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WILLIAM RANDOLPH HEARST, CHAMPION.

On the first page of this issue The Wageworker presents an editorial which appeared in the Hearst dailies last Sunday, and which was written by William Randolph Hearst.

The Wageworker desires to call this editorial to the attention of its readers for several reasons, the first reason being that it is a forceful presentation of the eight-hour day cause, and second, because it shows that the workmen of the nation have an able and fearless champion in the owner of the greatest newspapers in the world—William Randolph Hearst. Mr. Hearst's stand is not a surprise to those who know him and have watched his course. On the contrary, it was expected that he would take an unequivocal stand in favor of the eight-hour day when the proper time came. And those who read the editorial in question will not be at a loss to understand Mr. Hearst's position. It bears the earmarks of earnestness, and its very foundation is justice and humanity.

William Randolph Hearst is a multi-millionaire, but, praise God, he is not like other young men who have inherited great wealth. Instead of being a lumberer of the earth he is a man with a high mission, and that mission is to be of some benefit to his fellows. His wealth is not an end, but a means to an end. He is using it for the benefit of humanity. With perhaps one or two exceptions, Mr. Hearst has been the most cruelly misjudged man of modern times. He has been accused of insincerity, of inconsistency and of being an anarchist and a disturber. His efforts have been ridiculed and his motives misconstrued. But he has paid no attention to his detractors. He has gone straight ahead. When he was nominated for mayor of New York on an independent ticket, his enemies declared that they could "see his finish." They insisted that he would be buried too deep for the sound of Gabriel's horn to reach his ears. But Hearst fooled them all. In a whirlwind campaign that has never had an equal in an American municipality he assaulted the ranks of arrogant Tammany and won a victory, only to have it wrenched from him by fraud at the ballotbox and servile cringing to corrupt power on the part of the bench. But William Randolph Hearst emerged from that remarkable campaign one of the biggest men in America. Today, more than ever, he is a political factor to be reckoned with, and his great and independent newspapers are engines that must have a clear right-of-way.

Organized labor—indeed, labor whether organized or unorganized—has in this splendid young American editor an able and fearless champion. He is fighting labor's battles with all the power at his command, and he wields a tremendous power. No threats of loss of advertising can intimidate him, for his chain of newspapers is not editorially controlled by the business offices.

And now organized labor owes William Randolph Hearst something. It owes him its patronage and its support. It owes him cordial goodwill.

This humble little labor newspaper extends to Mr. Hearst its thanks and its best wishes. May he live long and prosper.

"SCAB" CHRISTIANS.

The Wageworker has on several occasions taken occasion to talk about the work of the churches—and not always to the satisfaction of the church members. It has criticized the church for many of its sins of omission, and has criticized many ministers for their lack of interest in and knowledge of the condition of the working people. But there is another side of the case and The Wageworker gladly presents it, even if it does "hit the editor" a few times.

Everybody knows what a "scab" is, so there is no use wasting space in a definition of the word. There are "scab" machinists, and "scab" carpenters, and "scabs" in all trades. This being true, why deny that there are "scab" Christians? The Wageworker has contemplated an editorial on this subject for some time, but Rev. Charles Stelzle "beat the editor to it," and as the reverend gentleman can do the job far better than the editor, the latter gladly turns the job over to him. Rev. Mr. Stelzle has the following to say of "scab" Christians:

"To 'scab' on a fellow worker, is in the estimation of the trade unionist very near to committing the unpardonable sin. The term carries with it only contempt. It suggests the parasite—the man or the growth that receives strength and comfort and sometimes life from another without assuming any responsibility and without making any sacrifices.

"There are various kinds of 'scabs.' The genus is not confined to the industrial world. He is found in the church. Sometimes he calls himself a Christian. Frequently he is the most prosperous—financially—in the congregation. His position in the social world has come to him because of his relationship to the church. He really joined the church because of the good society he would get into. It was a cheap deal. His stingy contribution—sometimes wrung from the helpless—may bring him a degree of comfort, but he is a 'scab'—a parasite. He is receiving privileges for which he has not given to the measure of his ability. Not that these privileges are to be denied those who cannot pay for them, but in justice to those who are bearing the burden of the church's work—and most of them are comparatively poor—there must be no shirkers in a movement which has for its supreme object the bettering of mankind's condition.

"But there are others. I am sometimes told that a man need not belong to the church in order to be a Christian. That is true. The church hasn't a monopoly of the Christian men and women. But I want to say that the Christian who is in the church is a 'union' Christian, while the Christian outside of the church is a 'scab' Christian.

"Every charge that you hurl at the head of a 'scab' in the industrial world is a boomerang that swings back upon the professing Christian outside of the church who flatters himself that he is independent of the church. As a Christian he is enjoying privileges which cost the blood of the martyrs. For centuries men and women have been sacrificing themselves in order to give him religious liberty and a comparative Christian civilization. He is today the recipient of countless blessings which come directly as the result of the power and the influence of the church. In all probability he is sending his children to the Sunday school, where they are receiving the only religious training that comes into their lives. He knows the real pleasure and the genuine profit of his training. But so far as he is concerned, he is either indifferent to the claims of the church upon him, or, as is sometimes the case, he is fighting the institution to which he owes some of the best things in his life.

"In a measure, all this applies to every man who is out of the church, but it is especially applicable to him who says that he is a Christian, but who is not identified with that institution.

"A 'scab' Christian! Is there a more contemptible position?"

Funny, isn't it. The man who is employed by a trades union to look after its affairs is a "walking delegate" and therefore a "brutal, degraded, grafting fellow," but the polished gentleman engaged to do similar work for employers' associations is an honorable gentleman.

Three United States senators have been indicted for crime, and two convicted, within the past two years. That is about 2 per cent of the total membership of the senate. You can not find that percentage of criminals in the ranks of organized labor.

If you only will you can be a better union man in 1906 than you were in 1905. And a good start in that direction would be to attend regularly the meetings of your union and pay your dues promptly.

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Men's \$2.00 Underwear.....**\$1.35**
Men's \$2.50 Underwear.....**\$2.00**

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C. L. U. OPEN MEETING.

Committee in Charge Has Arrangements Nearly Completed.

The committee of the Central Labor Union having in charge arrangements for the open meeting next Tuesday night informs The Wageworker that plans are about completed for the affair. The holiday season has interfered considerably with the work of the committee, but it hopes to give those who come an evening of enjoyment. It has been practically decided to have no general program, but to devote a considerable part of the evening to a general discussion of labor union affairs, and the opinions of those present will be asked for. The committee especially urges upon the members of all organizations to be present at Central Labor Union hall on next Tuesday evening and lend assistance in pushing along the good work. There will be some mighty good talks, and refreshments will be served. Don't say you cannot come. Make a little sacrifice for your union and turn out in full force. It will be worth your while.

A LABOR AMENDMENT.

New York Can Now Enact Labor Legislation Despite Subservient Judges.

At the recent election in the state of New York an amendment to the constitution of the state, known as the "labor amendment," was voted upon and carried by a good majority. This amendment empowers the legislature to enact laws regulating the

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number of hours to be worked by, and the amount of wages to be paid to, all employees of the state. This power of the legislature has hitherto been challenged by the courts of the state, as well as by the United States supreme court, with the result that many labor measures enacted by the legislature were subsequently declared by the courts to be unconstitutional. Organized labor of the state now proposes to have all these laws re-enacted, and is besides preparing a few new bills of importance to labor in general to be introduced at the next session of the legislature.—Coast Seaman's Journal.

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