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The Passing Show

THE MEXICAN REVOLUTION.

With the downfall and death of Madero, Mexico has been plunged into a state of war more serious and desolate than ever since the revolution started. Madero betrayed the revolutionists, and, by a conspiracy with the Wall street gang of exploiters, made himself president. Now that he has been brutally murdered by Huerta, the rebels have little sympathy for him. He merely got a dose of his own medicine.

The workers of Mexico, who are fighting for land and liberty, have no interest in the mutual slaughter between the followers of Madero and Huerta, except to take advantage of the split in the ranks of the enemy to push their fight nearer to victory. While the Madero and Huerta followers are fighting for the opportunity to rule them, the workers may accomplish their freedom.

The passing of troops at the border by Taft is a warning to all concerned that the American interests will be taken care of; and should the real revolutionists get the upper hand in the fight, they will have to deal with Uncle Sam before they achieve a final victory.

The god of property reigns on this continent, and Uncle Sam is his high priest. The yellow press is howling for intervention in the name of “humanity.” Wall street is moving slow and cautious, not wishing to arouse “unnecessary opposition” to its scheme. And the great American public is silent.

That is the great shame of it—silence. Not a word of protest goes from the “liberty-loving Americans.” And what else but silence can we expect from it, since it is letting its own liberty slip away, since it is bending its neck to the very halter the Mexican peon is bravely struggling against?

Taft has not sent the troops over the line for the reason that he wants to throw the responsibility on Wilson. He will let the Democrats do the dirty work. But the real dirty work is being done by the people of this country, who silently acquiesce in the proposed invasion of Mexico—the most damnable and atrocious crime against liberty ever planned by the master-class.

A liberty-loving people would rise as one and protest in such unmistakable tones that Wall street would not dare give orders to march.

THE ETERNAL CONFLICT.

The friendly relation between capital and labor is constantly manifesting itself in violent outbreaks of mutual love. The latest evidence of the deep regard they have for each other comes from the coal fields of Mucklow, West Virginia, where they exchanged gifts of lead the other day. The peaceful striking miners, whose natural pursuit is industry, not brutal arms, met the hilarings of capital on the field of battle.

It is indeed a curious civilization we live in, where the producers of wealth are so hard pressed for food and shelter that they find themselves under the necessity of taking up arms in defense of their right to a bare existence.

A bare existence! That’s all they ask, and they get lead for an answer. Lead is the logical answer to an unanswerable question, and with unerring logic has it been pumped into the lean bodies of the poor for ages. And no sooner do the slaves resist than soldiers in great numbers are rushed to the seat of war, with the object of crushing the rebel spirit at once.

The Master Dream.

To stamp out the rebel spirit and keep it out has been the master dream of the parasites for ages. The Lord never intended the slaves should harbor the spirit of revolt, and it is very inconvenient at times that they give expression to it.

When the slaves rebel, our pretense of civilization are at once exposed and our brutal savagery comes right to the surface. Our system is stripped of its hypocrisy and laid bare before the eyes of truth, showing the hideous monster it is.

Labor, on the other hand, by its insistent and persistent forcing of the issue by strikes, in the face of the monster plundered of capitalism, is demonstrating its fitness to survive in the struggle, and that it must eventually engage the enemy in a life-and-death fight, out of which there will be no compromise, but a complete and absolute victory for the exploited toilers.

The conflict will not cease while there is a laborer and a capitalist left to keep up the fight.

Peace is impossible, and the shooting of strikers has become so common that we pay but slight attention to it.

We are so used to capitalist murder and outrage we are no longer disturbed by it. It is only when the worm turns, when the toilers strike back, that our righteous indignation is aroused. Then we call to high heaven for vengeance; then we want to hang all the “anarchists.”

It is then we prove ourselves long-eared jacks, for the workers’ fight is the fight for progress, for humanity, and its victory is not far off.

LABOR AND LOBSTER.

At a recent meeting of the American Association for Labor Legislation, a speaker drew a remarkable parallel. In speaking of child labor in the canneries, he said:

In many of our states it is a high crime to molest the young oyster or lobster. Business demands that they be permitted to prosper until they reach maturity. But human beings are, through lack of proper labor legislation and improper enforcement of existing laws, stunted, crippled, and incapacitated.

You cannot get away from the logic of that parallel. It is unimpeachable, as the lawyers say. If one kind of lobster can prosper and grow to unstinted maturity under the motherly protection of the law, why cannot another kind of lobster do likewise? Lobsters are lobsters, ain’t they? The only difference is in the functions the lobsters are destined to fulfill in society. Surely the lobster who serves the lobster as is much entitled to the protection of lobster laws as the lobster that tickles our lobster palates. If you do not see the logic of this line of reasoning, then you are a lobster.

Ease the burden of the poor? Yes, that is a worthy and a safe recreation for the college men and their comrades of the pulpit, the law, and the press. But make no hint about removing it. Insult the toilers with lobster parallel; perhaps they deserve no better comparison. For, like the lobsters, they are here to serve the delicate taste of the rich and powerful, whose licksippets these intellectuals are.

WILL HAYWOOD BE OUSTED?

The vote in New York City on the referendum to recall the big miner from the National Committee of the Socialist Party is as follows:

For recall, 1,174; against recall, 273.

The New Jersey vote was equally proportioned. At that rate one can easily guess that the party which not long ago elected Haywood to this committee will recall him by an overwhelming vote.

It is evident that politics and economics won’t mix. It is logical that those who believe in politics as an end cannot believe in direct action. Haywood is occupying an illogical position.

Tom Mann resigned from the party when he became a direct actionist; Haywood should have done likewise. Politics and direct action mutually exclude each other, and no amount of hair-splitting will keep them together.

SOMETHING FOR MOTHER.

The daughter is going to make a present to the dear old mother at home, and the fond girl knows just what the devout old Christian lady likes most of all. No, not an Oxford Bible, but something so cheap and useless in this practical age. A battlefields? Yes, three of them—$6 million dollars’ worth. Such is the token of gratitude Canada offers to England.

Mylius, the journalist, who was refused admission to this virtuous country because he had been convicted in England on the charge of “libeling” the king, has been finally allowed to enter the sacred portals. Mylius had friends who fought for his admission. Workers of Europe, beware! Say nothing but “God save him” about a king if you would enter here.

Capitalism aims to develop a military class on one hand and an industrial or slave class, such as Rome had, on the other. The conquest of Mexico is part of this scheme.

After an absence of four years I got back to Chicago in time to see this issue go to press. An account of my trip will appear in next issue.

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FORMERLY THE AGITATOR

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Force of offense is the principle of the state, force of defense is one aspect of the principle of liberty.—Benj. R. Tucker.

ORGANIZING THE WOODSMEN.

No field was riper for the I. W. W., when it was engaged to lead on the wings of fiery oratory, than the woodsmen of the great Northwest. There was no A. F. of L. to compete with, no organization of labor in the sawmill was so strong, and the step right in, boys, and fulfill the promise of the convention, to go out and "organize the millions of unemployed, ease the hungry, and shamefully neglected by the jorobaty A. F. of L. There is a quarter of a million in these woods and a full quarter of a million is lost to the A. F. of L. We could not be too strong in the new Industrial Union! Here was a chance to demonstrate the superiority of the form and tactics of the I. W. W., and another chance to demonstrate the workers that would set the labor world afire, yìd sweep the besotted A. F. of L. out of existence.

Lumber is the basic industry on the great North-west coast of the United States and Canada. The quarter of a million woodsmen feed all the parasites. With their blankets on their backs they hike to the tall timber. We see the logs as they float down to the mills. We see the lumber going away on ships and flat cars to the ends of the world. That's all the general public knows about the lumber jack, and that's all it wants to know. It wants lumber. It wants the profits it can make, lumber. It wants the comforts and luxuries, the fine homes and offices other slaves will fashion from it. It is the living Whitney jack and millmen. Lumber, that's the magic word. Lumber.

The A. F. of L. has neglected the woodsmen also. It, no less than the general public and the parasites, see him only in their product. Surely the I. W. W. will hasten to his side and rally this quarter of a million bulk into the one big union! It will invade the vermin-ridden camps and the shack-surrounded mills and sound the clarion call in his ears, and gather him under the protecting folds of its red revolutionary banner.

The I. W. W. came, but nothing happened. Why? The question remains unanswered. Numerous theories have been advanced. But why bother with theories? It's a condition, a quarter of a million strong. The woodsmen is still the exploited tool of the lumber trust, without organization, without an instrument with which to improve conditions.

The I. W. W. has been amongst them for seven years and the result of its endeavors is very meager indeed. Some say it's too much to expect a self-made man to get a hearing in the camps and not enough on the job, that the efforts of its organizers are centered upon selling literature to the woodsmen, who are unaccustomed to them. The woodsmen, on the other hand, are now going to step into the field and try their hands at the task.

They tell us they are not going to use the street corner. Yet another organizing stump for that great agitation the street corner may be good, still a man's voice, it let be ever so loud, does not reach out into the woods. They say, "We are not going to sell literature on the street, we are going to organize on the job."

"But," I said, "that is a part of the I. W. W. slogan." "The I. W. W.," I counter, "is how have organized two and a half million workers in this country, how have organized two of the largest industries in the country."

Two years ago the I. W. W. made a strenuous effort to persuade the Shingle Weavers' Union to desert the A. F. of L. and join the one big union. The woodsmen have not yet given the I. W. W. a decision. Will the F. L. L., where the I. W. W. failed, we will watch developments with keen interest.

An estimate of the number of paid-up members who are woodsmen and who are union men, written by an organizer of the I. W. W. Such an estimate will be naturally optimistic. He places the number of woodsmen organized by the I. W. W. at 1,400, an average of 200 a year since the organization was started. If the A. F. of L. cannot do better than that it had better let the loggers alone and turn its attentions in directions where they will get better returns. The woodsmen is almost hopeless at that rate.

Now, if the I. W. W. cannot organize him, how is the A. F. of L. going to do it? Hasn't the I. W. W. got the broader field of the labor movement, the knowledge and up-to-dateness? Isn't it abreast, yeah ahead of the times in methods and tactics? Aren't the I. W. W. boys a great deal more radical than the A. F. of L. organizers, they are not out for the graft. They are not "meal ticket artists"—a happy phrase, I believe. If the I. W. W. can't fit the cage, I believe, the A. F. of L. can't fit the cage, not the A. F. of L. officials. In a word, haven't the I. W. W. organizers got their hearts, not their stomachs, in their work? Now what showing can the A. F. of L. make in the face of such great odds?

If the A. F. of L. does succeed in organizing the woodsmen, there is only one deduction every loyal I. W. W. will make—the bosses helping the A. F. of L. Not that the bosses want the loggers organized in the A. F. of L., but they must do something to prevent their mad rush into the I. W. W.; and the A. F. of L. is a capitalist organization, anyway, so it won't hurt them as good, efficient slaves to be in it, and it furnishes the necessary protection from the I. W. W.

The reader is advised to watch the i. W. W. press for the proof of this forecast. Of course, the A. F. of L. may not meet with any success. Such an outcome would be proof that the bosses are not opposed to the stampede of the woodsmen into the I. W. W. But we are not saying anything about that.

I am advised the I. W. W. is rushing all its available organizers out West now, to put the kibosh on the A. F. of L. pie artists. If this is true, the whole contest will be between the Jack-in-the-box and the Jack-in-the-box. Surely reap some benefit from the contest—from competition. He will be organized in two opposing unions, but he will be organized, which is the first essential to his progress.

Once organized, the Syndicalists will begin to work on him, and argue about the organization of his body. They will look to the organization of his brain and see that he gets it association with the right ideas. Once he has been imbued with the Syndicalist ideas he will soon see to it that the organization he belongs to, instead of the one preserving the organization. In other words: When he has become imbued with Syndicalism, the organization he belongs to, whatever its name or form, will immediately accede itself to the Syndicalist idea.

So the Syndicalists have no favorite in this approaching contest, no, not for the woodsmen. What interests the Syndicalists most is that the big chaps does get corralled in one or the other, the F. L. L., or both, or none, of the unions. The Syndicalist will contend that the difference in the organizations will be in name only, so far as the woodsmen is concerned. He has no use to be taught after he gets into the organization. Round him up, boys, we are waiting to tap into his think tank.

JAY FOX

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INTERNATIONAL SYNDICALIST CONGRESS.

To the Members of Labor Unions and Syndicalist Propagandist Bodies Everywhere:

Comrades and Fellow-workers, Greetings!—At present there exists a necessity to bring together the revolutionary Unions of the world; this militates against effective Solidarity and hinders the rapid progress to Emancipation.

There is the International Socialist Congress, with its permanent Bureau at Brussels, but we cannot be rendered impotent. It is true, International relations conducted through a body that exacts a pledge of parliamentarism and is composed of pilloried politicians who promise to do things for us, but cannot even if they wanted to. We must meet as Syndicalists and Direct Actionists to prepare for the formation of an agreement for economic emancipation free from the tutelage of all politicians.

There is the International Conference of Trade Union Centers which is held about every three years and which merely consists of the president of the secretary of each national Confederation or no direct representation of the rank and file, and the officials are mostly conservative. We want a Congress where the militants of all countries can speak with each other, discuss tactics and methods, and by thus removing misunderstandings contribute to the growth of International Solidarity.

The International Bureau of Trade Union Centers at Berlin refuses to allow the vital questions of the general strike for Expropriation, Anti-militarism, and Anti-Sabotage to be discussed in the Conferences, but it would not count for much if they did, for the whole of the permanent officials of the Affiliates would be utterly impotent if not absolute reactionaries; and the whole business is controlled by Social Democrats.

We present to the representatives of the Unions sending resolutions dealing with Anti-militarism and other matters considered "political" are referred to the Congress of politicians—the International Socialist Congress.

We Syndicalists want a Congress of the rank and file, of the Comrades, and not of officials. We want to confer on means of action, not merely on pious resolutions. We want common action against war, no parliamentarism and no International Solidarity expressed in direct action.

At a Congress of Trade Unions held under the Auspices of the Industrial Union League, held in the Holborn Hall, London, November 9 and 10, 1912, a resolution was passed instructing the T.U.C. to make all arrangements for the holding of an International Syndicalist Congress in London.

The Syndicalists of America are asking for it. The Syndicalists of France desire to see it. The Syndicalists of Germany with it. The Syndicalists of Italy, all countries want it. The Syndicalists of England are preparing for it.

The date has been provisionally fixed for May, 1913.

Fellow-Workers, no International Syndicalist Congress has ever been held; therefore no time should be wasted in pondering over its success or failure. The workers of the five continents. An International Syndicalist Congress has been desired for many years by Revolutionists of all countries; now is your chance to realize that dream. Let the first International Syndicalist Congress bring together the militant workers of all countries.

Select your delegates at once, send in your resolutions for tabulation, and communicate your decisions to me immediately.

On behalf of the S.R.R.C.


EMMA GOLDSMITH

The noted revolutionist will lecture in Chicago on Syndicalism, monopoly, politics and society at the Masonic Temple, Cottage Grove avenue and Fortieth street, beginning Sunday afternoon, March 16, at 3 p.m., and continuing Sunday evening, March 16, at 8 p.m. on the following days; March 16, 17, 18, 20 and 21.

Admission, 15 and 25 cents.

JAY FOX

Editor of THE SYNDICALIST, will lecture at The Open Forum, Masonic Temple, March 31, at 8 p.m. Subject: "Syndicalism."
LEAGUE No. 1, NELSON, B. C.

No. 1 is doing not so bad, thank you; though the work is necessarily being done in a quiet manner, owing to the lack of a competent press worker.

Our chief propaganda efforts of late have expressed themselves in a good-sized, free, circulating library of books on the "dissim science," social problems and other educational matter, interpersed with some fiction as a bait; and this is the main effort of the American "Syndicalist," and of several anarchistic books and pamphlets—not that we subscribe to the anarchist philosophy, but in every case we have found the anarchists fairly consistent in their support of the working class, and therefore deserving of consideration and support.

Some six or seven months ago the W. F. miners in the surrounding district decided they could stand a raise in wages; but not seeing their way clear to ignore (as the U. M. workers did) the Dominion law regarding these matters, known as the "Lemieux Arbitration Act" (and among the miners as the "Lemon Act"), or possibly through the legally inclined disposition of their officers, a conciliation board was called.

At the time the miners decided upon this action, conditions were very favorable for the enforcement of their demands. Work was fairly plentiful, and the supply of men not by any means excessive. Also, the prices of most good mining products had gone up.

Now that the board has sat upon their demands—(and "sat" upon them very effectively, too, an unfavorable report handed down a week ago) the miners are just as they were, and in fact more so; the price of metals having dropped.

They have thus lost half a year, with less favorable conditions to work under and with; and will now have to gather their forces together to enforce their demands through the regular channel, or else their hopes and good chance are gone.

The Lemieux Act, like all arbitration acts, has thus faithfully fulfilled its mission to the capitalist class by stilling the working classes when ready for action, and the Socialists may now parrot to their hearts' content, "Why don't you vote right?" In fairness to the miners it must be said that their demand is being met by a high cost of living—which is by no means a decreasing quantity—and the fact that their wages have remained practically stationary for about ten years; so there is still hope that they may take the bull by the horns.

The last condition of the whole well-known "fighting W. F. M." is pitiful in the extreme; and the cause is well apparent. Entirely dominated by a group of Socialist politicians, who, while believing in the principle, are so far from the standpoint that we have no further than the "form," being opposed to sabotage and other militant tactics as immoral and anarchistic, are merely a tail of the Socialist party kite, doing favors and promoting the ends of the capitalist state.

The development of the union, as a union, among militant lines, has been entirely ignored—in fact, retarded; and the experience of the international unions, particularly those of France and England, remains to them a closed book.

Will the men ever wake up, and think for themselves?

We take advantage of the situation and send several copies of Foster's "Syndicalism" to all the locals in Canada; and intend to follow up with the paper, trusting that some of them may accidentally fall into the men's hands.

We would like the various leagues to get their heads together, with the intention of perfecting a scheme to bring the various unions in the building trades together, and to somewhat alter the present lines being advocated by the English. Their experience will be of great benefit to us, and should be sought.

We must advertise to further our propaganda, and to do so effectively, we must produce action.

Tactics, more tactic; and then some punch to the balloon a rest.

SECRETARY.

HERO WORSHIP.

I am very much opposed to that form of idolatry—a kind of worship as here, that I don't think men and women of worth should be highly thought of and their work widely advertised. But there is a very common trait in the average person that makes use of such opportunities to indulge itself. I refer to that of the enemy of the people—mortal fear.

Give the average person, some public man whose ideas strike him right and he will thereupon cease to notice any more. But let some little bottle escape as a receptacle for his hero's ideas. The average person will swallow without mastication, a great deal of falsehood; and as a result of this process of thought we have a race of mental dopes.

Carlyle and Emerson were strong believers in the big man, the hero. Emerson said the history of the world was the history of its great men, which of course is true, if taken either of two ways, or both.

First, only the record of what the big men did is written in our history; second, the great men are great only because of the tendency noted above, that the average man clings to the active mind and makes it great by his worship and his mental stagnation.

And this tendency is not alone true of the average conservative citizen, it is also true of the aver-

gerous radical. The man of good will and the fool and foolish worshipers as Roosevelt or J. Crist.

Indeed, I have seen an even greater fawning to the "Cínseers" than the radical movement in the conservative ranks.

This is a tendency that must be checked by a proper realization that the hero is a dangerous person who is liable to play you false at any time as the price of his own advancement. It must be checked because it is the stagnant influ-

ence it has on the mind of the worshiper.

Honour the men and women who have contributed, but let your main concern be the welfare of their kind, but go them one better if you can. That's the attitude.

Don't fawn at the feet of your favorite, you will make a fakir out of him.

Don't be a worshipper, be a thinker. Don't be a mental parasite, be a man.

FRED MOE.

CALL FOR GENERAL STRIKE.

A general strike of workmen from Maine to California is being agitated in San Francisco as a protest against the power of the United States Steel Corporation.

Resolutions advocating a great "protest strike" and uttering scathing condemnation of the steel trust have been adopted by the San Francisco Labor Council, denouncing the verdict in the Indianapolis dynamite case.

In part, the resolutions are as follows:

Resolved, That we request every local union ali-

lated in this city and state, immediately request their national organization to assist financially, to the end that proper presentation may be made to the Appellate Court for a new trial; be it further

Resolved, That in reply to the question asked by Mr. Drew: "What are you going to do with the Iron Workers Union," and as a protest against the criminal and dominant power of the United States steel trust, we favor the sentiment now strong enough to maintain throughout the country for the declaration of a general strike throughout the length and breadth of this nation; be it further

Resolved, That all our present and future action and resolutions be forwarded to international unions for in-

orsement and approval, and a copy be sent to the press.


Price 25c.

Theo. Schroeder is beyond all approach the best iniformed lawyer in the country on the law as it applies to free speech and free assembly. He is a member of the Free Speech League and will take the case of our editor, convicted in Tacoma, Wash., for "tending to create respect for the law," before the United States Supreme Court.

The tendency of the times toward the suppression of free speech is an indicator to the growing fear of the master class of the labor agitators.

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Moving picture operators a few years ago were paid $8 to $10 an hour, now they are paid $5 or even secured for less. Recently they began to organize into the A. F. of L. and have now, with the exception of some few old-time operators in town organized. They have a scale of $18 per week, about double what they began with. This amazing success is composed of the men who will undoubtedly play a great part in the labor movement, from a Syndicalist point of view.

The Brass Molders have been wagging a hard fight against the Missouri & Illin Brass Foundry. Hand bills are being posted advertising the names and addresses of scabs. These hand bills have been posted on all streets and even on the houses where the scabs live. One of the scabs by the name of Henry Becker has been well advertised and the fact made known that he is a member of Hyde Park Lodge No. 45, Loyal Order of Moose. The company is badly crippled and the strike seems about won.

The Waiters' Union, Local No. 20, about eight or nine months ago was almost dead. The reason for this was that some of the waiters got together in groups and organize clubs and then have the boss get his help from the clubs instead of the union. This, of course, took the vitality out of the regular organization. But the union has心里 solved that these clubs must be put out of "com-

mission," and put it into effect, with the result that the boss had to get help direct from the local. The result was magic. The local began to take on new life and grew by leaps and bounds. It grew from a ugly organization of a couple of hundred to a fighting organization of almost seven hundred at the present time.

Waiters unionized three big cafes here lately, and are now waging war against one of the most bitter opponents of organized labor, the Melchei-

mer's Cafe, which is backed by the Rochester Asso-

ciation. The firm, in order not to employ union help, secured scabs from a German waiters' club, which is not connected with any labor union but, purely a waiters' club (?) whose purpose is to monopolize jobs for its scabby members only. If this strike is won, which it undoubtedly will be, it will mean the death knell of rival and duel waiters' organizations in this vicinity. Then Local No. 20 will be the field all to itself and will march on to other and greater victories. Long live the fighting Local No. 20 of the Waiters' Union, and not only Local No. 20, but all the Local and Bar-

tenders Union that has joined hands in this fight.

A WORD TO LUMBER WORKERS.

There will be a lot of organizing done coming year in the lumber industry. The Shingle Weavers are making preparations to organize the shingle weavers, loggers and saw mill workers under one union. Now it is up to us, the rank and file, to educate ourselves so that we won't go astray, but something that we'll be able to make a good fight in the future.

I have been organizing in the lumber industry for the past two years, and I have learned some very important lessons. Chief of these is that we must organize and fight if we would have freedom. Begging and voting for anything worthless and shocking will get you up with us rank and file. We know what we want—freedom, and we know that we must fight for it; therefore, let us get to this part. Syndicalism teaches us the way to win.

I have been getting Syndicalism started among the members of our union as I see the great need of it in the professional work, and a number of new members coming in. We work so hard that we have little time to study the problem of our class, and I feel that the men must teach each other direct action and so-

lidarity as best we may.

The Syndicalist is our paper, so let's boost for it. We are doing things in Evergreen among the Members of the Shingle Weavers' Union.
THE REVOLT OF LABOR

The railroad firemen have won a point in their continued demand for a settlement of the railroads. They have succeeded in getting the railroad company to agree to arbitrate the difficulty under the Erdman Act. Their victory is somewhat similar to the victory of the Chinese railroad workers in their conflict with the government. The railroad workers have succeeded in getting their demand for a settlement of their difficulties. The only point in favor of arbitration under the Erdman Act over the ordinary method of arbitration is that it is swifter than the other methods of sectional unionism and have found them wanting. Hence the new federation. A feature of fusion (which some American railroad unions might profitably study) was that some of the men most active in forming the new federation are also the most active opponents of the old federations. They have been long and sassingately to bring about this very federation.

We offer the following, not because of its intrinsic value—as it has been reiterated time and again by rebels—but because of its source: “As soon as I know a strike is lost I recommend that it be called off. I do not believe in keeping men out of work after they have lost a strike. I found that to do so embitter them against the union. The best policy is to get a strike for a 10 per cent wage and let the members in the union.”—Pres. W. D. Mahon of Street Railway Employers.

At their convention the miners in the Illinois district of the U. M. W. of A., numbering 62,000 members, adopted the resolution recommending that in the coming G. M. W. of A. convention. This resolution is but one of the many evidences of the new spirit of progressivism and revolt that is permeating the A. F. of L.

A proposition is now being agitated in England to fuse the co-operative and the trades unions. The former number 2,750,000, the latter 2,225,000 members. Should the fusion be accomplished, the capital brought together will be the largest of any concern in England. Not to mention the millions of the trades unions, the co-operatives have an aggregate capital of some $200,000,000. During the past year they did a business of $580,000,000.

C. B. Dowd, dynamiting conspirator (?), just released on bail from Fort Leavenworth federal prison, is helping the metal workers in Rochester in their general strike. A likelihood of a successful campaign and the possibility of a new and splendid movement, which is fast gaining ground, is very definite. The movement is a great one.

In the Akron strike of 15,000 rubber workers the I. W. W. and A. F. of L. are co-operating. Is the strike still the same? To the last, the strike is still the same. A strike has been a failure, and the strikers have been forced to give up their demands. The strikers in other cities have been more fortunate.

Scores of girls at Wellesley College have gone on strike for the right to entertain their male friends.

Demands by Boston & Maine station employees for a wage increase have been granted.

The revolt of the garage workers is still on. In addition to the great New York strike there are 60,000 workers on strike in Philadelphia, Boston, Rochester, and other cities. In Chicago the bosses have staved off strikes by refusing to pay off the strike money. The union has been forced to take strike money. The bosses have been successful in their efforts, and the workers are in a wretched position.

The A. F. of L. now has under advisement the proposition of organizing the shop men on all railroad lines in the eastern territory. A remarkable feature of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginers. This organization is beginning to realize that it is almost impossible to organize the shop men and other railroad workers are unorganized. This mutual dependence among each other is the factor that forces labor unions to federate, amalgamate, etc., and the one that will eventually compel the railroad brotherhoods to join the A. F. of L. In all probability the Federation of Federations (western shopmen) will soon be extended to the eastern territory.

The three principal unions of railway workers of Great Britain have been merged into one federation. The merging of these unions has come under the methods of sectional unionism and we find them wanting. The new federation. A feature of fusion (some American railroad unions might profitably study) was that some of the men most active in forming the new federation are also the most active opponents of the old federations. They have been long and sassingately to bring about this very federation.

A fish shop job of burning wood or decorat然是可以被从树干和洗过。这是计算来给的木头的 stomach ache.

Toronto medical college students got sore at a book sale. They have been working on their book over night. Prospective customers—not off that hook!

Lloyd George’s house went skyward. It suffered from suffragists. Mrs. Pankhurst says, “I’m to blame,” in a George IV robe and bonnet.

Engine cylinders are expensive articles. A clogged lubricator means a cut cylinder. Dirt in the oil can means a clogged lubricator.

A little too much brown japan dyes in that floor stool and the grain will lose his socks.

The Hon.WM. Jao. Montague Armstrong, son of Baron Armstrong the great English ship builder, has declared himself a Syndicalist. The Hon. Long- name is a kid, being not yet 21 years old. Unless he is made of very superior caliper, when he becomes older and realizes the relations of general strikes to profit and loss, he will get rid of his Syndicalist notions.

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