

SETBACK FOR UNIONS.

Colorado Court Declares Anti-coercion Law Invalid.

The Colorado anti-coercion law, enacted twenty years ago, which provides that no employer shall discharge an employee because he belongs to a labor union or attends labor meetings, has been declared invalid by Judge Sullivan of that state.

The law, regarded as the strongest in Colorado for the protection of labor unions, has never before been attacked. The decision resulted from a suit brought by Labor Commissioner Brake against McNeill Bros., operators of a coal mine at Cameo, who discharged and evicted twenty-three men in their employ.

This decision is one of many that shows the inequality that labor suffers in the administration of law. This decision grants to the employers of Colorado the right to blacklist workmen who belong to labor unions or take any part in their work. But, on the other hand, the United States supreme court denies to labor the right of a defense through the boycott, which is the most effective weapon that labor has to meet its opponents who use the blacklist. Such a decision favors the employer at the expense of the workingman and is a decision in the interest of one class to the disadvantage of another and is therefore a class decision, against which labor protests and which it is seeking to remedy through labor legislation that President Taft declares is calculated to give to labor unequal privileges.

The laboring man and the trade unionists ask only equality before the law, but if the courts declare the blacklist to be legal and the boycott to be illegal the laboring man does not get equality before the law, and no amount of sophistry can conceal the fact.

Professor George G. Groat of the Ohio Wesleyan university in a recent address on labor laws declared very justly "that the interpretation placed on labor legislation by the courts frequently operates so that the employer is able to turn the constitution into an instrument of inequality." And the decision of the Colorado judge is a case in point.

A Royal Apology.

King Edward VII. was never at a loss for a quick, suitable answer. One day he was coming around a street corner on one of his periodical walks in London when he collided with a very stout person, who, being near-sighted, did not recognize the king, took him by the lapel of his coat and gave him a tongue lashing.

"Do you know, sir," finished the irate man, "that I am a member of the London council?"

"In that case I beg your pardon," replied the king, "for I am only the king of Great Britain."

Just the Other Way.

Rudyard Kipling was once visiting at a country house at which Miss Dorothy Drew, the famous granddaughter of Mr. Gladstone, then a little girl, was also staying. She was sent out into the garden with the distinguished author.

Later on, when the other grownups joined them, little Miss Dorothy was asked, "I hope you didn't bore Mr. Kipling?"

"No, but he bored me frightfully," was the unexpected and resigned reply.

Wait a Bit.

Guest—Look here. How long am I going to have to wait for that half portion of duck I ordered? Walter—Till somebody orders the other half. We can't go out and kill half a duck.—*Toledo Blade.*

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A Daring Horseman.

The famous John Mytton once galloped full speed over a rabbit warren "to try whether or not his horse would fall." The horse did fall and rolled over Mytton, who, with good luck, got up unharmed. Shortly after he attained his majority Mytton gave a dealer an order for some carriage horses and went to see what the man had got for him. He put one of the lot in as tandem leader to "try" it and with the dealer at his side drove out on the highroad. As they drove Mytton inquired if the horse were a good timber jumper, and, the dealer giving a doubtful answer to a query he did not expect in respect of a harness horse. Mytton instantly said he must "try" him. Forthwith he drove at the turnpike gate which barred the way before him. The horse cleverly cleared it, leaving the wheeler, the gig and its occupants on the take-off side. Wonderful to relate, neither the horse nor the man was hurt. The gig, however, stood in urgent need of repairs.—*London Stock Journal.*

Too Rich For His Pocket.

After the war with Spain a party of Americans, including Colonel Hecker of Detroit, went to Cuba on a tour of inspection. They had with them a negro messenger named Frank. One day Frank got into a place where they

sell ices and cakes on the Prado, in Havana, and bought a plate of ice cream. That was 20 cents. The waiter handed around some cakes. Frank took a few. The cakes were passed for a second and a third time. On each occasion Frank helped himself liberally. Then he called for his check. It was \$1.80. American. Colonel Hecker and some friends, who were at an adjoining table, heard Frank yell.

"What is the matter, Frank?" asked the colonel.

"Why didn't you stop me?" sobbed Frank. "Why didn't you stop me? Doan you know dis yer nigger could eat enough of dis yer stuff to bankrupt the hull gov'ment?"—*Philadelphia Saturday Evening Post.*

A Curious Remedy.

Perhaps the most curious remedy for seasickness ever prescribed was that arranged by Sir Theodore Meyern for the English princess royal when she crossed to Belgium in 1642. Cinnamon, coriander, anise, ambergris, musk and sugar were to be made up into long tubes for her to munch on the voyage; a plaster of balsam of Peru, gum mastic and laudanum was to be applied to the pit of the stomach, and in addition she was to inhale the comforting vapors arising from a hash of toast, orange and citron peel, roses, lavender and cloves mingled with wine, cinnamon water and elder flower vinegar

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Enlightened.

"Before I married," said Mr. Henpeck, "I didn't know what it meant to support a wife."

"I presume you know now."
"Yes, indeed. I looked up the word 'support' in the dictionary and discovered that one of its meanings is 'endure.'"

Knows What's Coming.

Hewitt—Gruet is discharged about every Saturday night. Jewett—Yes, during the week he feels as if he were between two fires.—*New York Press.*

Nothing is law that is not reason.—*Sir John Powell.*