

CONTROL BY GOVERNMENT

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the strongest advocate of governmental control. Pessimists speak as if the exercise of government control of public utilities would curtail individual effort and drown individual enterprise. This is not so. It would indeed be a lamentable calamity to adopt any system which would in any way lay restraint upon the energy, capacity, and resourcefulness of the individual so essential in the democratic institutions. But, the truth is, these unwholesome effects of socialism, the merging of the individual into one shapeless mass, are in no inconsiderable degree realized through unrestricted combination of capital. Yet do not think all combinations are to be condemned. Some combinations, as every man knows, necessary factors in present day industries. What we need is not to attempt foolishly to prevent all such gathering together of wealth, but to secure such an adequate control of all combines as will insure the public weal. Conceive that the federal government controls its public utilities; put competition upon the basis of excellence of service; put the possibilities for corporate influence forever away from the doors of the legislative departments, and a mighty step shall have been taken to upbuild the democracy to come.

"By the example of those nations which have adopted it; in the name of the rights of all the people; by the inherent desire in the hearts of all men for justice and fair play; for the enforcement of the law, civic and national administration of those interests most nearly concerning the general public is the urgent need of the hour.

"I am not here as the advocate of radicalism, but as the champion of principles as fundamental as human nature itself. Principles whose sterling worth were tried in the heat of Rebellion, and through whose adoption this nation will rise to a new birth of freedom. Those basic truths expounded on the Federalist, a century and a half ago, will stand for all time because they were truths. We have spoken the ship of the wider scope of politics, and find that she sails by the chart drawn by Hamilton more than a hundred years ago. The railroad rate act, the meat inspection act, the pure food act, the thousand municipalities of the world that are administering their public utilities—these are examples of the same, sane and tried extension of the province of governmental authority.

New Era Unhindered

We observe with satisfaction the passing of the professional politician. The era of governmental control and law enforcement is ushered in by the rise of those manly men, La Follette, Folk, Hughes, Roosevelt; men born with humanitarian hearts and dauntless courage—men whose ambition it is to redress wrongs and punish wrong-doers—men who shall put forever beyond the reach of all the opportunities to gratify inordinate desire. That government is not best 'which governs least.'

"Out from the hearts of an outraged people comes a response; it is the welcome for the victor; he who hath overcome himself—he who thinketh of his fellow.

"Shall we maintain our position among the nations of the earth? Let us be worthy. Shall Democracy, impotent, bow to individualism? Let us strive to uphold it. When commercial slaughter shall cease, when government shall function without fear or favor, the fetish of unrestricted individualism shall have vanished in the night."

WAITRESSES' UNION

Is Making Great Progress and Gives the Lie to Newspaper Statements.

Editor Labor Press: The month of June has been one of prosperity for local 240. We started out for a six-day week and we are pleased to say that almost all houses have complied with the request. The names of those who think that a woman should work seven days a week, 365 days a year, are as follows:

Mink's Cafe, 1212 First avenue.
Babcock's Cafe, 510 Second avenue.

Del Monte, 214 Columbia street
Local 240 appeals to organized labor for its moral support in conducting its fight against those restaurants who refuse to give their girls one day's rest a week.

The business agent of the Hotel and Restaurant Keepers' Association stated in the daily press that there were a number of members of 240 who had got tired of the strike

and had asked for withdrawal and been refused. Let us say here that was the first time we knew there had been a strike. We called the union help out of Mink's Cafe, on First avenue. There were three non-union girls employed and they also came out. They were immediately put to work and are now enjoying one day's rest a week. That is all the "strike" we know of. We think the business agent of the employers' association has another dream coming; he must have been thinking of the 35 we initiated during the month of June.

Owing to the large attendance, we have been compelled to rent a larger meeting hall, and will now be found Friday evening in No. 7, so you see, boys, we intend to keep up with the rest of organized labor in the City of Seattle. "Watch us grow." This month we will be entitled to four delegates to the Central Council; guess there will be something doing.

See that the waitress who serves you wears a union button. Help us win our fight against those who refuse our just demands, for is not our cause your cause? We do not need financial aid; we ask nothing but your moral support, so keep yourself and friends away from places that do not recognize the emblem of loyal wage earners.

ALICE M. LORD,

Seattle, Wash.

"FORGET IT."

By the Rev. Charles Steible.

No man can accomplish great things unless he is an optimist. But what does that mean?

There are some folks who call themselves by that name—although there is usually another "ism" attached to their beliefs—who have adapted mottoes something like the following:

"Forget it."

"There is no evil."

"Look happy and you will be happy."

"You can conquer any situation if you smile enough."

"God is in His Heaven, all's right with the World."

Sounds rather pretty, doesn't it? There is a certain amount of truth in these little "Sunshine opiates," but what are the facts?

In the first place, there are some things which it would be criminal to forget, because there is evil. Looking happy and smiling is a very fine antidote, but we can't all be "Happy Hooligans," and most of us don't want to be. We'd rather be real men, leaving the tomato can and the scrubby beard to those who enjoy that sort of a thing.

There is sin in the world. There is tragedy. There is suffering. There are hundreds of thousands of children who are in the mills and factories who should be at home or in school. There are slums, with their hell-holes. There are saloons, with drunkenness and brutality. There are underfed and overworked men and women in our great cities. Will the rosy, posey doctrine of the long-haired man and the short-haired woman doctrinaire smile these away?

"God is in His heaven"—yes, all's not "right with the world." It's going to be right, and that's why we can well afford to be optimists. But not the kind that expects to usher in the millennium by a smile. There is work to do, and fighting, too. It is a work and a fight that requires red-blooded men. It is a task that has the assurance of success, because God is in the heavens. It is a great thing to realize that it is His task, working through us. We are commissioned to it. That should give nerve to the arm, and power to the blow of every fellow who has taken upon himself his share of the task of helping redeem the world from the particular evil which he sees most.

BOOKBINDERS' FIGHT FOR EIGHT-HOUR DAY.

Lockout Declared in Akron, Ohio, Precipitated Battle Earlier Than Anticipated.

The following circular letter has been issued to the 174 local unions of the International Brotherhood of Bookbinders, from the New York office of General Secretary James W. Dougherty:

"The first gun has been fired in the struggle for the Eight Hour Day!

"The Werner Co., of Akron, O., have declared for the open shop and have locked out the members of our Local Union No. 5 because they refused to sign an agreement or contract to work nine hours a day for the next three years.

"Now the struggle is on, it is the duty of every member of our brotherhood to do his or her utmost to aid our members who are the first ones called upon to make the sacrifice to gain the shorter workday. Keep away from Akron yourself and use every possible inducement to keep other bookbinders away while the trouble continues.

Trade Union Directory

Following will be found a directory of Portland unions, giving the name, time and place of meeting, and wherever possible for the Labor Press to ascertain the name and address of the secretary. Secretaries will confer a favor upon the Labor Press by notifying the management of errors or changes in this list:

SUNDAY.
Shingle Weavers' Union No. 58—Every Sunday, 2 p. m., Fulton.
Photo-Engravers' Union—Eleven o'clock first Sunday, Room 214, Goodnough Building.
Geo. Handley, Graceland.
Railway Freight Handlers—Second and fourth Sunday, 2 p. m., Drew Hall, P. McDonald, 182 Second.
Typographical, No. 68—First Sunday afternoon, A. O. U. W. Hall, Seiling-Hirsch Building, Geo. A. V. Journal.

MONDAY.
Building Trades Council—Every Monday evening 8 o'clock in Cooks and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth.
Building Laborers—Every Monday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 164 1/2 Alder street. M. Conroy, 227 Morris st.
Carriage and Wagon Workers—First and third Tuesday evenings, Drew Hall, Robert Ewing, 847 Morris st.
Clear Makers—Second Monday, Drew Hall, W. H. Fitzgerald, 162 Second.
Electricians, No. 11—(Lime Men)—Every Monday night, Drew Hall, W. S. Jenkins, 248 E. Thirty-fourth.
Hatters Makers—Second and fourth Monday, Drew Hall, 206 E. Lovelidge, 235 Broadway.
Plumbers—Every Monday evening, Arion Hall, 128 1/2 Fifth.
Sailors—Every Monday night, 7:30, No. 40 Union avenue, L. W. Paul.
Shipwrights and Carriers—Every second and fourth Monday, Drew Hall.
Structural Building Trades Alliance—Every Monday night at 12:30, 248 Burnside.
Web Pressmen—First Monday, Room 214 Goodnough Building.

TUESDAY.
Bartenders' League, No. 339, in Bartenders' hall, 264 1/2 Alder street, every 1st and 3d Tuesday night, and every 2d and 4th Tuesday afternoon.
Blacksmiths and Helpers Union—Every second and fourth Tuesday, Drew Hall.
Bindery Women's Union, No. 113—First Tuesday evening, 162 Second street.
Bookbinders No. 90—Third Tuesday, Room 209 Drew Building, E. J. Sonnenburg, box 2, Broadway.
Carpenters—Every Tuesday night at 8 o'clock, hall 202 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Cooks and Waiters—1st, 3rd and 4th Tuesday at 8:30 P. M., and 2d Tuesday at 2:30 P. M., in Cooks and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Locomotive Engineers—First and third Tuesday at 11 a. m., Drew Hall.
Musicians—First Tuesday afternoon, at No. 162 Second street, Board meeting, every Tuesday afternoon at same place. Room 106, at 1 o'clock p. m., E. L. Rice.
Sheet Metal Workers—First and third Tuesday, Drew Hall, Ira S. Hill, 1169 E. Main.
Stationary Firemen Local No. 118—Meet every Second and Fourth Tuesday in the month, Drew Hall 300, Sec. Otto Leininger, 1112 Twenty-first street, N.
Teamdrivers' Union, Local 162—Every Tuesday night, Union Hall, Second and Stark P. C. O'Meara, 553 Jefferson St., Secy.

WEDNESDAY.
Allied Printing Trades Council—Second Wednesday evening, 214 Goodnough Building.
Bricklayers' Union—Every Wednesday evening, Arion Hall, 228 1/2 Yamhill. Chas. Stokes, Box 224.
Grainhandlers' Local 263—First and third Wednesday evening at Davis Hall, corner Russell street and Albina avenue. L. L. Ray, 120 Sellwood.
Labor Party—Every Wednesday at 8 P. M., in Cooks and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Leatherworkers—Every Wednesday evening, 162 Second, third floor, Manley Davis, 214 Union.
Messenger Boys' Protective Union—Every Wednesday night Drew Hall, Cecil E. Messenger, 84 E. Seventh, N.
Painters' Union, 821—Every Wednesday evening, Plasterers' Hall, 127 1/2 First.
Riggers and Shipliners, No. 325—First Wednesday evening in month, Hall 300, Alley Building, Henry Arnold, 248 Burnside.
Stereotypers and Electrotypers, 48—First Wednesday evening, Room 214, Goodnough Building, Frank Land, Journal.
Street Railway Employees—Every Wednesday evening, Drew Hall.
Journymen Tailors' Union, No. 74—Second and fourth Wednesday, Union Hall, Second and Stark, J. M. Brendroth, Box 122.

THURSDAY.
Barbers—Second and fourth Thursday evening, 162 Second, T. M. Leabo, secretary, 147 1/2 First, phone, 1661.
Women's Union Label League—Every Thursday night in Hall 302, Drew Building, 162 Second street.
Boiler Makers' Union—Second and fourth Thursday evening, Arion Hall 228 1/2 Yamhill.
Coopers' Union—First and third Thursday evening, Bartenders' Hall, 264 1/2 Alder.
Garment Workers—First and third Thursday evening, 162 Second.
Longshoremen's Association, 265—First and third Thursday evening, Union Hall, Second and Stark, third floor.
Lathers Union—Every Thursday at 8 P. M., in Cooks and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Printing Pressmen, Local 43—First Thursday, 127 1/2 First, W. H. Gerdes, American Type Foundry Co.
Retail Clerks—Second and fourth Thursday, Drew Hall, N. 20.
Theatrical Employees, Local 28—Second and fourth Thursday, 228 1/2 Yamhill, C. M. Temple, Star Theatre.
Wood, Wire and Metal Lathers Union—Thursday evening, Lathers' Hall, 218 1/2 First.

FRIDAY.
Carpet Workers, Local 8—Friday evening, 226 1/2 Yamhill, H. C. Brown, 453 Florence.
Electrical Workers, No. 317—Friday, Drew Hall, J. J. Crockett, box 414.
Federated Trades Council—Friday night at 8 o'clock, hall 302 Drew Bldg., 162 Second.
Inside Electrical Workers—Every Friday evening at 8 o'clock in Cooks and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.
Macintates, Willamette Lodge, No. 63—Friday evening, 162 Second, W. A. Dalsell, 1004 E. Yamhill.
Steno-Editors—Every Fridays, Drew Hall No. 209.

SATURDAY.
Bakery and Confectionery Workers, Local 114—First and third Saturday, 8 o'clock p. m., 228 1/2 Yamhill, A. Dupols, 293 Burnside.
Beer Drivers and Bottlers—First and third Saturday, Drew Hall, G. C. Goldenberg, 811 Kelley.
Brewers' Union—Second and fourth Saturday evening, 228 1/2 Yamhill, Arion Hall, Otto Kuks, box 171.
Bridge and Structural Iron Workers—Saturday evening, 226 1/2 Yamhill.
Longshoremen, Local 26—A hall of president, Elbertson Hall, Second and Stark, Hugh Fitch, 27 N. Front.
Stationary Firemen—Every Saturday evening at 8 o'clock, in Cooks and Walters' hall, 128 1/2 Fifth street.

erhood to do his or her utmost to aid our members who are the first ones called upon to make the sacrifice to gain the shorter workday. Keep away from Akron yourself and use every possible inducement to keep other bookbinders away while the trouble continues.

"It is of the utmost importance that we win this first fight, and there is no reason why we shouldn't. The firm has been very busy, working night work in fact, for some weeks past, and it stands to reason they can't afford to allow their plant to lie idle for very long. Therefore, give us your individual and local union assistance, and victory will be ours in the near future."—Ex.

The International Photo-Engravers' Union has signed a five-year arbitration agreement with the National Publishers' Association.

The International Protective Association of the Carpenters' Union recently purchased the armory building in Spokane, Wash., and will convert it into a hall for headquarters.

LOTS HOMES INVESTMENTS

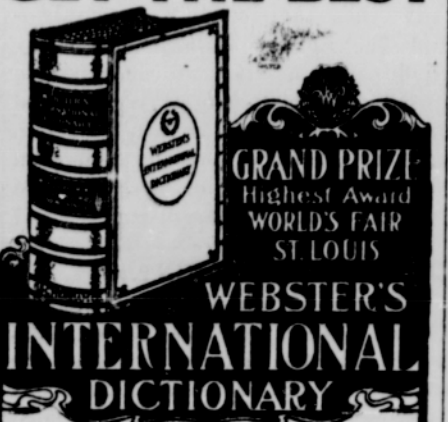
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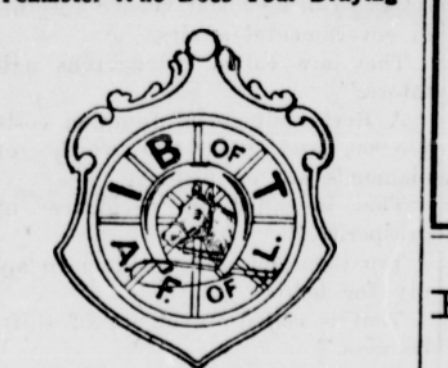
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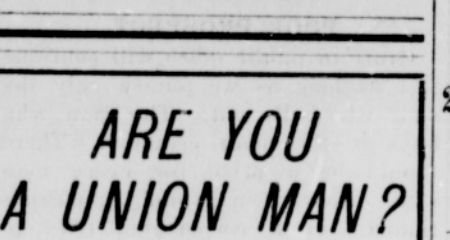
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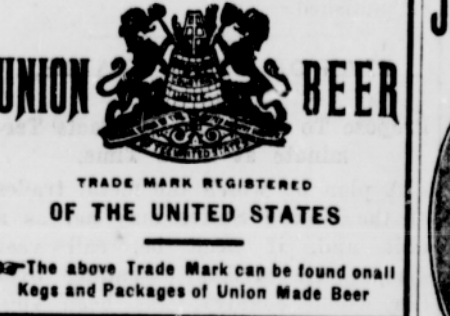
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