

EDITORIAL

“I BELIEVE.”

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N. D. COCHRAN—we have no idea who the gentleman may be, or what entitles him to the “floor,”—is given broad-column editorial space in the Toledo *News-Bee* to air his “believes.”

Mr. Cochran “believes” that “if employees are organized in any industry and employers are not” the employers will be at an unfair disadvantage.—The fact that the employer starts organized, consequently that to suppose employers to be unorganized is a fact that does not bother Mr. C’s “belief.”

Mr. Cochran “believes” that “it is foolish” for the employer and the employee “to have war in the industrial field.”—The fact that the employee has. to support not himself only, but the employer also, and that, out of the wealth produced by the employee comes and must come the share of the employer; the consequent fact that the more the employer plunders the employee off all the less is there left for the wealth producing employee himself; and the ultimate fact that war is bound to ensue from such economic premises;—that whole bunch of facts bothers Mr. C’s “belief” not one bit.

Mr. Cochran “believes” that there may be “honest differences of opinion” between the employer and the employee.—The fact that the employer could not exist if the employee kept all that he produced, hence, that between the plunderer and the plundered the difference of opinion can be honest only on the part of the plundered, does not interfere with Mr. C’s “belief.”

Much belief, little brain.

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