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THE PROBLEM OF IMMIGRATION.

It behooves the union men of the country to give some attention to the problem of immigration.

The huge corporations are importing foreign laborers faster than we can unionize them, and faster than the country can assimilate them.

The corporations have a two-fold purpose in this.

Firstly—It tends to batter down the average of wages, thus allowing the corporations to make larger profits.

Secondly—It helps in the scheme of destroying the labor unions, which will permit the corporation a still wider margin of profits.

A few years ago—comparatively—we were howling strenuously against the importation of Chinese cheap labor. A few thousand Chinamen came into the country and made things bad for a comparatively limited area. Of course the Pacific coast workmen kicked. The cry was taken up all over the country, and labor everywhere howled for an exclusion act. The daily press carefully fostered the discontent, and the great corporations helped it along. And while we were giving all our attention to the Chinaman the corporations were importing hundreds of thousands of ignorant and degraded Europeans through Castle Garden and flooding the country with a class of labor as bad or worse than the Chinaman.

The corporations played us for suckers on that Chinese exclusion business.

Now there is a great howl going up against the importation of Japanese labor. The corporations will help us howl, for they don't like the Jap. He catches on to American ways too readily. So the corporations help us howl ourselves hoarse against the Jap, and while we are doing it the corporations are importing a worse element at the rate of 10,000 a day.

The minute, however, that a man protests against this flood of immigration he is called a "know-nothing," and men whom he is trying to help join with the Parryites in cursing him. The Parryites carefully foster the "know-nothing" idea. It helps them in their business.

As long as it was a question of helping Europeans to a higher order of things by giving them the glad hand at Castle Garden, everything was all right.

Now it is a question of keeping ourselves from being dragged down by the flood of cheap labor being poured into the country.

Sentiment is all well enough, but it is well to be practical at times.

If the flood of immigration is not dammed up it is going to submerge the American workingman, and in a few short years labor conditions in this republic will be on a par with labor conditions in Europe.

This would suit the Parryites to a dot. They are working to that very end, and as long as they can keep us excited about the "yellow peril" and forgetful of the "white peril," the nearer they will come to achieving their object.

The foreigner who comes to this country to become an American citizen to adopt American manners and customs and enjoy the American standard of living, will always be welcomed. But for each one of such there are a thousand who never become Americanized and who are content to live as they have always lived just so they escape military conscription. That class of immigration is a menace to our free institutions.

One can travel for days through the mining regions of Pennsylvania and Virginia and never hear the English language spoken. In those regions squalor reigns supreme, ignorance is fostered because education would mean protest; political corruption runs riot and American ideas are hooted and reviled. The same is true in many sections of the great cities.

The wares of the great manufacturers are protected by a tariff, but the American workingman must compete with the cheap labor imported by the thousands into the country.

What are we going to do about it?

Will we continue to howl about the "yellow peril" while the corporations bring in Europeans on the other side?

Will we continue to be hornsogged by the astute Parryites?

Will we ever wake up?

The enemies of organized labor don't give a tinker's dam for all our protests and resolutions and complaints. As long as they can keep us busy, protesting and framing resolutions and complaining they will have us where Caleb had the hen.

What they are afraid of is that we will wake up some day and go to voting as unanimously as we are now complaining and "resolving" and protesting.

In war it is a maxim that it is best to find out just what the enemy expects you to do, and then do something else—and do it quick.

Let's do "something else."

Let's go to voting right for a while.

SOME ADVICE.

If you are interested in hampering the work of organization here is some good advice. By acting on the advice here given you can do a great deal towards hindering the cause, and be of material assistance to the eminent gentlemen who are banded together for the purpose of knocking out the labor unions. The Parryites carefully nurture the union men who assist them.

When you see a union man exerting every effort to advance the cause of unionism, just rear up on your hind legs and holler—"Grafter!"

Whenever you hear a union man protesting against existing

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political conditions and urging working men to get together at the polls, open up your vociferous yawn and yell—

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Whenever you see a union man trying to show his fellows the folly of bigoted partisanship, get red in the face and shout—

"Tin horn politician."

Whenever you see a union man fighting the "free and easy" methods of unionism and insisting upon business methods, get right out on the floor of the meeting and holler—

"Knocker!"

Whenever you see a union man fighting the battles of unionism, don't rush to his assistance, but stand off with a sneer on your mug and tell everybody you meet that he is—

"Making a good thing off of the unions."

By carefully following this advice you will be of material assistance to the enemies of unionism, and at the same time you will achieve the reputation of being "too conservative to agitate."

You can accomplish a whole lot by doing these things—but what you accomplish will not be beneficial to either your union or to yourself.

The rich men of Lincoln have acquired their wealth by reason of the toil and sweat of the men who have remained poor. This is not to the discredit of the rich men, nor to the poor men. But couldn't the rich men, in order to show their appreciation, be willing to pay taxes for the purpose of benefiting the men who have made them rich? Lincoln must have a city park worthy of the name.

The son of a Chicago millionaire got drunk on champagne one day last week, and while in a maudlin condition was relieved of his watch and chain. The striking teamster who bought the young man the champagne, and who is therefore responsible, will be arrested as soon as he is located.

A kitchen range in a Chicago millionaire's mansion exploded one day last week, doing considerable damage to the kitchen and the imported chef. The striking teamster responsible for the awful crime is known and will soon be arrested.

The man who has nothing to arbitrate is usually the man who is so badly in the wrong that he is willing for the public to know the real facts.

The man who starts out looking for trouble usually finds it just about to enter his own door.

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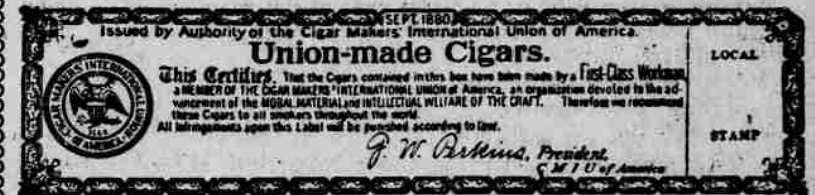
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