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New Tactics Needed

President Gompers recently appeared before committees who are investigating the merits of the employees' Liability and Workers' Compensation bill. If Mr. Gompers and all the other officers of the international labor movement would throw their "hats into the ring" and try to be the government, they would command greater respect from the majority of the progressive unionists.—J. M.

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Are You Organized?

The question raised ought really not to be asked of you, for it is something which ought to be answered by every half-way enlightened workman with the simple and short "Yes."

But still we ask that question of you, for we know that you are not organized.

And that is the reason why we ask you.

We shall not be satisfied with having you simply answer this question in the negative. We want you to realize the importance of the organization and the necessity of your membership in our organization.

Are you organized? We ask again, and you answer no.

Do you know that during the past year you have been guilty of a gross neglect of duty?

By not joining the organization of your trade you have failed to do what every other thinking man, regardless of what class of society he may belong, has done already, because he deemed it a duty which he owed to himself.

You certainly have had many a chance to observe how the various interests in our present capitalist state try to become more stable and thereby better able to protect themselves by getting into closer contact with each other.

Can you not see the great struggle which is being waged by your very eyes and which demands of every one that he place himself, his entire being, at the disposal of the organization which is destined to take care of him?

Do you not realize that it is dangerous, yes, ruinous, for yourself as long as you, together with other workers, remain indifferent to your interests as long as you consider only the organization and fail to properly protect yourself?

Permit me several questions: Are you getting along quite well? Are you economically better off? Are your earnings sufficient in order to be enabled to properly provide for your family and to enable your loved ones against all hardship and want?

Do you enjoy proper and sufficient food, have you good clothes and living quarters? Are you satisfied with your fate?

You answer no to all of these questions. Does it not appear to you, and do you not realize—when you living conditions are not what they ought to be, that you must have something to do about it? Otherwise your life would be more tolerable, more worth living.

And now we come to the point: You are not getting along as well as you would like to.

You are earning low wages, your working hours are long because you have neglected to join the organization of your trade.

The truth of this assertion we shall prove to you forthwith.

Let us look around ourselves for a little while.

Have you not noticed—especially during the past few years—that all the means of life have become more expensive, that their prices have been increased enormously?

Did you not observe—that the land-lord increased your rent considerably? You must have noticed all this, for it struck you directly; it struck your pocketbook, which is at no time over-filled. Yet, often you were met at these things and often you have complained about these conditions. Your wages remained the same in spite of the increased cost of living, and of your efforts to reduce your standard of living in order to enable yourself and your family to eke out a meager existence and in order to make ends meet.

And what brings about such disadvantageous conditions?

The fact that the rich and possessors of wealth in our present state have formed close alliances in the trusts and syndicates which extend all over the world and through which they are enabled to dictate to you the prices for the things which you must necessarily have and add to this must be our well-organized government, which is the ally of the trusts and syndicates.

Do you realize now that it is the means of life which they aim to force an increased price for what they have to sell in order to increase their profits and to secure an increase in the wages paid them. Such alliances are the labor unions of our present day—organizations which command their members to be loyal to each other and to forbid each other in the sale of their labor power.

It is the fundamental purpose of our labor organizations.

It is such an organization, and nothing else, that gives to the worker the power and strength to force from the employers better and improved living conditions.

The masses standing solidly behind the organization give them that power.

Only through organization alone wages increase and reductions in the number of hours we are forced to work have been made possible.

It is the organization alone which prevents the employer from dictating what price he is willing to pay for our commodity, our labor power.

It is the organization which in times of economic depression prevents a lowering of the wages of the workers.

It is the organization which, through the creation and enforcement of agreements, assures the worker of receiving a certain wage for a certain time.

Do you realize now that you are guilty of a great sin of omission because until now you have remained away from our organization?

You have failed, not alone against yourself and your loved ones, but you have failed against your fellow workers. By remaining outside of our organization you have prevented and hampered the improvement of your own economic condition and that of your fellow workers. You have aided your employers and enabled them to exploit you without any resistance on your part.

You will and must realize this, and therefore you should no longer hesitate.

You should no longer stand idly by while your economic opponents are allying themselves for the sole purpose of making it more difficult for you to earn your daily bread.

It is your duty to defend yourself, to offer resistance, to join your organized fellow-workers in an effort to increase your wages and to improve your lot.

Through the organization the individual worker no longer remains defenseless. He is no longer at the mercy of united capital, no matter how great its power may be.

It is the power of united labor which enables the workers to force upon employers to pay heed to the just and reasonable demands of the workers.

It is the power of the labor organizations which enables the workers to demand a complete stoppage of work—to gain for themselves that which the employers might refuse to grant them.

How can you stand by idly and thoughtlessly, while everything seems to be against the worker, while every effort is made to decrease our wages, thereby making dearer the prices of the things we must have.

Be a man! Fight together with your brothers for your economic interests.

Be a man, for to be a man means to be a fighter. Deliver yourself from all prejudice, from all halfheartedness and indifference.

Only he is worthy of freedom and life who wages its daily battles and who is a man!

Awake! Join our organization!—Bakers' Journal.

Modern Labor-Skinning.

The Sears-Roebuck Company of Chicago is said to be the largest distributor of prison-made goods in the United States.

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To Study "Efficiency."

J. H. McVey, building manager of the Labor Temple, left for Seattle on Wednesday evening to attend a convention of Building Managers of the Pacific Northwest, in accordance with instructions from the Labor Temple Board of Directors.

Being Block 18, D.L. 50, South Vancouver. All lots are cleared, streets graded and sidewalks all laid; also has city water, electric light and telephone now.

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On the completion of block paving New Westminster Road, which will be double track, it will be the most popular drive from Vancouver, and many fine residences will be built at East Collingwood.

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Parliamentary Committee.

Sec. Pipes submitted a report of the Parliamentary Committee. Delegates had been seated from the Sheet Metal Workers, and the Waitresses.

Recommendation regarding legislative amendments to provide for examinations for chauffeurs. Referred back for further consideration.

Recommendation that the Council ask the Provincial Secretary for the appointment of W. J. Pipes, 233 Keefer Street, as a commissioner for placing names on the provincial voters' list. Concurred in.

Territorial Defense, the exploitation of government lands by individuals and corporations to the exclusion of bona fide settlers, the operation of private Employment Agencies, the general labor body to meet on Monday, and other questions had been discussed by the committee, but they were not ready to report at this meeting.

Recommended that the Council again protest against the maintenance of a chain-gang and ask affiliated unions to take a campaign for its abolition. Concurrence.

Fourteen delegates present.

Gompers, Morrison and Mitchell have again been found guilty of contempt of court, and sentenced, Gompers to one year, and the others to six months imprisonment.

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