

# THE WAGEWORKER

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## THE IMMIGRATION THAT THREATENS.

Under date of Washington, September 18, the following appeared in the dispatches to the daily newspapers of the county, with headlines that called especial attention thereto:

The annual convention of the American federation of labor in Pittsburg in November, according to President Gompers, will take a pronounced position on Mongolian labor, including Chinese, Japanese and Korean, and will insist on rigid exclusion.

There they go again—playing into the hands of the wily corporation managers who own the mills and mines of the east.

This everlasting howl about "yellow labor" makes us tired.

Of course we are opposed to Chinese cheap labor—or any other kind of "cheap labor." But "Chinese cheap labor" is a comparatively small menace.

There are other and worse kinds of "cheap labor."

And as long as the corporation managers can keep Samuel Gompers and John Mitchell and other labor leaders howling all the time against the Chinese and Japs, there will be no howl against the importation of the scum of creation from Europe.

It isn't importation of yellow laborers on the western coast that is hurting. It is the importation of white laborers on the eastern coast.

The cry against "yellow labor" was raised by men who wanted to distract attention from their own nefarious work of importing Huns and Finns and Slavs recruited from the ignorant, debased and criminal classes of those countries. And American labor, which prides itself on its intelligence, has been deceived into taking up the cry and devoting its attention to the Pacific coast ports while the Atlantic coast ports have been congested with imported laborers who are a constant menace not only to wages and the American standard of living, but to the republic itself.

The American Federation of Labor will meet in Pittsburg, a city that sits in the very midst of a region infested with the cheapest, the most degraded and the most ignorant foreign labor that exists in this country. And yet its leaders announce that they will neglect to take cognizance of this fact and will devote their attention to howling about the menace of "Mongolian labor!"

It is enough to make any thoughtful man sick at heart.

For every Chinaman that may break in along the Pacific coast a hundred pauper and criminal contract white laborers will be imported along the Pacific coast by the mill and mine owners of the east.

The Chinaman comes over and works until he can save enough to take him back to China—and it does not take him long. The degraded white man from the degraded principalities of Europe comes over, and he not only remains here until death, but brings over his equally degraded relatives by the score, and they never become Americanized, never rise in the scale of intelligence, never contribute to the well being of the republic. On the contrary they are constantly degrading American labor to their own standard and doing the will of their heartless and grasping employers.

For God's sake, Gompers and Mitchell, quit playing catspaw for the capitalistic monkeys! Give a little more attention to the sweat shops and tenements of the east, to the mining districts of Pennsylvania and the Virginias, and a little less to the broad prairies and towering mountains of the west where there is yet room for millions.

The Chinaman is bad enough from the labor standpoint, and he should be excluded. But in heaven's name quit trembling at the "yellow peril" long enough to throw a few shudders over the "white peril."

## GNAT STRAINING AND CAMEL SWALLOWING.

The Wagoner stands for a bigger, better and more beautiful Lincoln, but it aims to be sensible about it. For this reason it deprecates the crusade which has resulted in the destruction of illuminated signs that beautified the city and left unmolested the unsightly poles. The Armstrong Clothing company was compelled to take down a handsome sign that carried 200 incandescent lights and added to the beauty and the illumination of the street, and on the same block a dozen unsightly, rotting, discolored and crooked telephone, trolley and electric light poles were left standing. The Lyric theatre was compelled to take down a handsome sign that carried 150 lights, but within ten feet of where it stood are three or four unsightly poles that were unmolested. The removal of these signs have only emphasized the unsightliness of the poles that are permitted to stand like a forest along O street.

Of course the ordinance should be enforced as long as it stands, but why not act sensibly and so amend the ordinance as to permit signs which not only attract the eye and light up the streets, but actually add to the beauty of the city? To chop down a magnificent sign like Armstrong's and leave a score of unsightly poles standing on the same block is too much like straining at a gnat and swallowing a camel.

The Oliver had a beautiful electric sign attached to a telephone pole. The sign had to come down, the result being a dark corner at night and an unsightly bare telephone pole during the day. The municipal throat which choked at the gnat swallowed the camel without a struggle.

Let's have a more beautiful Lincoln instead of a city set in the midst of a forest of bare poles.

The judge on the bench who accepts a pass is no better than the juror in the box who accepts a cash bribe.

Post makes a "Report to the People." But we would take more interest in a report that his divorced wife could make if she would.

The eight hour day is coming—but not to stay. When things are equalized no man will have to work eight hours a day to make a good living.

What's the matter with a few open meetings of wage earners during the winter. Let's study conditions a little more and try to ascertain where the trouble lies.

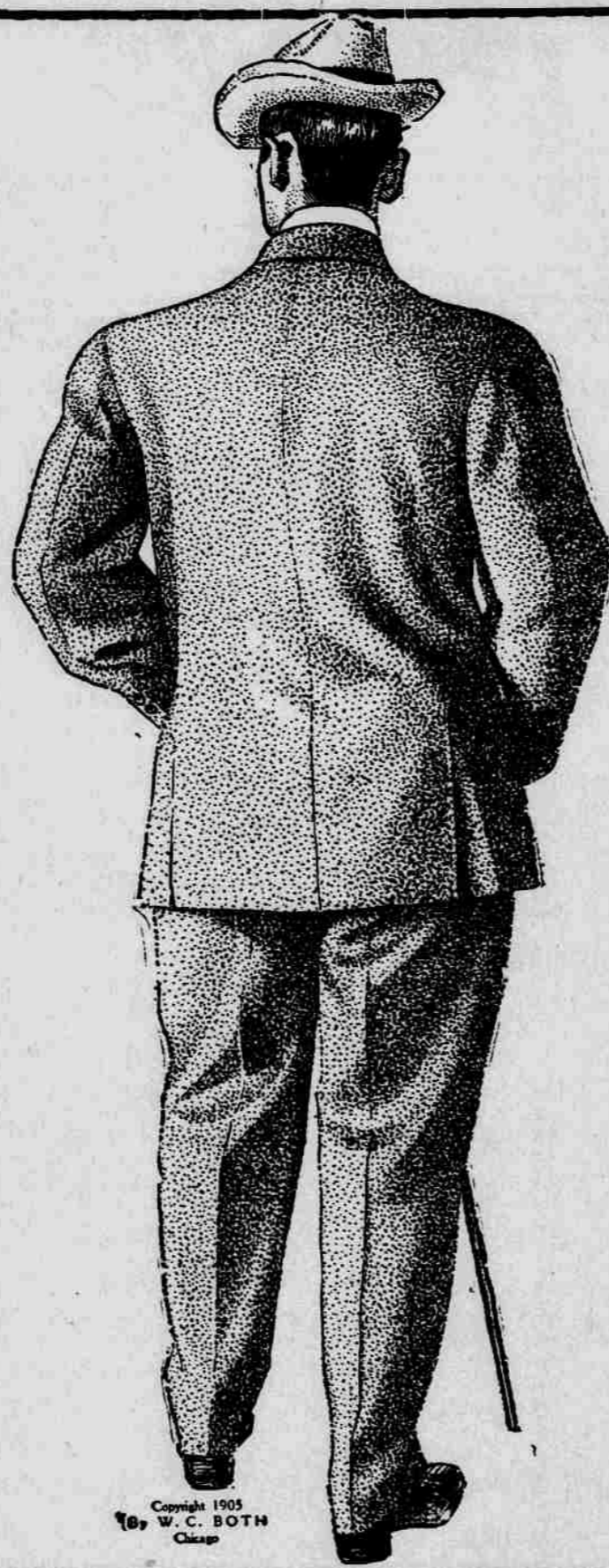
Did you ever see a convention of workmen as eager to do the bidding of their employers as the average political convention is to do the bidding of the corporations?

"If you won't send me a dollar for my imitation food, for God's sake send me a dollar anyhow. My former stenographer is demanding some more new Paris finery."—C. W. Post.

"Send me fifty cents for my paper, 'The Square Deal,' shouts Gripe Nuts Post. We'll split the difference with Post and send him a quarter if he'll give his former wife a "square deal."

Chicago society women, with tears in their beautiful eyes and hearts throbbing beneath silks and satins and jewels, have founded a home for cats and dogs. There are more hungry children in Chicago than there are hungry cats and dogs.

The government is building fine hotels and furnishing entertainment and amusement for the Panama canal workers. What is the government doing for the sweat shop, mill and mine workers of the United States who live in hovels, starve on insufficient food and



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# The Armstrong Sack Suit

## The Three-Button Sack

A trifle shorter than other sacks and hold a little closer to conservatism.

## The English Sack

The Suit for the man who relies on his clothes to set off every ounce of vigor and character he possesses—very popular with the men of the colleges and the free-stepping, athletic, open air set.

## The Double Breasted

Brisk and active in tone with a fair swing of vigor and good health about it.

## Materials

Fine, smooth and rough finished, mixed fabrics, grey, brown and green effects and the ever popular blue and black in fine thibets, unfinished worsteds and smooth finished worsteds.

Suit of Fine and Finest Grade at  
\$10, \$12.50, \$15, \$18, \$20 \$22.50, \$25,  
\$27.50 and \$30.

# Armstrong Clothing Co.

GOOD CLOTHES MERCHANTS

## The Linen and Domestic Sale

Continues for the balance of this week only, therefore do not delay in making your Fall purchases at your earliest convenience.

### HERE ARE A FEW OF THE SPECIALS OFFERED

#### Table Damask

72-inch Half Bleached German Table Damask—one of the best qualities—usually sells at 50c—sale price ..... 33c  
72-inch Bleached Pure Linen Damask in elegant quality and design—This Linen is an exceptionally choice number—usually sells at 85c—extra special at ..... 49c

#### Outing Flannels

Light Outing Flannels of good quality in all colors—light checks or stripes—on sale now ..... 4c  
Dark Outing Flannels on sale now at ..... 3 3/4c

#### Towels

One-fourth off on large lot of towels, consisting of fine Damask Towels, Bath and Huck Towels, ranging in price from 12 1/2c to 50c. All go at sale price ..... 1/4 OFF

#### Bed Spreads

Large size, extra heavy quality, very firm—never sells at less than \$1.00—a large assortment—on sale, each ..... 71c

#### Tray Cloths

Tray Cloths that usually sell at 25c—hemstitched all around—beautiful new patterns—on sale now at ..... 15c

#### Dresser Scarfs

Hemstitched Dresser Scarfs with beautiful border design in Fleur de Lis. Considering this one of the latest importations—perfect in every particular—you will find this a great bargain at, sale price 23c

#### Napkin Special

We have purchased a large quantity of All Linen Napkins. These come in half dozen lots and will be offered at the remarkable saving price, per lot ..... 25c

#### New Percales

One of the best Percales on the market will be offered during this sale at ..... 7 1/2c and 9 1/2c  
New Percales, double fold, elegant dark colors—on sale now ..... 5c

#### Table Cloths

Hemstitched Sets with Napkins to match—elegant qualities—regular \$4.25 sets now at 1/4 OFF ..... \$3.19  
Table Cloths of all sizes, plain hemmed—elegant patterns, prices ranging from \$1.25 to \$5.00—all to sell during this sale at 1/4 OFF

## The Blanket Sale

....ONE-FOURTH OFF....

Should be of special interest to every housekeeper—exceptionally low prices made just at the time you want to buy them. The assortments were so large that the first day's sale has not disturbed the varieties in the least. Every Blanket is perfect and of the latest pattern. Some are slightly soiled, but so slight that the immense reduction will more than repay your taking advantage of this fortunate purchase. Included are all styles of Fancies, brib, gray and white, in all sizes from 10-4 to 12-4.

## Coat and Suit Section Sale

Our Fall Lines have been greatly enlarged this season, and we have therefore placed ourselves under great difficulties in showing the immense assortments in the same amount of space of last year.

Owing to the unfavorable weather our stocks are now larger than the room permits, and it is for this reason that we must dispose of some lines immediately to make room for other shipments that are about to arrive. Therefore, take advantage of this sale—Everything offered is new and select and the prices are extremely low.

Petticoats, black and mercerized, pleated bottoms—always sold at \$1.00. Special price . . . . .	\$3.75 values . . . . . 95c
Children's Jackets, White Pique—only a few left—regular \$1.25 and \$1.00 values. This sale . . . . .	Ladies' Linen Box Coats, trimmed with braid; neat, attractive and well made. This special sale . . . . . 95c
Children's Broadcloth Jackets, assorted . . . . .	\$3.75 and \$4.00 values . . . . . 95c
Ladies' Gray Covert Coats, in sizes 40, 42, 44. Very Special price . . . . .	Children's Dresses, assorted material—\$1.25 and \$1.50—to close at . . . . . 47c
	We have a very choice line of Ladies' White Linen Coats at very special prices—\$5.00 and \$6.00 values at . . . . . \$1.89

## New Fall Suits Walking Skirts and Petticoats

We have the largest assortment of Skirts in the city. We make a specialty in our lines of . . . . . \$6.75 to \$18.00  
Largest assortment of New Fall Walking Skirts, all the leading designs . . . . . \$5.00 to \$18.00  
Special leaders in Silk Petticoats at unusually low prices—regular \$5 and \$6 skirts—Mercerized, Foot Ruffles, black and colors—their equal can not be found at . . . . . \$3.97  
New Taffeta Silk Petticoats in large assortments of colors and makes. Prices . . . . . \$5.00 to \$20.00  
New Suits for Children and Misses from 6 to 18 years—just the garment for school wear—Russian Blouse with belts, all sizes and colors. Prices— . . . . . \$2.97, \$3.75, \$4.50 up to \$10.00  
New Fall and Winter Coats for Children and Misses. Prices from . . . . . \$2.00 to \$18.00  
One of the new novelties in Children's Coats—a full length, All Wool Cheviot coat, in brown, green, blue and red, with leather collar, cuffs and pockets. Nobby and serviceable. Only . . . . . \$5.00

### A NEW STOCK OF PIANOS

Consisting of many of the Leading makes are now being offered at prices that will attract all interested in buying Pianos. Among the makes we handle are the Kranich & Bach, Kimball, Knabe, etc. We invite you to see these IF INTERESTED.

# H. Herpolsheimer Co.

### MR. TORAZO KATOW

is now teaching Embroidery every day from 9 to 12 a. m. and from 2 to 5 p. m. Mr. Katow has been very favorably known in this city for several years and extends a hearty invitation to both former pupils and all those interested in High Art Needlework. Lessons free ALL WELCOME.