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PEOPLE OF THE DAY

Woman Heads Chicago Schools.

Mrs. Ella Flagg Young, who was recently appointed superintendent of Chicago's public school system, is the first woman in the school annals of that city or of other large cities to receive so important an appointment. She defeated six men who have excellent records as educators. Her salary will be \$10,000 per year.

Discussing her policies, Mrs. Young said: "I think it is time to lay more force on the old plain forms known as the



ELLA FLAGG YOUNG

three R's. You see, there have been great changes in the educational world in the last ten years. The old methods were inadequate for the modern child. An error of this kind is much that is great was added to the old log schoolhouse curriculum, but much that was useless was added also. The time has come to put a check on the funds and to ask ourselves which of them are really useful. We must not confuse the real purposes of teaching by too many trimmings."

Mrs. Young was born in New York, is sixty-four years of age and has devoted her life to teaching. She has for years been head of the Cook county normal school. She began teaching in 1882, was married in 1888 and has been a widow for twenty-five years.

A Homeless Ambassador.

At a recent dinner in New York Joseph H. Choate, former ambassador from the United States to Great Britain, was speaking of the necessity for proper ambassadorial residences in foreign countries.

"When I first went to England," said Mr. Choate, "I spent weeks and weeks looking for a house. It was a most arduous service in my country's interest. I tramped all over the available sections of London, and while I was at it a London lobby arrested a man who was pursuing a most erratic and foreign course out Hyde park way."

"Here, my man, said the lobby, 'what are you doing? Why don't you go home?'"

"Home?" replied the man bitterly. "I have no home. I am the American ambassador."

New Ambassador to Mexico.

Henry Lane Wilson, who succeeds David E. Thompson, resigned, as ambassador to Mexico, goes to his new post with a long diplomatic experience to draw upon. In fact, he comes from a diplomatic family. His father, the late James Wilson, was a United States minister to Venezuela and died in that republic. The new ambassador was appointed to his first diplomatic post, that of minister to Chile, in 1897.



HENRY LANE WILSON

by President McKinley. In 1905, in recognition of his services, he was made minister to Belgium, one of the most desirable diplomatic posts in the grade of minister. He now takes a step higher to ambassadorial rank.

Mr. Wilson is a native of Indiana and after leaving college entered in journalism, becoming editor and proprietor of the Lafayette Journal. Subsequently he studied law and about twenty-five years ago removed to Spangonia. There he not only built up a fine practice, but became wealthy through fortunate investments in real estate and in the banking business.

DUTY OF THE WORKER.

Organization intelligently directed His Chief Dependence.

Plainly is it the duty of men and women of labor to organize. What organization has done, what it can do, for the human family is so marked that one is amazed at the disinterestedness of some of our people on the question. The success of labor organizations involves the life of the nation. At no time in the history of the world has organization been found more necessary for the preservation of the very life of the toiler than today. A certain class of employers not content with the force of their own organization is invoking the aid of the courts, and upon us devolves the duty of maintaining and preserving such rights as we now possess.

To gain the attention of the public and to secure and fasten public sentiment we must give proof of mental and moral worth. In the individual we have that mental and moral force, but it stands for nothing in the person. We must concentrate that power, and in centralizing it in and through organization we are enabled to so direct it as to bring substantial results.

In an industrial strife it is no longer a question of endurance. Our opponents resort to measures less expensive and productive of results.

The recent decision in the Gompers-Mitchell-Morrison case plainly indicates that our opponents are using their intelligence and organization to a purpose.

They have made a study of organization, the power and effect of cohesiveness and resultant effect of intelligent direction of that organization industrially and politically.

The duty of the wage earner is to organize, but that is not all. He must carefully study the aims and objects of that organization and assist in its intelligent direction, whether such action be upon the industrial or political field. From whatever point his interest is attacked, there he must be found, using wisdom and judgment to resist any encroachment upon his rights.

The laborer in his organization is fighting for the rights of man, and since the dawn of day it has been a long and bitter struggle, requiring courage, fortitude and sacrifice to reach our present status. When engaged in an industrial conflict the men of labor willingly and cheerfully make such sacrifices as they believe will contribute in achieving the desired end.

When the conflict is extended to the political field by the captains of industry it is plainly and clearly the duty of the hour for the men of labor to arm themselves with the ballot and direct it in a manner that will bring victory to organized labor.

It is the duty of the hour for men of labor to organize and prepare to meet opponents on the industrial field and clothe themselves with the robes of citizenship to do battle in the political arena.

We should know the power of cohesiveness at all times, industrially and politically.—Jerome Jones in American Federationist.

TRIAL BY JURY.

Workers Demand Rights Accorded to Lowest of Criminals.

In his Labor day manifesto John Mitchell, second vice president of the American Federation of Labor, made a telling point when he said:

While the abuse of the writ of injunction did not originate within the last decade, yet it is safe to say that the wrongful use of what was primarily a beneficent and necessary legal process has become acute within the last ten years, and perhaps no action has caused such universal protest as the injunction issued by Justice Gould and the decision rendered by Justice Wright.

The question of whether or not the defendants shall be required to serve terms of imprisonment sinks into insignificance when compared with the principles of constitutional government and human freedom which are involved. And it is no reflection upon the judiciary to say that workmen will not cease their agitation or abate their demands until trial by jury for every defense which involves imprisonment shall have been established and recognized as the only true principle of free government and the real guarantee of the impartial administration of justice.

The reasons assigned by those who oppose trial by jury in contempt cases will fall to convince workmen, who are the greatest sufferers from imprisonment in such cases, that trial by jury is not essential to the proper administration of justice when they observe daily men guilty of the most atrocious crimes known in criminal jurisprudence enjoying the constitutional guarantee of trial by jury.

LABOR NOTES.

Since 1898 the Machinists' International union has grown from 10,000 to 55,700 members.

In Oklahoma there are at present about 325 separate unions, with an average membership of seventy-one per organization.

There is a union of hatmakers in Le Mans, France, in which the offices of president, vice president, secretary and treasurer are held by one man.

The unions of molders, metal workers and mechanics in France recently voted to combine. The new society will be called the Union of Metal Workers and Kindred Trades.

By unanimous vote of a recent convention in Newburg, N. Y., the Union of Iron Spoke Makers and Boltmakers of America determined not to amalgamate with the International Shipbuilders and Boatmakers.

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