Delaware has invented an airship. He's a sky pilot.

The widow who thought she had married a count and found she had married a cook is to be congratulated if he's a union cook.

The meanest cuss on the face of God's green earth is the man who carries a union card in his pocket, subscribes for his labor paper, and when he knows he owes about two dollars, refuses the paper and has it sent back with the endorsement "refused."

If trades-unionists voted as they talk there would be more political victories for them to record.

THE SONG OF THE SWEATSHOP SUIT

It tells of the sweatshop's misery, It speaks of the toiler's strife; It calls to mind human suffering That ends with the worker's life; It sings at the hot foul attic, Where twenty long hours a day A horde of men, women and children Are wearing their lives away.

It tells of the fainting creature Sewing on at the endless seam; It pictures the crowded quarters That reek with the heat and steam;

It represents human life-blood, The price that it costs to live; The cost of the bread and butter

Some starving mortal must give. It shows its shabby make-up The injustice that gave it birth; It speaks in its shoddy finish Its uttermost lack of worth;

Its sags and its thousand wrinkles Tell plainly where it was made. As though even it were ashamed to be seen

The suit of the sweatshop grade.

Then why do you buy it, brother? Those clothes that are stamped unfair;

Those garments of filth and squalor

That the smell of the sweatshop share.

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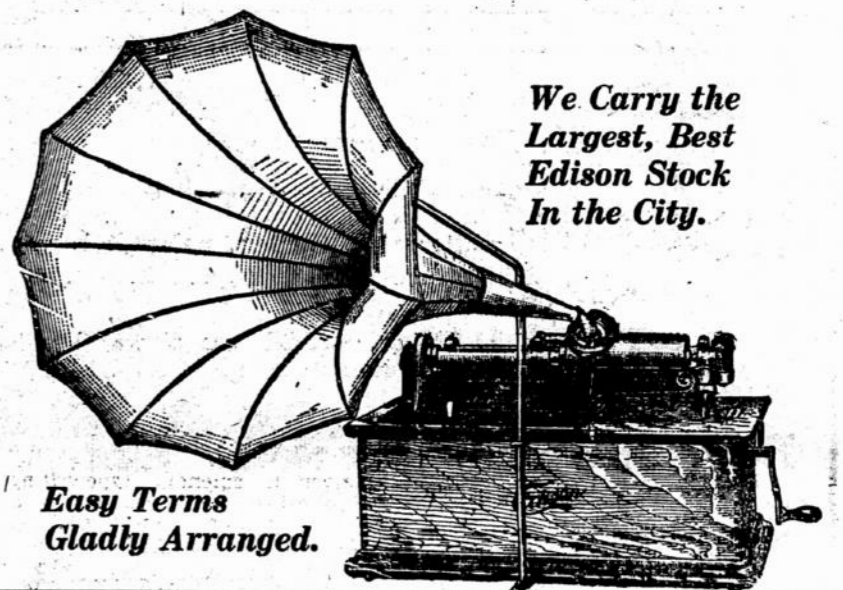
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