

# THE HUMAN SIDE OF THE LABOR QUESTION

## IV. AMERICANIZING THE IMMIGRANTS.

It's a mighty big problem—this question of the immigrant. Coming at the rate of a million a year, they threaten to swamp us. Only one-twelfth of the population of Paris is foreign-born. Less than one-thirtieth of the people in London came from other countries. But, according to the census of 1900, the 160 cities in the United States having at least 25,000 inhabitants, have a foreign-born population of twenty-six per cent, or more than one-fourth of the total number of people in the entire country. This great mass of foreigners is centering in the industrial cities and towns, attracted by the chance to find work in the shops and factories. Four stand old Massachusetts cities have the largest percentage of foreign-born people of all the cities in the United States, Fall River having forty-seven per cent, Lawrence forty-five per cent, Lowell forty-three per cent, Holyoke forty-one per cent. These New England cities exceed Chicago with its

thirty-four per cent and New York with its thirty-five per cent.

In history, the immigrant has conquered nations, not always by force of arms, but by methods of life or by force of character; sometimes for good, but often for ill. The average immigrant will make a good citizen provided that the American shows him how. But to deal with a man as a "problem," is at once to set him in open hostility to your efforts. The immigrant comes here unconscious of the stir which he has created among the social and political economists. He has come here to make a better living and he generally succeeds, at least in comparison with his old estate.

These immigrants are real flesh and blood people, with human hopes and aspirations, with human needs and human hearts. They are men, and they must be so regarded.

Perhaps it is because this has been recognized by organized labor, that no other institution is doing more to

Americanize the immigrant than the labor union. The public school has its place in educating his children, but he, himself, becomes most familiar with American institutions and customs through the labor organization of which he becomes a member. Here he gets rid of his clannish instinct. He comes to know more about the solidarity of the human race—the brotherhood of man. Here his standard of living is elevated. Here he learns his first lesson in democracy.

To the trades unionist, the immigrant has no romance. Whether he comes from sunny Italy or stormy Russia, he is looked upon as a workingman, void of all sentimentality. What no other organization has been able to accomplish, the labor union has done, by giving him a broader outlook.

REV CHARLES STELZLE.

### THE PRESSMEN.

Only Organization That Can Show Two International Journals.

The Pressmen and Assistants are now enjoying the doubtful luxury of two international journals. A short time ago The Wageworker reported that President Berry had peremptorily ousted Theodore Galoskowsky from the editorship of The American Pressman. Now Galoskowsky shows fight. He claims that under the terms of his five year contract President Berry can not oust him, so he proceeded to get out an "American Pressman" in December—or rather a number in January bearing a December date. President Berry also issued one—and one and one make two. President Berry claims that Galoskowsky violated his contract by publishing matter detrimental to the organization and contrary to the policy of the administration. The result is a very nasty fight that threatens to create a lot of trouble. Galoskowsky is backed by a couple of locals in St. Louis and three or four others elsewhere that fought the eight-hour day strike and assessment and sought to enjoin the officials from enforcing the new order of things. Galoskowsky's "American Pressman" is full of bitter flings at the administration.

The Lincoln local is standing pat with President Berry and his administration, and will watch with interest the outcome of the fight. Galoskowsky announces in his December number that he is out of the editorship, and fills his journal's columns with harsh words for Berry, charging him with highhanded methods, with contract-breaking and various other offenses to numerous to mention.

### GLOVEWORKERS.

Agitating the Question of Organizing a Local in Lincoln.

It may be a surprise to a great many Lincoln unionists to know that there are in the neighborhood of twenty glove-makers engaged at the business in Lincoln. But such is the fact, and these glove-makers are rapidly getting into a frame of mind that will result in an organization of a local union of the craft. The matter is now being talked over, and an effort is soon to be made to secure the services of an organizer.

One employer is very favorable to the organization, feeling that it will be a big boost for his business in Nebraska if he can advertise "union-made" gloves and prove it by showing the label.

The attention of the Central Labor Union is called to this craft. The central body will find it a good field in which to do a little organization work.

### LOOKS LIKE IT.

And now the United States supreme court, by another five-to-four decision, has held the employers' liability law, one passed in the interest and for the benefit of millions of poor workingmen, to be unconstitutional. It is such decisions as these that lend plausibility to the idea that any law beneficial to corporations of one sort or another is always constitutional, but a law to benefit the toiling masses, and give them a little greater measure of justice, is sure to be unconstitutional. —Portland, (Ore.) Daily Journal.

### YOU BET IT DOES.

It pleased me to read the paragraphs from the Lincoln Wageworker's plumbers' column. The plumbers and fitters' union in Lincoln is the only sister local in Nebraska, and I like to hear from them. Their action in regard to their Labor Temple speaks good of them.—Plumber Department, Omaha Western Laborer.

### LAYS OFF ITALIANS.

John D. Rockefeller has laid off all of the Italians employed on his Pocantico Hills estate in New York and will fill their places with needy residents, preference being given to married men. Three hundred Italians were discharged and as many resident citizens given work immediately.

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