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THE GREAT DIFFERENCE.

There is a great difference between unions of workmen and unions of business men—and the difference is not to the credit of the workmen. When the business men see the necessity of standing together they stand together. Workmen when confronted with a situation that demands united action proceed to quarrel among themselves.

Did you take note of how the bankers acted during the late financial flurry—which, by the way, hasn't quit hurrying yet? On Saturday night when the banks quit business for the week, everything was lovely to all appearances. Monday morning depositors couldn't get a dollar of cash under any circumstances. Every bank was ready with an explanation and with "cashier's checks" instead of the real stuff.

Why? Because the bankers got together. The wires were kept hot all day Sunday, and when the banks opened up Monday morning they were acting together as one bank.

There is a lesson for organized labor right there. If workmen would act together like the banks, they would win their battles without firing a shot.

If the banks had not stood together as one, the result would have been disastrous. As it was, they weathered the storm without losing a bit of the rigging.

Workmen have been acting as individuals so long that they seem to have contracted a chronic case of it. And what is the result? Well, look at a few injunctions and adverse court decisions given them during the last two or three weeks. And they'll get plenty more of them, too, as the days go by. What's the use of paying any attention to the "labor vote"? says the wily professional politician. The average workman will talk mighty independent between times, but on election day the party managers just shake a partisan rag in the faces of laboring men, and off they go on a partisan rampage that would make an enraged bull look like a Quaker meeting.

Ever see the bankers dividing on party lines when their interests were at stake? Not they! The bankers are too wise. They work as a unit when it comes to any question affecting them as bankers.

But the workmen are different—more's the pity.

When will the workmen make a united strike, just like the bankers' strike a few months ago. For it was a strike, pure and simple, that the bankers indulged in. And they didn't even offer to arbitrate, either. They didn't have to, for they had the matter in their own hands.

So, too, have the workmen of this great country. They can strike at the ballot box if they will, and when they do so unitedly they will not have to offer to arbitrate. They'll be in a position to do just like the bankers.

THE PARK PROPOSITION.

The Wageworker invites the attention of everyone of its readers to the park bond proposition printed on the first page. It means so much to the wage earners of Lincoln that it does not seem possible that they will neglect the opportunity. But to make the plan a success everyone must take hold and work.

Get one of the petitions, sign it and then circulate it for more signatures.

Talk the proposition over. It means employment for Lincoln labor. It means park improvements, and heaven knows Lincoln needs something in that line. It means that the men who have profited by the toll

and sweat of Lincoln wage earners will have to do their share in furnishing the tollers parks in which they will find rest and recreation.

The plan is all right, and it deserves your support and co-operation.

Congressman Hinshaw will have to explain a lot to the union men in his district. And so will Congressman Norris. There are a lot of union men in the districts represented by these two advocates of a notorious enemy of organized labor.

Lincoln's union broom factory has petered out, owing to the fact that Lincoln merchants would rather handle convict made brooms and make a little larger profit. And Lincoln unionists stood for it, too—more shame to them.

Suppose the government should issue \$500,000,000 in treasury notes and pay them out for the ordinary expenses of the government—wouldn't that help some? And why not do it instead of issuing the money through the banks?

More lives are sacrificed in the mechanical trades in the United States every year than were lost in any two battles of the civil war, counting the losses to both armies. The cheapest thing on the market today is human life.

The union men in New York who violated an injunction were sent to jail without trial. The beef packers who violated an injunction went to Europe as usual.

Isn't there a good union man in the First Congressional district, that we could send to congress, just for a change? And wouldn't it be a welcome change?

Three or four union men on the Lancaster legislative delegation next session would look almighty good. And now is the time to make it a sure thing.

President Roosevelt is winding up his term by saying a whole lot in favor of the workingman. He neglected about six years, however.

Mr. Taft lost out in the Lancaster county primaries. A few union men must have butted in and spoiled the plans of the machine.

Chief Justice Fuller, who handed down the decision in the Danbury hat case, is a democrat. And that isn't all, either.

By the way, we haven't heard of "the full dinner pail" for several weeks. Mark Hanna will be sadly missed.

March solidly on Labor day, and then vote solidly on election day. Any other course is little short of idiotic.

It is illegal to boycott the Buck Stove and Range Co., but it is treason to unionism to patronize it.

Senator Burkett will have a lot of explaining to do to union men when he comes home this summer.

Vote as you pay dues, and let the professional politicians go to thunder.

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A RAY OF SUNSHINE.

One Injunction Against Labor Dissolved For a Change.

Last week organized labor saw one little ray of sunshine amidst the gloom of court injunctions and adverse decisions.

Judge McLemore has dissolved the injunction obtained in his court at Norfolk, Va., some time ago by the Luckenbach Towing Co., of Brooklyn, N. Y., by which members of the Norfolk Marine Engineers' union were restrained from interfering with the employees on the Luckenbach tugs in an effort to bring on an engineers' strike.

Judge McLemore ruled that no injunction could be until violence was attempted, and that members of the Engineers' union were within their rights in endeavoring by argument or other fair means to have employees of the plaintiffs quit their employment.

WILL FIGHT LITTLEFIELD.

E. Y. Turner to Be Labor's Opponent to Congressman.

A Lewiston, Me., dispatch says labor organizations in the Second Congressional district will nominate a candidate for Congress. They hope to defeat Congressman Littlefield.

The man selected will not be a radical labor man, but one interested in their principles, E. Y. Turner, of Auburn.

The nomination is to be made early in the season before any other convention. It is expected that the democrats will then endorse Mr. Turner.

In the last congressional campaign

the laboring men contended that the campaign of Samuel Gompers was handicapped in this district by the fact that neither of the old parties had a candidate whom the labor organizations could endorse.—Sioux City Advocate.

MEN AND BABIES.

Difference Between Them Tersely and Forcibly Stated.

To the opponents of trades unions, to the ranters against organized labor, we respectfully commend the following editorial in the Chatanooga Labor Leader:

"If a lawyer violates the 'rule of ethics' or fails to tote square to his clients and the other members of the bar, he is unceremoniously kicked down and out by the court and his former legal associates.

"If a mechanic totes unfair to his associates, and proves himself a sneak and devoid of honor, and honest, loyal mechanics put their stamp of disapproval upon him, he rushes into court and asks that they be enjoined from trying to make him tote fair, and then seeks the harbor which welcomes all strike-breakers, the open shop."

CAPITAL AUXILIARY.

Capital Auxiliary will meet at the Home of Mrs. Fred Ehringer, 1539 D street, on Friday, February 28, at 2:30 p. m.

Now is the time for the patient Filipinos to turn the other cheek to the sugar trust.

It was poor management to pull off a total eclipse where hardly anybody could see it.

With what is left of the million dollars, doubtless the earl of Yarmouth will be able to get on for awhile without a wife.

Nearly three billion people were carried by the railroads in 1907, some of them were delivered undamaged at their destinations.

A Denver girl has become the bride of a Pueblo chief who cannot speak English. Perhaps she will have a title among the Indians.

Thirteen women's clubs have voted not to trim their hats with the plumage of birds. That is a lucky number for the feathered songsters.

The Japanese have all they can do to look after their lives at home in a time of profound peace. They are getting automobiles by the cargo.

Argentine farmers just now are busy hauling a big wheat crop to market. Automobile drummers should pack their grips for South America.

A French inventor now claims to be able to send photographs by wireless telegraphy. What would a sudden wind storm do to Gov. Hughes' whiskers?

About the nearest thing we remember to living music heretofore has been the crying of a baby at 2 a. m. as the patient father walked the chilly floor.

Really, Count Boni is a man of spirit. He will make faces at the prince or do something equally dreadful if the latter dares to marry his former wife.

A moving-picture machine exploded in Canton and 300 Chinese lost their lives in the resulting panic. Civilization is dangerous unless one knows how to handle it.

If Prince Helle de Sagan proves as costly a piece of bric-a-brac as did his cousin, the count, it will keep the Western Union and the Wabash humping to run the show.

The Chinese imperial telegraphs had net earnings during 1906 of \$645,537 on a working capital of \$1,232,000. Evidently the Standard Oil Company isn't the only thing on earth, after all.

Sixteen soldiers in Spain were arrested as plotters against Alfonso because they visited a newspaper office. They will get off scot free, of course, if they declare they called to whip the editor.

Ocean-going ships soon will be fitted with all the comforts of home. About the only thing that will be missed is the village feud and maybe steamship proprietors will be dragging that in next.

A Newark man was fined \$20 for laughing at a policeman. In most cities the majesty of the law considers itself sufficiently vindicated when it has beaten the mirthful one over the head with a club.

There is in Berlin an artist who is going to marry a widow with \$5,000,000. This is excellent. Now let some delightful heiress add to the gayety by bestowing her hand and fortune upon some struggling poet.

A California architect predicts that we shall soon have 100-story buildings. If his prediction is verified it will be necessary for our fellow citizen to build some pretty tall stacks if they expect to keep us choking with smoke.

Science has harnessed the potato bug, as it were, and is making it do stunts in the interests of humanity. That is grand, sweet revenge for all the miserable hours it has brought to boys who had to "bug" "taters" when the fishing in the branch was fine.

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