

AN ELOQUENT APPEAL.

Made by a Georgia Statesman for a Recognition of the Rights of Children.

The infamous factory system is penetrating the south and the monster of greed is calling for tender children for its food, says The Tobacco Worker. Some men, able to see some of the horrors which will come in the wake of the industrial development of the south, are nobly but impotently striving to soften the brutality of the coming era by legislation against child labor. While the anti-child labor bill which was defeated, was up for discussion in the Georgia legislature, Hon. Seaborn Wright spoke eloquently for its passage. His peroration follows:

"The spirit animating the opposition to this bill is the spirit of commercialism. It knows no pity. It chills every generous thought and deadens every holy feeling. It measures all things—manhood, womanhood and childhood—by the dollar. The hearts and brains—aye, the puny weight of children—are valuable only as they can be coined into money. You lay our little children at the feet of eastern capital and say all this will we give in exchange for your dollars.

"I lift the standard of revolt today and in the name of the south denounce the unholy traffic.

"Mr. Speaker, I stood at the door of a humble cottage shadowed by the factory's massive walls. The mistress of this home was the wife of a gallant Confederate soldier. They had seen better days. Death had kindly come to him, and he slept. The remorseless hand of necessity had driven the widow and her children out from the old homestead to the humble cottage. As I stood the gates of the factory swung open, and amid a hundred children hers came. They were young children. The kindly walls of the nursery should have been around them. There was no spring in their steps, no light in their eyes, their cheeks were white, and I thought, standing in the presence of the children of this Confederate soldier, I would give every spindle and loom in the south to bring back the light to their eyes and see the roses bloom again upon their little cheeks."

A MODERN LUXURY.

The Turkish oath in the larger cities of the world has developed a new industry for woman. Thus far, says the New York Post, there is no name for it, but it comes close to what in the old days was known as the trade of a bushelwoman. The modern edition and modification, however, gives it an entirely different character. The first one appeared in New York this week and made so successful a debut that others will undoubtedly come forward in the next month or two. A lady visits a bath and, after disrobing and donning her bathing tunic, hands over her clothing to the bushelwoman. She dusts it, repairs any worn or torn edging, strengthens or replaces buttons and presses the different pieces of the wardrobe that need that kind of work. Then with an atomizer she sprays it with a perfumed disinfectant and hangs the article in a heated room so as to expel all moisture. The process takes from a half hour to an hour and a half, which is less than the time required for a Russian, Turkish, Roman or electric bath. The garments come out neat, spotless, "dressy" and void of ail germs. The cost is moderate and the satisfaction to the wearer unspeakable.

The allied troops have looted everything in sight in China. And it is intimated that missionaries, God-fearing men, were among the most active of the looters. Well, what of it? The allies are Christian; the Chinese are heathen. If a Christian can't rob a heathen, who the deuce is he going to rob? Some people are altogether too squeamish.—Arkansaw Thomas Cat.

Don't let your union card expire.

THE CHICAGO FEDERATION.

Discuss at Length the Order of the American Federation on the Question of Trade Autonomy.

The order of the American Federation of Labor that the charter of the Chicago Federation of Labor should be revoked if certain unions are not expelled before June 1 was discussed for three hours in executive session at the last meeting of the central body.

Nearly every delegate declared himself opposed to the order of the American Federation for the reason that the same action had not been taken in regard to other central bodies that were violating the laws of the national body.

The laws of the American Federation of Labor prohibit the admission of dual and non-affiliated unions to chartered central bodies, says the Union Advocate. It was said that 90 per cent of the central labor bodies in the United States are violating this law, and that it was strange that Chicago should be chosen the first victim. It is also declared that the American Federation was about to charter the Central Federation Union of New York City, which had a dozen unions in its membership that are not recognized. These include several Knights of Labor assemblies.

A letter from President Gompers to the New York central body was read. In it he stated that a charter would be issued to that organization.

While the sentiment was practically unanimous for trade autonomy, and that the American Federation's order was unjust, it was finally decided to appoint a committee to correspond with President Gompers. The committee will also urge all unions not affiliated with the American Federation to secure charters therefrom.

BIG BREWERY LOCKOUT.

Last week it was reported about a movement of more than 1,900 brewery workers in Kulmbach, Bavaria, one of the beer industry centers of Germany, for a slight betterment of their conditions. Hence a lockout was inaugurated by the bosses as they imagine that by the discharge of the leaders, or rather the spokesmen of the dissatisfied ones, the dissatisfaction itself could be suppressed. All their imaginations notwithstanding, the bosses don't seem to know that the organizations of labor follows directly the development of the industry on large scales. It is merely a Don Quixote fight against windmills, the fight of the Kulmbach brewery princes against the organization of labor. When they believe that they could destroy with a reign of oppression and violence the trade unions and the justified, even too modest, demands of their wage slaves, then we pity them for their ignorance. Should on account of this fight, the expression of the solidarity of the United States brewery workers be called upon, then our comrades in Germany know well that they will not appeal in vain.—Brauer Zeitung.

Topeka (Kan.) Typographical Union is fighting a bill now before the legislature of that state which, according to report, seeks to abolish the office of state printer and have the work done in the state penitentiary and other public institutions. The passage of such a law would be a detriment to the citizens of Kansas employed at the printing trade. It would lessen their opportunities of securing work and deprive their families of the results of their labor, all for what? That convicts and others of their class may not remain idle. Every organized trade in Kansas should protest against the adoption of a measure of that character, and should mark its framer for defeat at the next election. Labor does not need such men in the legislative halls.

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