

## LABOR AND RELIGION

Dr. Lyman Abbott's Plain Talk to New York Ministers.

## EIGHT HOURS' DRUDGERY ENOUGH

**He Thinks Any System That Makes a Man Work Twelve Hours a Day Is Dishonest — Progress of the Movement—The Miners Will Strike Next.**

**NEW YORK.** May 8.—At the spring meeting of the New York and Brooklyn association of congregational churches, Dr. Lyman Abbott said: "I am a thorough believer in the eight hour movement. Under the present system a man becomes a bit of machinery. Eight hours is as long as any man should be a drudge. Any system which makes a man work twelve hours a day is dishonest, because it is grinding a man's body for his labor. That labor is a commodity and should be hired for what you can get it for is also dishonest."

Speaking of socialism Dr. Abbott said the church has been shrinking its duty in respect to this subject. It is a subject which has compelled the attention of the emperor of Germany and the pope of Rome, and it is one which cannot be passed by outside the sphere of the ministry.

A resolution was passed requesting the State association of Congregational churches to appoint a committee to meet with the committee of the synod of the Presbyterian church to confer on the question of relation of religions teaching to our public school system.

## The Illinois Miners.

**CHICAGO.** May 8.—There now seems to be no prospect of a settlement of the coal miners difficulties and it is very probable that 30,000 coal miners in Illinois will soon go on a strike for an increase of 25 cents on the last average coal operators in the state said in an interview that it was impossible for the operators to grant the advance and that the indications were for a protracted strike. "Their wages," said Mr. Sweet, "already almost cut up the profit and the idea that we can stand a raise of 25 cents is nonsensical."

Twelve thousand miners in northern Illinois are now out. Should a general strike take place it will necessitate the use of eastern coal here and consequently raise the price temporarily.

## The Boston Carpenters.

**BOSTON.** May 8.—Walking Delegate Clarkin, chairman of striking carpenters' picket committee, says that the ranks of strikers are constantly receiving accessaries, so that not one of them has gone back to work except for the eight hour day and that very few non-union carpenters are coming to work in Boston. Many strikers are inclined to think now that the Carpenters and Builders' association has assumed a belligerent attitude that nine hours pay should have been demanded for eight hours work, and are urging the executive committee to make the demand now. The committee is expressing this sentiment as far as possible, believing that it would not command public sympathy.

## The Situation in New York.

**NEW YORK.** May 8.—The carpenters have definitely attained complete victory in their fight for an eight hour working day. Seven more shops have yielded to the demands of the workmen, and there now remain but four shops of any importance in which the demand remains unmet. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, said that the demand for an eight hour day will next be made by the coal miners, whose organizations number 280,000 members.

## The Bath Strikers.

**BATH,** May 8.—The joiners voted not to return to work until their demands are acceded to. They want \$2.50 per day and nine hours on Saturday. The ship builders are willing to pay 50 cents per hour.

## A New Method of Settlement.

**QUINCY,** Mass., May 8.—The granite cutters have voted to ask the manufacturers to take a secret ballot on 25 cents an hour as a minimum as a substitute for submitting the trouble to arbitration.

## Conductor Joseph Ross Killed.

**SPRINGFIELD,** Ill., May 8.—Freight conductor Joseph Ross, on the Air-Line railroad, met a horrible death here. He was on top of the cars, superintending the shifting of some cars, when he fell down between them, and across the rail. His body was cut in two. He was about 26 years old, and not married.

## A Negro Man Assails a White Lady.

**ATLANTA,** Ga., May 8.—A negro named Hampton was in waiting, and when Mrs. Annie Moore went to open her store, on Decatur street, she opened him away. He struck her in the mouth and snatched her pocket-book, which she had in her hand. He ran up the street, but was caught, and is now bound in jail.

## A contract has been signed in Chattanooga, Tenn., by the terms of which the United States government ordnance works at Boston, Mass., will be moved to East Tennessee.

The loss by fire of the Singer Sewing Machine factory at Elizabeth, N. J., is estimated at \$20,000,000, fully insured. Three thousand operatives are out of work.

The new torpedo boat, crushing mud from Washington to Mount Vernon in forty minutes. It takes river boats, usually in half an hour.

**WANTS ALIMONY AND FEES.**

**TRENTON,** May 8.—In the case of Julia Disbrough vs. Isaiah Disbrough, who a short time since claimed that his wife had attempted to poison him to get his property, in the New Jersey court of chancery a motion was made before Chancellor McGriff by Capt. Barrows, the complainant's counsel, for alimony and costs, and from Lawyer Atkinson, the defendant's counsel, asked to have the motion postponed for two weeks. It was set down for May 30.

## Bond Purchases.

**WASHINGTON,** May 8.—The treasury department purchased \$100,000 4 per cent bonds at 122 and \$17,000 4½ per cent bonds at 103½ flat.

## A NIPPING FROST.

**FRUIT, Vegetables, and Other Growing Crop Cut Short.**

**PEKIN,** Ills., May 8.—A sudden change in the temperature prepared the people, to some extent, for that which followed their waking in the early morning. They were not surprised, therefore, to see that ice had formed and a heavy frost covered the earth, especially in exposed places. The snow which crop, perhaps, they are very badly damaged. At Mount Carroll, Illinois, the drought, was broken by a light rain Tuesday, but the heavy frost of Wednesday did more damage to grain and fruit than the rain was benefit, and the prospect for fruit was never poorer than it is now.

## CALAMITY IN QUEBEC

**Scenes of Horror at the Longue Pointe Fire.**

## TWO HUNDRED LUNATICS MISSING.

**A CONSERVATIVE ESTIMATE PLACES THE NUMBER OF FATALITIES AT 100—THE WATER SUPPLY GIVES OUT AND THE FLAMES HAVE UNRESISTED SWAY. MANY MANIACS REFUSE TO QUIT THE BUILDING AND PERISH IN THE FLAMES.**

**LONGUE POINTE, Que., May 8.—A long line of giant towers, and a mass of blazing debris reflected in the wild eyes of the inmates, is all that is left of the Longue Pointe asylum, and the horrible sights that were witnessed during the destruction of the building, will never be forgotten by the spectators, though to the inmates it was a time of supreme glee, and in their delight they dispersed themselves amid flames and waved their arms in satisfaction at the ruin that was being wrought. Not until the walls tumbled over their heads were their maniacal screams silenced.**

**Two hundred Missing.**

**There were unoccupied in the asylum 1,300 inmates, for the place was like a prison, from a hospital and more than 1,400 have been accounted for, having been taken to hospitals and wells.**

**The number of dead is a matter of conjecture, and is not likely to be ever ascertained, since no other record is kept than the asylum books and those were destroyed in the fire.**

**Taking into consideration all the evidence from firemen, half sane inmates, the sisters in charge, bystanders and personal observation, it is a conservative estimate to say that 100 victims met their death in the flames, though some assert that the number is 200. No such calamity has fallen upon Quebec province in view of time of mind.**

**Assistance from Montreal.**

**At five minutes before noon a telegram was received in Montreal imploring assistance. This could not be given without consulting Mayor Grenier, who was found at the Banque de l'Uttre. The mayor at once ordered engines to be dispatched. One engine and two reels were sent, and they were quickly on the spot. But they might as well have remained at home for in five minutes they had exhausted the water supply.**

**The fire started in the second ward on the women's side in the upper story and its size was hastened by longitudinal ventilation shafts connected with the towers. The flames soon appeared blazing through the roof in the center of each tower. When the firemen arrived the dome of one tower had just fallen and the flames were bursting out everywhere.**

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