

The Beef Trust Is the Modern Briareus.

EV. J. C. GREENWOOD, of Meriden, Conn., preached a lively sermon on Trusts, April 20th, in which he made assertions stronger than preachers usually dare to make.

"Grecian mythology represents a huge monster called Briareus, having fifty heads and a hundred arms. This huge monster guarded the entrance to Tartarus where the Titans were imprisoned. Not more terrible or dangerous in appearance was this hideous creature of heathen imagination than the real Briareus who sits enthroned in Wall street today.

"Look across the water where Dives builds his summer palaces along the banks of the Thames or among the lochs and mountains of Scotland. See him roll in luxury, faring sumptuously every day.

"This inhuman monster, this fiend incarnate, this usurper of justice, this robber of the widows' houses and thief of orphan's bread, has his throne under the very shadow of the towering Goddess of Liberty.

"If the moral element in this nation does not bestir itself, if the church of Jesus Christ does not shake its skirts clear and break its compact with the unrighteous mammon, the next few years will witness the departure of our glory and the quenching of the fires of liberty.

"Whatever may be the danger from wealth accumulating in the hands of a few, it is not my purpose to deprecate the value of wealth, or blame men for getting rich.

"The excessively timid, conservative man, who almost has hysterics at the mere suggestion of the people 'owning' or 'running' such trifling affairs as municipal street cars, electric light and gas plants, etc., is respectfully referred to the following which appeared on page six (the editorial page) of the Rochester Democrat and Chronicle of Sunday, April 27, 1912.

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doubled or quadrupled his fortune. But in the name of humanity and all I hold dear, I do denounce and despise that base sordid greed for gold which was exemplified in the raffle over Christ's garments and which reassured itself with all its brutality and inhumanity in many forms of monopoly and centralization of wealth today.

"When a few years ago the announcement was made that one gambler in wheat by taking advantage of a 'corner' in the market made something like two millions of dollars at one stroke the public was aroused to a comprehension of the colossal proportions which this gambling mania had already assumed.

"Trust is a simple word. It ought to suggest honesty and inspire confidence. But behind it in the twentieth century lurks the most gigantic monopolies. The air is filled with discussions of the trusts. We have the steel trust, the coal combine, the sugar trust, the oil trust, the rubber trust, the tobacco trust, the brewers' trust, the beef trust and many others.

"As the Examiner said in an editorial some time ago: 'It is an infamy for which a legal remedy cannot be too soon provided. Such wrongs as these do more to make converts to Socialistic ideas than all the oratory and writing of years. The poor know that they are oppressed, and see not how they are able to help themselves under the present system; hence they hastily conclude that they can be no worse off under another, and lend a ready ear to those who tell them that SOCIALISM PROVIDES A REMEDY FOR SUCH ILLS.'

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ROYALTY. See them bow with animation, Hear the air with praises ring, See a dear republic nation Bowing, bending to a king. Oh! my comrades, have we tarried From the way our Fathers led; Is the younger nation married To a monarch like King Ed? Yes, royalty is gaining, Patriotism is dead, And our star of hope is waning, Shining dimly overhead. Yes, it looks as though they've got us, This octopus over the sea; Twice they came with guns and fought us, Twice our grand-dads set us free. Will we wait and letty watch them, As they take us one by one; Shall we set about to match them, As our fathers would have done? We can't blame the greedy grabbers, As they slowly take us in; For we have men in congress Who are spending English tin. Oh! its time to stop and think, When our officers bow to crowns; Yes, comrades, let us take the wink The are working us for clowns. Let us meet them face to face; Let us fight them man to man; Let us show them the disgrace In the working of their plan. —W. Y. COX.

INK LINGS.

The Windy City is about to lose its place on the map. John James Dudley Stuart, British Marquis of Townshend, has handed down an opinion wherein he refers to Chicago as a "big, dirty, noisy factory."

Chicago Chided. exalted persons as himself. According to his nibs, Chicago's mayor is the foreman and all its denizens mere shop hands; so that the Lake City is nothing more or less than a big, dirty, noisy factory.

Oxen and Asses. Rhodes and other commercial successors in the Dark Continent, knew the value of trinkets in dealing with the unsophisticated savages; so he carried an assortment of cheap guns, tobacco and bright colored fabrics, for purposes of trade.

Why Shorter Hours? Because—Under the present long hour day many are unemployed. Labor-saving machinery has increased the producing capacity of the workmen who in justice should be afforded more leisure.

Radical vs. Conservative. The radical is the man who pushes ahead. The conservative is the man who pulls back. The radical is like the fire horse that strains every nerve to save life and property.

Books Received. American Communities, by William Alfred Hinds; published by Kerr & Co., Chicago, cloth, 425 pages, \$1. Being a history of the various communistic societies and colonies in the United States.

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The Laborer and His Hire, by I. M. Shanklin, Yankton, S. D., 350 pages, cloth, \$1.50. A critical analysis of the industrial conditions of the earth and the causes of the lack of harmony. Interestingly written.

to work, and has done everything that has elevated the race. All things must change despite the dilatory tactics of the conservative; and the radical, inspired with hopes of something better, is the man who controls the destiny of the world.

Laws Sold to the Highest Bidder. Washington, Post, April 24. We shall have to admit that we were not particularly shocked by the charge that some of the important legislation of last week was tainted with trafficking on the part of the members of the house.

Number 338. The above number of the Appeal to be issued May 24, will be full of facts and figures on Direct Legislation. The bundle price of \$1 for 250 copies will enable those interested to stir up the natives at a small expense.

Let every Christian woman who has conscience toward God vow that she will mourn for his killed creatures. Let every lady in the happy classes of civilized Europe simply vow that, while any cruel war proceeds, she will wear black—a mute's black—with no jewels, no ornament, and I tell you again, no war would last a week.—John Ruskin.

Happy is he, And silent) this word shall be said; That he might have had the World with him, But choose to side with suffering Men, And had the world against him! E. B. Browning.

Death in Chicago Workshops

Womanhood on the Altar of Greed—Future Mothers Poisoned with Deadly Drugs—Insane Desire for Dividends and Law Enforcement of Labor Law Responsible.

Chicago's army of wage-workers there are about 50,000 who are engaged in duties which require them to face death constantly in some form. This may seem like a strong assertion, but it is true nevertheless.

Women and children, on account of their physical construction, are less able to bear sustained muscular exertion than men. They, too, are more susceptible to the poisons that are used in many of the arts and manufactures at which they are employed.

Child Prisons. should see the little victims as they emerge from the factories, the mottoes of which seem to be: "HUSTLE LITTLE CHILDREN UNTO US AND WE WILL WORK THE LIFE OUT OF YOU." And they are doing it, too.

And This Is Hell. Chicago has several thousand metal polishers. Laws have been passed for their protection, yet no complete cure of the many evils endangering their health is possible until a change is made in the methods employed in the work.

The conditions described in this article will not be changed until the men and women rise up in their own right, and work out the problem for themselves. Those who are enjoying wealth that is made by sacrificing the lives of the poor will not voluntarily allow the poor to do anything to prolong their own life.

Some More Sign Boards

Leading Onward to the People's State.

According to the press reports, souvenir hunters have taken everything that could be removed from the building in which President McKinley was shot.

Depressed by financial difficulties, George Springer, aged seventy-one, 1221 North Gay street, New York, a brush manufacturer, took a dose of poison the other day as the quickest way out of his troubles.

Several hundred people were made homeless in Kansas City the other day by fire. Under socialism such a calamity would not be possible.

The grave diggers of St. Louis were having some trouble recently, because they could not make a living at their wages.

The Homestake Mining and Milling Company of Lead, S. D., sold the B. H. & F. P. Railway, a narrow gauge line about fifty miles in length, to the B. & M. R. Railway.

The people of Harmony, Ohio, are greatly incensed over the disposition of the contract for the Columbus, London and Springfield electric line to hire Italian laborers.

It is too bad that the half million Moros have such a dislike to foreigners, who invade their country to deprive them of their homes.

It is estimated that 5,000,000 people make daily contributions to the comfort of J. Pierpont Morgan.

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became so bad that he had to close his shop. He thought it would be an easy matter to find work at his trade; but as he tramped from place to place he was told that men were being discharged, not employed.

"One-fifth of all the rifles captured in the Philippines were taken by means of torture. Some of the boys objected to the torture.

Labor troubles and strikes are caused by employers, who own the utilities that should be public. But owing them, they have a right to do what they please with their possessions.

The New York Journal of recent date, contains an interesting editorial on Davenport's boyhood stomach ache.

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The street car men of Chicago are organizing. They will demand redress of grievances and a strike may follow.

The Donohue Printing company of Chicago has yielded to the demands of the union, after a bitter fight of several years.

The president wants a new \$25,000 (temporary) office building in his back yard; so that it will not be necessary for him to take such strenuous walks in order to get all around to his many places of duty.

There will be some more "investigation" for the beef trust. It has decided to corner all the poultry and egg business of the country; and not through the commission men either; the trust is going after the farmers.

May Day Strikes.

"An Era of Unexampled Prosperity." Here follows a partial list of strikes that are now in progress.

Gloucester, Mass., May 1.—Seven hundred quarrymen struck for a nine-hour day.

Durango, Col., May 1.—Three hundred miners struck for more pay.

Rochester, N. Y., May 1.—Five hundred coal wagon drivers are on strike.

New Britain, Conn., May 1.—Fifty carpenters were locked out in honor of May Day.

Barre, Vt., May 1.—About 500 granite workers struck for more pay and a shorter work day.

Port Huron, Mich., May 1.—About 500 men are out at this place in an effort to increase their wages.

Cape Ann, Mass., May 1.—Five hundred granite cutters struck for shorter work days and better pay.

St. Paul, May 1.—Three hundred carpenters went on strike for an eight-hour day and better wages.

Toronto, Ont., May 1.—More than 1,000 men of all trades celebrated May Day by striking for an increase of wages.

Providence, R. I., May 1.—One thousand teamsters struck for recognition of their union. No freight was handled all day.

A strike among Chicago teamsters has affected thirteen mercantile establishments, and further trouble is expected.

The American Woolen Company's weavers are nearly all out on strike. There are 20,000 of them demanding better treatment.

John Harberg, carpenter, committed suicide in Chicago the other day so that his wife might be able to live off his life insurance.

Sharon, Pa., May 1.—Three hundred structural workers of the American Bridge Company went on strike May 1 for \$4 and an eight-hour day.

Bridgport, Conn., May 1.—Two hundred carpenters, plumbers and hod carriers struck for a minimum wage of \$3 and an eight-hour day.

Youngstown, O., May 1.—Two thousand men in the building trades laid down their tools, making good their demand for an eight-hour day on May 1.

Reading, Pa., May 1.—One thousand carpenters, planing mill hands and hod carriers quit work because the contractors refused to sign an agreement.

Coal miners at Springfield, Ill., have struck because the operators refused to sign the agreement that would favor the men. About 2,000 are idle.

Jersey City, May 1.—Two thousand machinists and bench men in twelve moulding and saw mills went on strike for an eight-hour day and a wage of \$2.50.

Portland, Ore., May 1.—Labor situation very unsettled. About 750 men of all trades are on strike and others threaten to lay down their tools.

The cigar makers' Official Journal for April publishes the names of about 125 firms that are on the "unfair" list.

Patterson, N. J., has lots of trouble. About 4,500 dyers are now on strike because their wages had been reduced to the level of \$6 per week.

cerning the Commercial Artists' strike of Chicago: "This strike was not caused by any desire for higher wages. It was simply a matter of principle, and as SUCH IT IS HARDLY POSSIBLE THAT IT CAN WIN."

Boston Tin Can workers are striking for a nine-hour day and a fifteen-cent increase in wages.

Prison labor worries the labor union leaders. When they make a thorough diagnosis of the case, they will see that all labor is performed after the manner of prisons.

Milwaukee is to erect an electric light and power plant. One by one the cities are taking over franchises and getting out of the clutches of corporations.

In view of the fact that by lighting the streets with an electric lighting plant owned by the municipality, a saving of over a hundred thousand dollars a year could be made to taxpayers.

Cleveland, Ohio, cleared nearly half a million dollars out of its waterworks system last year, and the rate to small consumers is lower than in any other city in the Union.

Topeka is finding out the ill of granting franchises. The people voted bonds for a public water plant, being tired of the bad service and extortion of the corporation service.

Bradford, Pa., owns her waterworks. Has just finished a reservoir at a cost of \$75,000 which was paid out of the surplus.

London has public baths, owned and managed by the city, that are patronized by 4,000,000 people annually.

United States Consul Barnes, of Cologne, in the March number of the Consular Report, tells how the city government over there took the street cars, and reduced the fares to the following rates:

Sir William H. Preese, formerly head of the British bureau of telegraphs in the British postoffice department, in an address before the Society of Arts in London recently advocated the government control of the telephone business as well as that of the mail and telegraph.

New Castle, Ind., has \$50,000 invested in a municipal light and water plant. A report just issued by the superintendent of the plant shows that the city's water service costs \$9 cents per 1,000 gallons.

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