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FELLOW SERVANT DECISION.

Supreme Court Renders a Decision in Favor of the Workingman.

Judge Holmes, of the supreme court of the United States, has handed down an opinion upholding the validity of the Minnesota state law holding railroad companies responsible for injuries done to employes through the carelessness of other employes. Mark M. Kline was employed as an engineer on a road owned by the Minnesota Iron Co., and was injured through the failure of a brakeman to set a switch. The jury in the trial court brought in a verdict for \$5,000, but the judge took the matter into his own hands, and declared the law unconstitutional. The state supreme court reversed the finding, and ordered that the verdict of the jury be carried into effect. The decision has been affirmed.

PROUD OF THEIR STRENGTH.

Labor Members in House of Commons Will Keep on Working.

London, Jan. 21.—Ramsey MacDonald, secretary of the independent labor party, of which James Keir Hardie is chairman, in an interview today claimed that the successes of the laborite candidates in the campaign was due to the fact that his organization had captured the tory workingmen who for the first time had realized the possibility of being represented in parliament by men of their own class and of their own selection, pledged to act and to vote in absolute independence of all other parties. He said the members of the independent wing of the laborite party elected already numbered twenty-three, and that by the time the elections had been concluded they probably would number twenty-seven with the support of 165 trades unions representing a membership of nearly a million workers.

He said that these members of parliament would have their own leader and their own whips, and probably

would be on the opposition side in the House of commons. They intended, however, to adopt no revolutionary policy and had no idea of harrassing the government, their purpose being rather to devote themselves to perfecting their organization with a view of increasing their strength. The immediate object of the independent labor party, Mr. MacDonald said, was to get an understanding with the labor and democratic parties in the colonies in order to protect the empire against "jingoism." He said his party would work hard in advocacy of international peace and he expected great help in the matter from the strong labor parties in France and Germany.

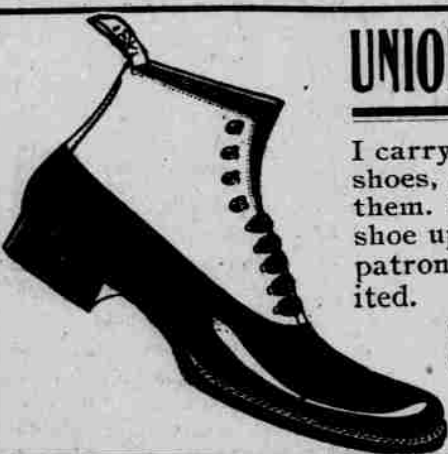
METHODIST PUBLISHERS UNFAIR

Insists on Running on Open Shop on the Nine Hour Plan.

A few days ago about twenty ministers of the Methodist Episcopal church in New York met to consider a protest from New York Typographical Union No. 6. The men contended that the eight-hour day, for which they struck, was a just demand and declared they had been locked out by the Book Concern because they were struggling to better their condition.

Rev. D. C. Cook spoke for the clergymen. He said the Methodist Book Concern had advanced the wages of its printers a year ago and had always been considered a closed shop until the recent strike made it necessary to become an open shop.

He declared that some of the men who had struck had been employed by the Concern for nearly fifty years. He also asserted that the Methodist Book Concern should not be treated as a commercial institution, as it was not conducted for gain, but for the benefit of widows, orphans and worn-out ministers. He said he thought the printers had made a mistake in going on strike. The Methodist church was a church for the working people, however, and always would be and the conference



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would consider what could be done for the printers.

The Typographical Union has, we believe, shown about as much consideration for "widows and orphans" as the Methodist church, or any other church. Printers, too, take care of their "worn out" members. And we rather opine that the twenty Methodist divines mentioned work no harder and get a whole lot more money for what they do than the printers who are asking for the eight-hour day and recognition of the union. The Methodist Book Concern is financially strong. Indeed, it is a very rich concern. The plea that it should not be treated as a commercial institution is not well founded.

A HORRIBLE EXAMPLE.

How the Great Daily Newspapers Are Used for Selfish Ends.

Time and again The Wageworker has pointed out the fact that the great daily newspapers are owned by interests inimical to organized labor, and therefore do not give unionists a "square deal." Another proof of the truth of this assertion comes from Atlanta, Ga.:

James W. English, jr., one of the co-defendants in the injunction suit recently brought by John Temple Graves against Charles Daniel, et al, involving the control of the Atlanta News of which Mr. Graves is editor, and Mr. Daniel is general manager, has filed his answer to the petition of Mr. Graves. In this answer Mr. English admits that stock in the News was bought by or at the instance of Samuel Spencer, president of the Southern railway. Mr. English says he is trustee for the stock but avers that he does not know the precise source from which the money came which purchased the stock. Mr. Graves in his suit seeks to prevent Charles Daniel from voting the controlling interest in the paper.

The Nashville American is controlled by the Louisville & Nashville railroad. In case the employes of the Southern Railway and the Louisville & Nashville railway were to have a just grievance against those roads and struck to enforce attention to their demands, what could they expect from these two daily newspapers. The very best they could expect would be the worst of it. And great corporations are now in control of nearly every metropolitan daily newspaper in the land and using them to further their own selfish interests.

THE BARBERS.

Local Union Now Boasts of Having Seventy Members.

Local No. 164, Journeymen Barbers' International Union of America, now has seventy members, the largest membership in the history of the local.

The barbers have changed their meeting place to the hall at 209 South Tenth street, and now meet on the first and third Wednesdays of each month. The new location is much better than the old one.

At the last meeting the entertainment features were unusually enjoyable. These features are having the effect of increasing the regular attendance. The editor of The Wageworker has a standing invitation to meet with us.

There will be no Sunday work. Another shop has been added to the union list, that of R. T. Jones in the Fraternity building.

A MODEL STRIKE.

New York Sun Pays a High Tribute to the Typographical Strike.

So far in its history the strike of union printers against the book and job offices in New York city has differed in one important particular from many previous contests of a similar nature in that it has been free from violence and outrage. The union men, exercising their undoubted right to quit work, walked out of their employers' shops over a week ago. Since then the employers have borne public testimony to the good order observed by their former workmen and the absence from their campaign of violations of the law.

Too often a strike means bludgeonings, sandbaggings, attempts at arson, the distribution of explosives and similar terrifying tactics. The printers' struggle of 1906 sees the adoption of no such measures, in its early stages at least, and witnesses the use of proper arguments, offers of better treatment and the like, to induce support and win recruits. This policy indicates an understanding among the strike leaders of the public opinion that demands from all, employer and employe alike, strict observance of legal methods in the adjustment of their disputes.

Perhaps it may mean the beginning of a period in which the sober, honest, law-abiding men among the unionists of all trades are to have their way, and the passing of that class of violent agitators who regarded themselves as licensed dictators, the defiance of whose command justified retaliation by fire and sword.—New York Sun.

Wigwag—"Are you getting any testimonials for your consumption cure?" Dr. Quackly—"Oh, yes. Here's a bully one from a Chinaman, named Wun Lung. He writes: 'After taking two bottles of your medicine I have changed my name.'"

HUMOR OF THE DAY

JUST A FEW MOMENTS WITH THE FUNMAKERS.

Fire Insurance Policy Needed in Haste—What the Bright Scholar Knew About History—Mr. Mushie's Football Position.

Too Deep.
"Once," drawled Uncle Enoch. "I knew two boys who went to a lecture over in Crownville, but they didn't like it much—it was clear over their heads. So on their way home, being bound to have some fun, they stopped at the old pond, down by Harkins' mill, an' whisked off their evenin' togery an' jumped in."
"And did they enjoy that?"
"We never found out. The pond went over their heads, too."—Judge

Quite Exciting.
"Did you play football while you were in college, Mr. Mushie?"
"Oh, yaas, indeed. Deah old football!"
"What position, Mr. Mushie?"
"Any old position, don't you know. I stood at one side with the other fellows and when the chappies made a touchdown we said 'Rah-rah.' It's deuced exciting, yes, really."

Immediate.



Excited Lady—Is this the insurance office?
Manager—Yes, madam. What can we do for you?
Excited Lady—I want an insurance policy at once. My house is on fire.—Half Holiday.

Exposed.
Mifkins—There's a woman in our town who claims to be 117 years old.
Bifkins—Was she kissed by George Washington when she was a little girl?
Mifkins—No; she says she never saw him.
Bifkins—Huh! She's a fraud.

She'd Keep It.
"But can you keep house?" he asked, doubtfully, for he was, above all things, a practical man.
"If you get a house and put it in my name," she replied promptly. "I'll keep it all right enough."

Matters being thus satisfactorily settled, their engagement was announced.—Judge.

Exit.
"But," said the British nobleman, haughtily, "I am offering for your daughter and her paltry fortune a title which is among the proudest in Europe. Is that not enough?"
"Want something to boot, and I'm itching to do it right now."
"No," replied Mr. Hardsense, "I

Explanation.
Biggs (reading)—I should think that man who swindled those poor working girls would have an awful load on his conscience.
Diggs—He probably would but for one thing.
Biggs—What is that?
Diggs—He has no conscience.

A Slap Back.
"That will do," said Mrs. Hiram Offen, sternly, "you will leave on Saturday and you needn't both me about a recommendation."
"Faix," replied Bridget, "O! how no intinnion o' givin' ye a recommendation. I'll tell the truth about ye to ivery girl that axes me."

Childhood's Fading Joys.
"Don't trade candy that has been bitten, apple cores or chewing gum." In these terms the modern board of education had issued its ukase to the rising generation.

One by one the joys of childhood fade before the inexorable march of the microbe.

Bright Scholar.

Teacher—Why was Peter, emperor of Russia, called Peter the Great?
Scholar—Because he was the only great emperor of Russia, and history never re-Petes itself.

The Cheerful Truth Teller.
Justin Gaged—Good evening, Freddy. Do you know who I am?
Freddy (aged 7)—Yes, mamma said you were Sister Clara's hat hope.—Yales.

Whew!
Tess—He says you called him a puppy.
Jess—Nonsense! I merely asked him if he was fond of dog biscuit.

COMMENT ON THINGS MILITARY.

Changes Contemplated in German and French Armies.

In the arsenals of France, according to a French paper, there are \$8,000,000 worth of antiquated and useless artillery. The French navy uses fifty or sixty different models of guns, which makes the question of furnishing projectiles very difficult, and the powder used in the navy is so unstable that one-quarter of it has to be changed every year. It lasts on board ship only five years and in hot climates only two years.

According to a leading German paper, the kaiser has ordered the introduction of a new uniform in the army. It will be between gray and green in color. The uniform is to be supplied to all artillery and infantry regiments, but not to the cavalry, as it has not yet been decided what tint is most suitable for this branch.

Russian soldiers still believe themselves superior to the Japanese and ascribe their ill luck in Manchuria to the fact that their army was so largely composed of reservists, whose officers were incompetent and insufficient in number.

SPORTSMAN TO SEEK DIVORCE.

Ending to Troubles of Foxhall Keene and His Wife.

Foxhall Keene, son of James R. Keene, the New York financier, soon will begin suit in Kentucky for a divorce. He charges his wife with desertion. It is understood Mrs.



Keene will make no defense. Mr. and Mrs. Keene separated in October, 1904, and the efforts of friends to effect a reconciliation have been unavailing.

Value of New Year's Resolutions.

When J. Adam Bede, congressman from Duluth, was asked to speak on New Year's resolutions the other day, he answered by repeating a story which Speaker Cannon tells of a young man in the days when the ad-hoc's postage stamp first came in. After gazing at the envelope and stamp for some time the enterprising youth decided to test the strange device. After he had written the note he sealed the envelope and looked hard at the stamp. He was afraid it would not stick. Finally, moistening it, he placed it on the corner of the envelope and although it seemed to stick then he feared that it might dry off before the journey was ended, so he pinned it to the envelope and wrote beneath this informing notice: "Postage paid (if this thing sticks)." This seemed to Mr. Bede illustrative of New Year's resolutions. Their value depends wholly on their sticking.

Fussing Over What to Eat.

It grieves us to see people in such a stew about their diet. What's the matter with the civilized stomach? The old way was to eat what was set before you and think no more about it. Nature did the rest and converted the beef and turpits to thought, to poetry, to art, to emotion. The new way is to hurry from the table and take pills, powders, potions, and you haven't eaten enough nor what you want at that. What's the use of being a billionaire if you have to live on bran bread and skimmed milk? What's the use of owning a villa in the country if you have to sell everything you raise on the place or give it to charities, being unable to eat a morsel of it?—Brooklyn Eagle.

Admiral Dewey Ages Slowly.

Admiral Dewey, dapper, sprightly and smiling, is a familiar figure on Washington's streets. He walks with the jaunty spring of a boy and takes a keen interest in the street scene. But one thing betrays the serenity of the hero and Christmas time in the most trying in the year. People will send him as gifts lounging robes, pillows, footstools and other emblems of ill health and feebleness. The admiral hates the sight of a walking cane as a pious Christian is supposed to hate the evil one, and he bundles all such presents off to a home for the old. He will barely acknowledge such a gift politely.

Prominent Men on Committee.

To canvass for \$50,000 for the erection of two buildings, one for the use of the Army and Navy Young Men's Christian Association and the other for the General Young Men's Christian Association of Newport, a notable committee has been appointed. It is composed of Senator George Peabody Wetmore, Col. Louis V. Cazare, Rear Admiral Stephen B. Luce, Rear Admiral French E. Chadwick, Rear Admiral Charles M. Thomas, Thomas P. Peckham, Peter King, Col. William P. Sheffield, Jr., Angus McLeod, Edward A. Sherman, George H. Bryant, Col. Jeremiah W. Horton, T. P. Pittman, William B. Franklin and Robert S. Burlington.

Shun Blasphemy.

The letters of H. N. S. stand for Holy Name Society, an organization in the Roman Catholic church, the purpose of which is to teach reverence for the name of God. In several eastern cities these societies have been holding large parades to protest against blasphemy. In some parades as many as 20,000 men marched.