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JUDAS GETS HIS SILVER.
Daniel J. Keefe, president of the Longshoremen's Union, and formerly a vice-president of the American Federation of Labor, has been appointed commissioner of immigration by President Roosevelt. This is in conformity with a plan arranged by Roosevelt during the campaign—and then denied by him.

The price of Keefe's treachery as an official of the American Federation of Labor and a representative of organized labor was a political job. Having agreed to the political plan of the Federation, and having with his own hand signed the official pronouncement, Keefe sold out to Roosevelt. This labor Judas has received his silver. He has been paid the price of his treachery. He was bought like a sheep in the shambles. By whom? Theodore Roosevelt.

And Dan Keefe, hired to play the traitor, stands just as high in the estimation of honest workers as the man who made the bargain and paid him the price. Immediately after Keefe made his treachery known it was charged that he had been offered the position made vacant by the death of Frank P. Sargent, the office to be the price of his treachery. Keefe denied it. Secretary Loeb denied it. Theodore Roosevelt denied it. And now comes the appointment to prove that the word of Keefe, Loeb and Roosevelt is such as to fit them for active members of the Ananias Club.

When Judas betrayed his Master he had the grace to be so ashamed of himself that he went out and hanged himself. Dan Keefe will not measure up to the standard of Judas. He will not hang himself. He will glory in his shame. And the man who bought him will continue to pose as the great moral exemplar of the nation, the great foe of the prevaricator, the virile enemy of the wrongdoer. We repeat it—Dan Keefe, the purchased, is not one whit worse in his treachery than Theodore Roosevelt, the man who handed over the purchase price.

O, DOUBLE FUDGE!
The official journal of the Piano, Organ and Musical Instrument Workers' Union was one of the official journals of trades unionism that bitterly opposed the political plan of the American Federation of Labor. It, at least, must be given credit for being willing to say its say, and not hide under cover like some other official organs while yelling to the labor papers to "go it!"

But the P. O. & M. I. Journal was not content with opposing the "Gompers' Plan." It ridiculed it to the limit of its vocabulary. Now it calls it the "Gompers' fiasco" and offers this bit of post-election advice: "To Mr. Gompers and other leaders of labor we venture this advice: Urge labor to stand on its own bottom, economically and politically; let it strike politically as you would have it strike economically. Urge the formation of a political party of by and for labor." The utter foolishness of such advice is at once manifest to one who delves a little into political statistics. There are approximately 16,000,000

voters in this country—voters who vote. Of this number less than 6 per cent belong to trades unions. Now wouldn't a political party numbering 800,000 votes cut a tremendous lot of ice politically? But, the P. O. & M. I. Journal may say that it refers to all workers. If so, all the more foolish. If it is impossible to persuade 800,000 well organized and comparatively well disciplined men to vote as a unit, in heaven's name how can we expect to persuade four or five million unorganized and undisciplined men to vote together along industrial lines? If we can not organize them, how in the name of high heaven can we persuade them to vote right?

The only way organized men can hope to win politically is to solidify their votes, not as partisans but as union men, and by holding the balance of power compel the majority parties to make terms. That was the "Gompers plan." And that sensible plan is the one bitterly opposed by the official journal of the Musical Instrument Workers on the silly plea that it wanted an independent labor party. It is so easy to say, "vote together." But if men could see their own interests and act in accordance therewith, there would be no political parties, no religious sects, no rich, no poor.

An independent labor party would be easily organized. But its success would be what the late Senator Ingalls called "a d—d iridescent dream." Labor will come into its own politically only when it acts independently, and by thus acting forces the leaders in partisan politics to deal with organized labor.

DEPUTY LABOR COMMISSIONER.
The editor of The Wageworker has been appointed deputy commissioner of the state bureau of Labor and Statistics by Governor-elect A. C. Shallenberger. Something more may be said later concerning this matter, but at this time the editor desires merely to say this: It will be his aim and effort to so conduct the affairs of the office as to benefit the workers of the state, reflect credit upon the appointing power and credit upon the appointee. He believes that the best way to "play politics" in the office will be to make the office of real service to those for whom the office was created. John J. Ryder, who now occupies the position, and whom this editor will succeed, has performed splendid service under adverse conditions. What he has accomplished will better enable his successor to make the bureau what it should be. And Mr. Ryder has set a pace which his successor realizes will make him "go some" to equal or excel.

The appointment of W. B. Rose to be a judge of the Nebraska supreme court seems to spell trouble for Senator Elmer J. Burkett, the gentleman who slapped organized labor by foisting one of its bitterest enemies upon it. The gas company may be able to find a man who can fill Homer Honeywell's shoes, but if it does it will be mighty lucky. Here's hoping it will, purely for the good of gas users. The Ohio courts have decided that a contract calling for the union label is void. But that's only another move in the game that is being played with the workers for pawns.

By the way, the man who is in the habit of yelling "liar" often and vociferously is quite apt to be something of a prevaricator himself. Now wouldn't you rather be Samuel Gompers barred from the White House than Daniel Keefe elevated to a fat job by Roosevelt?

Yes, thank you; The Wageworker will go right ahead—only it will try to be a little better, and of vastly more service. In that Keefe matter somebody lied, and it wasn't Tim Healey, who charged that a deal had been made. Benedict Arnold Keefe didn't cut much ice at Denver, but he seems to have found congenial company at last.

Funny stunt! The Lincoln Ad Club boosting for Lincoln and smoking foreign made cigars at its suppers. If you buy your Christmas goods of Wageworker advertisers you will make no mistake.

Also, too, and by the way, you can get Christmas goods that bear the union label. Editor McEwan of the Duluth Labor World has been appointed labor com-

missioner of Minnesota by Governor John A. Johnson. And Editor Kennedy of the Omaha Western Laborer drew a farm in the Tripp county land lottery. Gosh! And after all these years they begin to come the labor editor's way.

Buy your Christmas presents early in the week and early in the day, and of merchants who advertise in The Wageworker. Give the clerks a chance to have some part in the season of good will. On the level, now, was Dan Keefe the first one of the Federation officials to be approached with that little office bribe?

What's the matter with organizing a state federation of labor? Now what shall be done for the president of Charley Post's engineers' union? Isn't he deserving of something equally good? Merchants who advertise in a paper printed for workingmen are the employees who deserve the patronage of workingmen.

THE LEATHERWORKERS.
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Windy City, decided that the firm was entirely in the wrong, their actions being even condemned by the Manufacturers' Association, in which they held membership. The result of his efforts was that the strike was settled satisfactorily and all the employees resumed work last Monday morning. Capital Auxiliary. Capital Auxiliary No. 11 meets Wednesday, December 9, with Mrs. George Freeman, 2361 Lynn street, Traction Vine street car passes the door. The semi-annual election of officers will take place at this meeting, and a large attendance is requested. Patronize Wageworker advertisers.



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