now costing the employers 28 cents a gallon, just what this means becomes clear. As the employers are being forced gradually to cut the price of gasoline below 32 cents a gallon, and the chauffeurs must buy from their employers. A maximum of 16 cents a gallon was set. With gasoline

5. The Federation of Strike Committees would practically be free of "machines" because it would be the "natural" model, and a large district would only hold their seats during the progress of their strike. Committees would be coming and going.

6. Imagine how little enthusiasm can be aroused in a number of small, isolated strikes. Also imagine what a strike would be when all are worked together. Also the bringing together in mass-meeting of all the strikers and sympathizers at state and national conventions. Such meetings would soon eradicate all craft prejudices and pave the way for organization along industrial lines.

7. Furthermore, it would be extremely difficult for the strikers to be "sold" out, because it would have to be done under the gaze of all the workers on strike.

The Federation of Strike Committees—the fighting body of the labor movement—would concern itself with the conduct of strikes only; all legislative matters to be left to the organizations composing it.

The Syndicalist League of St. Louis and Vicinity submits the above proposition to the militants of the Syndicalist League of North America, for their consideration.

SIR:}

THE REVOLT OF LABOR.

At the same time that the English trade unions, numbering about 2,000,000, are voting on the proposition of a nation-wide movement to establish a union of all Great Britain, the proposal is for all the workers to demand an eight-hour day on a certain date, and in case of refusal to work as usual, but to quit at the expiration of the hours. This is to be put up until the eight-hour day is recognized or a general strike is about precipitated. Already several of the largest unions in England have voted in favor of this revolutionary method of getting shorter hours, and from all indications the plan will soon be tried on a gigantic scale.

This plan, borrowed from the French Syndicalists, is only one of the many evidences of the rising spirit of the labor movement. One significant feature of this "rebirth" is that it dates from the demise of the English Federation of Trade Unions, the rebels seeking little in little busses outside the trade unions and spent their time "buying the means to avoid the repetition of the trade unions, these organizations remained inert and apparently devoid of life. But when the rebels gave up their useless bowing and set themselves about constructive work, their accomplishments immediately became evident. The great upsurge in the labor movement, without parallel in labor history, is largely due to their efforts. American direct actionists who are still in their first stage might profitably study the English labor movement.

The I. W. W. strike of rubber workers at Akron, Ohio, has been declared off. The workers have been advised to go back to work and reorganize. Considerable at Akron, Ohio, the I. W. W. has always such harsh condemnation (and hooligan of fancy tactics to advise) for A. F. of L. workers who similarly cannot stay at strike and watch themselves being starved into submission, we may be permitted to ask why the I. W. W. didn't take some of its own advice in this strike? Why wasn't the most-adver-

The British Federation of Trade Unions, this latter somewhat revolutionary demand being made by the trade unions to prevent the contractors from "skipping" or "sabotaging" their work, and thus taking work from the "strike breakers," is a much more comprehensive than those who believe the dogma that "the A. F. of L. has not won a strike in ten years," this strike is practically a revolution, as most syndicates have varying terms. The victory is in so small a measure due to the stand taken by the other building trades unions, they one is being met with sea, because frequently the boss, handicaps not the general building strikes, they dare not to try break the syndicate's pocketbook; to break the ice, the Chicago building trades unions have not yet developed to the point of always making their demands concurrently, and always striking together, they have at least learned the valuable lesson that to work with seeds is fatal. At the rate two are now progressing the general strike will soon be a popular weapon among them.

The street car system of Buffalo is completely paralyzed by the masons' pocketbook; no cars whatever are moving. Several thousand troops are already on the scene and 10,000 more have been asked for. The local C. W. C. and the State Council have notified the street car magnates that if the strike is not settled shortly a general strike of the 42,000 union men in Buffalo will be called.

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SOCIETY NOTES.

These society notes are saboted.

The saboter is between me and the printer.

If I am just trying the dope on the doctor—J. F. J.

We, us, the Chicago printers, are on strike against the bosses.

... nothing has been done to cut out the cracks; just face the wide one.

A little washing soda in the paste, and then just watch the wallpaper turn red in spots. Watch that boss get yeller.

A good printer can join the post-impressionist school of art. Just make many swipes with that stippling brush on the last coat of paint. That scab will look like a monster from the old-school artists.

A fine boss can be educated some with a very artful job of wall finishing that will make the glue site extra heavy. Apply after first coat of paste; lay on thick and smooth, so as not to be noticeable to the eye.

Where a scab job is already finished, blow out, or better yet, such a few fresh eggs. Load with chloride of potassium; stop the hole; use as mis-

J. A. JONES.

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