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LABOR'S POLITICAL OPPORTUNITY IS HERE

Samuel Gompers in the American Federationist.

In the recent upheaval at the polls, both in the primaries and in the elections, the workers and the people generally have demonstrated equally their disgust and their power by sending into political oblivion many congressmen and legislators who have been hostile and indifferent to the rights of labor—to the rights and interests of the people. Consult the daily press, and not a reference is to be found to the potent influence in this result of the workers engaged in the organized labor movement of our country. Not one of the gentlemen engaged in making explanations the day after, and then for the week after, had a single word to say about the "labor vote" escaping them. None of them had ever expected it to throw them; only a few "bad labor leaders" had been showing disgruntlement. Well, 'tis true, the commanding officers of many a fort blown up had not known of the mine that was being bored underneath them, and this is equally true of the commanding officers of a political stronghold.

In past campaigns, labor entered into the open arena of political battle and drew all the concentrated opposition fire upon its ranks. Though victory was secured here and there, its manifest results were not such as to bring the greatest gratification, except that the principles and rights for which the toilers were contending were pressed upon the attention of friends and opponents alike. Organized labor has learned the lesson that, for a time at least, silent yet constant and persistent effort would bring its best achievement, so we find in the primaries and in the elections of the recent past that in not one district in which the toilers have made any serious efforts have they been disappointed in the results.

The abuse of the writ of injunction, which men have been shown the rights and liberties guaranteed by the constitutions of our country and by our states; the denial of equality before the law of the working people with all other citizens; the attempt by judicial invasion, to deprive law-abiding and liberty-loving citizens of the rights to which they are constitutionally and inherently entitled; the judicial interpretation of laws governing corporations and trusts so that they

organizations of workers' instead of protecting their personal rights and interests; the refusal to extend the beneficent features of the eight-hour law; failure to enact laws for the protection of the lives and limbs of the workers, or to enact compensation laws for injury or death; the Canonization of congressional legislation by packing committees and smothering all legislation of a reformatory or progressive character; the whole scheme of vested interests—all this aroused the workers who have made common cause with the people to the results already achieved and those yet to be achieved, November 8, 1910.

The common people of this country, when once aroused to the true situation of injustice and danger, are with the union people, and the unions have been, and are, being, vigorously and persistently demonstrating that this government was primarily meant for the rights of men. The people are not against property, but when the question is presented concisely to them to choose between the rights of property and the rights of man they will insist upon the man before the dollar. Corporate interests and big politicians will learn that, once the masses awake to the meaning of despotic legislation, reckless injunctions and the various other manifestations of the partisans of capital, and of the conflict between "the interests" and free labor and a free people, they can not run this republic to perdition.

The workers stand for equality before the law, ask no special privileges for themselves and insist that no special privileges shall be accorded to others, and especially against special privileges as militate against the rights and interests of the masses. Party loyalty ceases to have the potent influence it once had upon the people of our country. They are demanding and insisting upon reformatory and progressive legislation for justice and for fight; they want the initiative, the referendum and the recall, and real "government of the people, for the people, by the people." It was the organized labor movement that first declared for these political demands, as it demanded free schools, free text-books, and compulsory education, the secret ballot, the direct nomination and election of United States Senators, and an executive rather than an appointive judiciary—indeed, the

and representatives of government, both great and small, and their direct accountability to the people.

The wage workers will divest themselves of loyalty to a political party once they have come to understand that the party has ceased its loyalty to them. The loyalty of the workers is due to themselves first of all, because their interests are fundamental in society. Politicians, in endeavoring to explain their recent undoing, seem to labor under the impression that the workers were not thinking for themselves. Indeed, they were, and they have acted, or rather they are just beginning to act.

The American Federation of Labor has declared that it most firmly and unequivocally favors the use of the ballot by the trade unionists and workmen regardless of party; that we should elect men from our own ranks to make new laws and administer them along the lines laid down in labor's legislative demands, and at the same time secure an impartial judiciary that will not govern us by arbitrary injunctions or act as the pliant tools of corporate wealth; that as our efforts are centered against all forms of industrial slavery and economic wrong, the workers must direct their utmost efforts to remove all forms of political servitude and party slavery. The American labor movement is not partisan to a political party. It is partisan to a principle, the principle of equal rights and human freedom.

Representatives in Congress and legislatures who are of such pliant mold and who neither dare to do nor dare to openly deny should be kept home.

Wherever the opportunity presents itself, men from the ranks of labor who possess honesty, ability and the faithfulness to the cause of the common people should be sent to Congress and the state legislatures. The covert insinuations or open declarations of opposition to the election of "Saint Cannon" to the speakership are insufficient to entitle candidates to the support of the toiling masses. Labor must have direct, open and avowed affirmative pledges, based upon past declarations and actions, to entitle candidates to the support of the toiling masses. Labor must have the toilers' support. Too long have the toilers vainly pleaded and urged for a square deal.

All along the line the beginning of an upheaval is manifest. The people are tired of the old policy of catering to "the interests" and neglecting and violating the rights of the masses. Do not let the interests cajole or threaten the toilers with dire results which may follow their rightful course. Our organized labor movement has demonstrated and will demonstrate more effectively than ever that we are

ing our rights upon the industrial field.

A good pull, a long pull and a pull altogether, to stand by our friends and defeat our enemies at the coming elections, will be the most effective means of administering a rebuke to those who have proven hostile and indifferent to the cause of labor, the cause of right, justice and humanity.

FREE SPEECH IN JEOPARDY

American Federationist.

The St. Louis Mirror joins with other newspapers in expressing the hope that the contempt case involving three officials of the American Federation of Labor may be taken up and decided by the supreme court of the United States. An editorial article on the subject in the Mirror is so directly and concisely to the point of some of the principles involved in the case that we herewith reproduce it in full:

"The Buck's Slave and Range Company abandons its prosecution of Messrs. Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison for violating the injunction against the advertising of the boycott of the Buck product in the American Federationist's 'We Don't Patronize' list. The reimbursement of the Buck concern for its legal expenses and the loss of profits by the Employers' Association will cease, of course. But the American Anti-Boycott Association will press the case, as it was a party to the proceeding, taking up the suits at the request of the Buck concern and having 'borne the entire expense on the express understanding that they would be carried to a final conclusion, and that the company would operate to that end.' This is good news. The case is bigger than a labor case. It extends beyond the boycott. It involves the freedom of the press. The question is whether courts can issue injunctions forbidding publications printing certain matter before printing. If the printing be a wrong to another, there is law to punish it upon trial of the offenders by a jury. But injunction prohibits printing the matter and violation of the injunction being punished by imprisonment, the violator is punished without trial by jury. If a boycott notice may be enjoined, anything may be prevented from appearing in print, even anything thoroughly lawful. Thus judges are made the masters of the press. They can decide a thing unlawful before it has been done, and they can punish the printer without trial if he does it. All persons who care for liberty must hope that the case against the Federation leaders will not be left hung.

Wash once in a while—it may be expensive and a strange sensation, but it will do you good. Do not perspire, as it causes thirst, and you may not know where you are going to get the next one.

summarized in three sentences, thus: In the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison case two judges have decided, a third dissenting, that this dangerous power exists in the courts. If that case is abandoned without a decision of the lower court, where it is now pending on appeal, there is danger that the decision of the lower court may be followed by other courts and crystallized firmly into precedent. The situation would be no worse than it is, if the supreme court were to sustain the lower court; if it were to reverse the lower court, at least one of the dangers of government by injunction will be removed. And I believe Gompers, Mitchell and Morrison are ready to go to jail to bring the issue of liberty of thought, speech and printing squarely before the people. If they go to jail, they will prepare the way for many an editor to the same abode. Any Federal judge will be able to suppress the publication of unpopular opinion. The whole press ought to be with the labor leaders, but it isn't. It cares more for immediate profit than for menaces against press rights in the future.

"The whole press ought to be with the labor leaders, but it isn't." True, emphatically. And what is further true is the significant fact that many newspapers refuse to recognize the case as being what it is. They print references to "the law-breakers at the head of the American Federation of Labor," or by similar untruthful phrases seek to draw their readers' attention to the merits of the case. They ignore the fact that from the first the prosecutors of the labor representatives have barely carried the majority in the courts with them, and that jurists occupying positions of the highest respect throughout the country have declared the three men under sentence of the lower court to be in accord with the fundamental principles of American law.

SPEAKS FOR BRASS WORKERS.

T. M. Daly of Cincinnati, international president of the Metal Polishers, Buffers, Platers, Brass Molders, Brass and Silver Workers' Union of North America, made an appreciated talk to the Central Council on Friday night, last. He appealed for support for the few struggling Brass Workers who seem to be working against oppressive odds here.

Land speculators want all things there flowed in the veins of miners warm, red blood that rebelled

BAD POLICY TO FIGHT DUNIWAY

Editor Labor Press: The criticism of W. S. Duniway by R. A. Harris I think is ill advised and out of place at this time. Mr. Duniway has his charges regulated by law for the state printing, and whether their total is \$32,000 or \$132,000 is immaterial if he is not accused of fraud or imposition upon the people. I cannot see that he is to be blamed for taking fight the law allows. That he is not paid a flat salary, or that the state should own a plant of its own, or that the work should be let by contract, or that the office should be abolished, has nothing to do with the candidacy of Mr. Duniway for state printer. His reputation as a mechanic, his standing as an honorable man, his attitude toward organized labor—these might be discussed with profit.

The people won a great victory in naming so many important men who were not named by the "Electric building corporation assembly" that met before the doped and trimmed open assembly met. One of these men was Duniway. That he did not fall for the temptations placed before him to submit his name to the "thing" that met to undo the primary law is to his credit. Men just as good did submit to temptation and we scorn them for it.

It is bad policy to fight the nominees of the direct primary who submitted their names solely to the people and were turned down by the "Electric assembly." It is bad policy and bad morals to fight a good man with mistletoes furnished by the common enemy. The Labor Press can do a great deal of good by advocating proper laws to regulate the state printing office. Duniway will serve the people as well as any other man, and he helped with his popularity and reputation to down the assembly bunch and make them cry for harmony.

The state cannot do better, and it might do worse.
FRED C. DENTON.

PIPE MEN'S CONVENTION.

The recent International convention of the United Association of Plumbers, Gas Fitters, Steam Fitters and Helpers in St. Paul was a well attended and profitable gathering. It was decided to put two more general organizers in the field and to raise their salaries, making nine now at work. The reserve fund was ordered increased from \$100,000 to \$250,000. A home for aged and disabled members will be established similar to that of the Printers' Home in Colorado. John R. Alpine of Boston was elected president and Thomas E.

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