

THE WORLD'S LIBERATORS

(By Howard Singleton Taylor in San Francisco Examiner.)

About six centuries before Christ in the Grecian State of Attica occurred one of the most remarkable of all revolutions recorded in human history.

Studied carefully in the light of modern analogies the student is amazed to discover how the men, motives and movements of that faraway time resemble those of today.

Attica had gone through several typical stages of development common to all nations—first monarchy, then aristocracy, and later, plutocracy.

Money was scarce; they had to loan, and every new distress of the people gave an excuse for higher interest rates.

Under such conditions the situation inevitably grew worse for the masses. They could endure no more, and a crisis came.

The plain people had long been organized in orator-labor unions. It was a matter of time when they would overthrow the plutocrats.

It was inevitable that the plutocrats should view these organizations with anxiety, and should attempt to suppress them by stringent legislation.

Then came Solon—one of the many instances in history where a man of high birth and wealth and distinction has stepped down to espouse the cause of the lowly.

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1. It abolished all existing mortgages on land and persons, and forbade slavery and imprisonment for debt.

2. It divided the population into four classes, according to income, and imposed a graduated income tax—exempting the lower class.

3. It gave the referendum and recall to the people, and made them practically masters of their own government.

IS CHURCH AGAINST US?

By the Rev. Charles Steitz.

"The church has always been against the workingman"—so some men are wont to say. I shall not discuss the purely theological arguments in this connection.

The importance of our organizations and cause, the duty of the hour and the future of the work, is the great question of women in industry—the conservation and preservation of the race, demand that every affiliated local and organization be represented and send its full number of delegates.

Unions Must All Affiliate

Washington, D. C., July 10.—Hereafter all unions affiliated with the American Federation must affiliate with the section to which it properly belongs, also with the Central Labor Council and the State Federation of Labor or give up its charter.

Since the above law was passed last November by the national convention of the A. F. of L., a few unions have refused to affiliate with their local central bodies and State Federation.

Commenting on the decision of the Executive Committee of the A. F. of L., Frank Morrison made the following statement: "In many instances the local unions have the idea that their representation in the central body is optional with them, and a failure of a number of locals to be represented is due to this impression."

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It is high time that such an absurd, autocratic and un-American law should be stricken from the statutes. We predict that if Gompers and his associates ever go to jail, any political party which adequately represents a protest against this proceeding will be triumphant in 1912.

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ANOTHER ROAST FOR VAN CLEAVE

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The National Association of Manufacturers ought to be a useful association, but it is neither. It has fallen into the hands of a clique which has been able from year to year to elect the notorious Van Cleave as president.

WOMEN'S TRADE UNION LEAGUE

The following self-explanatory communication has been received by The Labor Press:

To all affiliated leagues and members—greeting: You are hereby advised that in pursuance of the constitution of the National Women's Trade Union League, the national conference will be held in Chicago, Ill., beginning Monday, September 27, 1909, at 10 a. m., and will continue in session from day to day until the business of the conference has been completed.

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