CAUSE OF THE TROUBLE.

The Lancaster, Pa., Leader Finds a

Deep-Rooted Cause for Hard Times. We are once more experiencing the ef similar in character to the panics of preparasites who are backed by such a powerful ally as the daily press. Extreme after a resumption of business we find that the number of people into whose hands lies the power to control the financiall affairs of the world has been reduced. There are persons who pretend to believe that the fact that the wealth of the world is rapidly being concentrated into hands of a few men is all buncombenotably the editors of the daily papers. who are continually telling us that we must get rid of the 53 cent dollar, and the way to do it, they say, is by repealing what is known as the Sherman silver the repeal of this law is all that is necessary to bring about a general state f that threaten us at the present time. This, however is not the cause, but as world has yet seen. stated above, it is due to the skillful manipulation of the medium of exchange by thing, and the history of the future will an extremely small minority of the be, must be, made by the people—the world's population. This is a fact, and a common people. In all the nations the monstrous wrong that is being perpe- leaven is working toward an amelioration trated upon the people. Who then is responsible for such a condition of affairs? jority of mankind are existing, and the We are loth to admit it is the people indications are that the people who live themselves that are to blame. You, workingmen, and those of you who are in business in a small way, are the guilty that we of today, were the changes prophones. Year in and year out you are com- esled, would regard them as chimerical plaining of the hardships you are contin- and visionary romance. ually encountering. Year by year the crushed by that huge octopus interest, whose slimy arms extend over the entire You have been told time and again, yet you who boast of freedom are bound in worse than chattel slavery. In your sober moments you resolve to use your right to vote independently. You are convinced noble resolve uppermost in your mind you are heard proclaiming your disgust with the manner in which the people are being fleeced of the wealth they create. the injustice of our political institutions your old time party paper. In it you see the dollar will not be the victor. it stated that the condition of the country For great occasions are great men With the demands formulated in their this nonsense about equality you have of humanity. been preaching is simply anarchy, socialism, communism, or some other kind of ism, and you scratch your head, and economical and industrial conditions. while you still admit that something is what you get!

Victims of Necessity.

The San Francisco branch of the W. C. T. U. is making an effort to resecue the women and girls employed in the drinking dives of the city. At a recent meeting called to discuss the subject a young Swedish woman, married and of respectiable social standing, reyears in the dives of New York and three a day of leisure every day. months in San Francisco. In summing up the facts adduced from her personal observation she said:

"Young girls from Sweden are systemdives and kept there. They know that in the old country respectable women work as waitresses where beer is sold, and men who patronize them are respectable. The different condition of the American dive is not understood, and the victims readily accept the flattering offer. They come and cannot get away again. When they become disgusted and alarmed, they tell the proprietors—their captors—that they want to get away. But they are only laughed at and told that they can do nothing else; that nobody else will employ a girl who has worked in a dive. They are made to understand they are leading wrong lives, and their lives are made wrong. What can they do, where can they go, helpless and alone in a strange land where their language is not spoken?"

Paternalism.

Did some body say paternalism? Do they know what it means? Is a fatherly affection such a terrible nightmare? Are those who speak averse to taking office? They want the masses to be opposed to the public conducting business and furnisning employment, but they are all auxious to draw public pap. Their action gives the lie to their words. It would be a good thing for all if the public furnish employment in the creation of wealth. which, when created, would belong to the workers instead of the trusts. Tausts are more than paternal—they are infernal. Like interest, they never sleep. Sick or PENDENT.

well they are sucking away the substance of the people. Working for these machines is not paternalism, oh no! The and judicature," says ex-Senator John J. workers have become part of the machine, Ingalls, "for six centuries has been steadwith uo alternative but to obey or starve. ily and relentlessly hostile to organized fects of a general business depression They have no voice in the matter as they labor. Invidious distinctions have been would have if their work was of public made between those who hire and those vious years, inasmuch as it is brought conduct. They are now children of a who are hired. Wageworkers have been about by a shrewd manipulation of the beast bound to obey the beast or be eaten. reluctantly emancipated from the degradmonetary system by a small coterie of Men who oppose a thing simply because ing conditions of inferiority and servi somebody calls it "paternal" are as fool- tude. Even in this country, where class ish as little children who are frightened distinctions are abolished and all men are business stagnation such as the present by a "bugaboo." Shame that men should ostensibly equal before the law, it has only occurs periodically, but invariably be so easily duped.—The Coming Nation. been difficult to be just. The legislature

In a Hundred Years.

We of the pineteenth century now drawing to a close ask ourselves: What changes will the world experience in the social and political autonomy in the next 100 years? What will be the history of The punishment of the employer for the twentieth century, and who will make that history?

In the past great movements have often been wrought by the predominance of the part of the workman the penalty was ope man, ambitious and autocratic, who for his own aggrandizement has caused purchase law. If this were a fact, and the blood of thousands to flow like water and in the pursuance of his own selfish ends has created for mankind a thousand tenderness, partiality and clemency are prosperity, what an easy thing it would woes. Such a man was Napoleon, the be to remedy the very serious condi ions greatest accretion of conceit, unscrupulousuess, arrogance and knavery that the The fundamental error of employers is

> The time has gone past for this sort of of the conditions under which the maat the end of the twentieth century will see a world so different in its essentials the United States mean greater activity in

Though many predict that certain bonds of poverty are tightening about changes in the history of the world, which you. Why is it? You are being slowly now seem to be inevitable, will not take place without bloodshed and struggle, the very idess that gave rise to these changes world. Its grip'is growing stronger with prove that the world is becoming better each succeeding panic. You know this, instead of worse, liberal instead of conservative, generous rather than selfish.

Today most men believe that every man should not only theoretically have the right of "life, liberty and the pursuit of happiness," but that he should be subthat it is time to call a halt. With this ject only to conditions tending to conservation of those rights.

there be-which God forbid-will not be Foolish and ineffectual remedies for adbattles between nations, of potentate If you happen to be a member of organ- against potentate. They will be the vecated. Indefensible wrongs dictated ized labor, you may be heard denouncing struggle of brother sgainst brother, labor by passion and revenge occasionally against capital, of the sweat of a man's allenate public sympathy, but much of on the floor at your meetings; but alas! brew against the almighty dollar, and if the beneficial legislation that has conwhat a change comes over you when that spirit speaks truly which breathes tributed largely to an industrial progress election time comes along. You read its influence on the eve of all great events and the amelioration of social conditions

demands your support for the old party. made. The great men of the future will It may be perhaps that the tariff is to be arise as they are needed and their achieve- able distribution of the burdens and attacked or a force bill enacted. This ments will not be for their own individyou are told will work incalculable harm ual aggrandizement, but for the forwardto you individually. You are told that all ing of all the better and larger interests

During the next hundred years there will be great revolutions in our social,

It will be remembered that Edward wrong, you make up your mind to vote Bellamy, in "Looking Backward," claimed the old ticket, and thus perpetuate one that the changes he foresaw would all of the most damnable systems imagina- transpire within a hundred years. ble; and all this because you are afraid Though it is probable the world will not of being called an anarchist. Fools that advance directly along the line which he and violent propagandism of dynamite you are, you deserve nothing better than predicted, yet doubtless as great changes as he foresaw will be effected.

At the end of the twentieth century it is probable that men will not be satisfied with an eight hour labor day. No one will then work more than five hours at labor which procures him a livelihood, attendance was not just what it should The rest of the time will be devoted to have been, but enthusiasm was manifest social and intellectual improvement.

Men invent machines that men themselves may not work. At the end of the lated her experience as a waitress for five twentieth century all men will claim half tics," by George Daggett; "The Tax

in the twentieth century, but they will be Political Parties," Ed. N. Thacker; "Our OSt. such destructive ones that all nations will Monetary System," Fred W. Kent; "The become afraid of war, and consequently Initiative and Referendum," C. A. Cook: atically decoyed to America, placed in the all war will be abolished. All this may "The Benefits of a Shorter Hour," J. W. happen within a century.

May the history of the twentieth cen tury read fair, and may it not be written named. None of the sperches extended with the sword .- S. Watterson Ford in over ten minutes in length, and all were Yankee Blade.

debt next year by letting him have a hun- lingman. dred bushels of wheat, and before payday comes around he secures the passage the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Join of a law changing the "standard bushel" ers of America, had been expected as the from thirty-two quarts to sixty four, you speaker of the evening, but he was still would probably call him a knave and a suffering from the effect of a railroad robber. But this is exactly what the smash up near Philadelphia some three shylocks are doing in exacting the gold weeks ago, and at the last moment found standard.-Chicago Standard.

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Among the Carpenters.

and anarchy."

The opening meeting of the Carpenters Union Thursday evening was one of the most successful of the series. The on all the subjects discussed.

Among the subjects taken up by the speakers was "The Union Man in Poli-System," by President Johnstone: "Into There will probably be some great wars Politics," C. E. Woodard; "Divorce from Vogan. Other gentlemen present spoke in a discursive manner on the subjects punctuated with the enthusiasm of earnestness in the cause of the betterment of If you agree this year to pay a man a the conditions that surround the work-

Mr. S. J. Kent, general organizer of that he was too weak to attend. Mr. George Daggett offered the following resolution, which was adopted :

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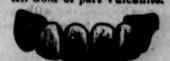
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