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When the Sleeper Awakes.

By common consent John Mason was the leader among the shopmen of the P., D. & Q. railroad. The union, of course, had its officials, but even the officials listened to the advice of John Mason. Nor had he ever been known to advise wrong on matters pertaining to their individual or union welfare.

Cool, calm, conservative, and industrious to the last degree, John Mason was just the kind of man to gain the confidence of all who came in contact with him. This is why the shopmen were depending on Mason to lead them right in the important matter then under discussion.

For several months the shopmen had been considering the matter of asking for higher wages. They knew that they deserved an increase, but experience had taught them the difficulty of securing it from the grasping managers, whose sole thought seemed to be to grind the employees down to the last notch and swell the dividends up to the highest notch.

"We've got to move carefully, boys," said Mason at the conclusion of the meeting that had voted to demand an increase and to strike if their demands were denied. "There's a new influence at work in behalf of the bosses—federal injunctions. We'd better do a little more planning before we act."

And it was then and there decided to hold another meeting to discuss ways and means before the demand was submitted.

"Boys," said John Mason, looking out over the sea of faces in the hall, "we are entitled to better wages. Living expenses have increased while our wages have remained stationary. The road is making more money than ever before, while the men are really getting less. It's time to make the move we long have contemplated."

"Brother Mason is right," said the president. "We have decided to demand an increase and back up our demand by a strike if it is refused. What is your pleasure?"

"I move that—" began a member.

"Just a moment, please, Mr. President," said Mason. "I want to give a bit of advice. I am chairman of the committee to consult the management. I suggest that my committee be given three days in which to make this demand, and that it be given authority to act as it sees fit."

"We have the utmost confidence in John Mason," shouted a member. "I move we give the committee what he asks for."

"Second the motion!"

And the motion carried unanimously.

"Your honor," said John Mason, standing before the desk of Judge Rightem, federal judge in and for the Tenth federal district, "I am no lawyer. I am only a hard working mechanic. But I come here before you as the representative of 700 mechanics employed in the shops of the P., D. & Q. railroad. We are not getting the wages we are entitled to. We want more."

"Your honor, we are about to submit our demands to our employers. Unless something is done our demands will be refused. We know that

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By WILL M. MAUPIN.

a hint of our purpose has been given to our employers and we know that they have decided to resist us. Now—

"Am I to understand that your employers have got together and decided in advance to resist your demands for an increase in wages?" queried the judge.

"I have no direct knowledge that such is the case, your honor," replied Mason. "But I have heard it on what I deem good authority that such is the decision already made."

"Well, proceed."

"Your honor, representing 700 fellow workmen I have come before you this morning to pray for a writ of injunction."

"What is the purpose of the injunction you seek, Mr. Mason?"

"Your honor, we have been reading about injunctions issued in cases similar to ours, although we have been unable to find any precedent for the one we are about to ask. Now we—"

"This court, Mr. Mason, is not bound by precedent. It is bound only by law and justice."

"Thank you, your honor. We have learned to believe as much, and that's why we have appeared before you. We pray for the issuance of a writ restraining our employers from refusing to accede to our demands."

"Mr. Mason, your request is proper and a temporary writ will be issued, returnable within one week from today. The managers of the P., D. & Q. railroad will be cited to appear and show cause why the temporary order should not be made permanent."

"We thank you, your—"

"The court deserves no thanks for doing its duty, Mr. Mason. The court is here to deal out justice. If it is proper for a court to issue an order restraining employees from striking for higher wages, it is certainly proper for a court to issue an order restraining employers from getting together and agreeing to refuse a demand for higher wages. The clerk will immediately enter the writ and the marshal will see that it is served without delay upon the managers of the—"

"John! John! Wake up, John," cried Mrs. Mason. "It's time you were going to the union meeting."

"All right, Mary. Jemiminy, I didn't think I had been sleeping so long. Well, good-bye, Mary."

"What are you going to do, John?" "I guess we're in for a long fight, my dear. But we've got justice on our side and maybe we'll win."

"I hope so, John," said Mrs. Mason, wearily, "but with the power of the courts against you the chance is slim."

"Well, we'll hope for the best, dear. Good-bye."

Plodding sturdily down the street toward the union's hall, John Mason pondered deeply. Suddenly he squared his shoulders and clenched his fists.

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