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HAS THE NON-UNIONIST A RIGHT TO WORK HOW, WHEN, AND WHERE HE PLEASURES?

Direct argument of Frank K. Foster speaking on the negative of the proposition: "That the non-unionist has the moral right to work how, when, and where he pleases."—From "American Federationist."

Has a non-unionist the moral right to work "how, when, and where he pleases?"

The right to individual freedom of action in the greatest number of ways is perhaps the most precious product of civilisation. In the degree that this freedom is assured and individual initiative permitted, social progress is stimulated. In brief, the entire advance of the masses from serfdom and feudal bondage to the sovereign citizenship of our own time has been through the increase of the liberty of the individual in matters political, theological, and economic.

In maintaining the negative proposition in the question under discussion, it must not be assumed, therefore, that trade unionists seek to curtail the absolute legal rights of men to work how, when, and where they please. Whatsoever unduly coercive measures irresponsible and injudicious men have sometimes resorted to in times of industrial trouble, trade unions are prepared to grant and respect the legality of the acts of non-unionists in breaking that commandment in the labor not steal—neighbor's job."

Indeed, the contention of the trade unionist himself is, that he has the legal right to sell his labor how, when, and where he pleases, for this carries with it the legal right to refuse to sell his labor excepting under condition approved of by him. Thus, if it should be assumed that the individual workman has, legally, no choice in the disposition of his labor, an involuntary servitude would be established, which would effectively debar the union man from refusing to work with so-called unfair men—a point upon which a great deal of public criticism has been expended.

But the question under discussion is not a legal but a moral one—a question not of legal rights but of moral duties. A man may do many harmful and unjust actions and still be within the law. The Shylock who forecloses a mortgage or evicts a widow and orphans from their little home is within the law. The merchant who bankrupts a smaller competitor by underselling him, is within the law. The trust which freezes out the smaller dealer is within the law. The magnate who controls the oil market and raises the price of the poor man's light, is within the law. Hundreds of instances are familiar to us all which conclusively prove that legality and justice are by no means synonymous terms. Hence it is apparent that an individual wage-earner may be acting legally, and yet be pursuing a policy which is seriously harmful to the interests of other workmen.

To say that the non-unionist has the moral right to work how, when, or where he pleases is, of course, the same thing as saying that he has the moral right, if he pleases, entirely apart from extenuating circumstances, to become a strike-breaker, an active agent working against his fellow-workmen, a traitor to his class and kind.

The Standard Dictionary gives the primary definition of "moral" as "pertaining to the practice, conduct, and spirit of men towards God, themselves, and their fellowmen, with reference to right and wrong."

In simple phrase, then, those acts which are right are moral; those acts which are wrong are immoral. A man can have no moral right to commit a wrong act.

To establish a fixed standard of right and wrong must be confessed a somewhat difficult problem, for standards change with times and peoples.

The follower of some barbaric god, whose religious faith has taught him that it is a meritorious act to slay the infidel Christian, may not conveniently be judged by our American tests.

The zealous bigot, of whatsoever creed, who waged religious war in past centuries—mass used the stake and rack as an instrument of conversion—is without the pale of our modern circumference of morality.

And with all due deference to the cloth, it may be noted that our theological friends have never been famous for setting the example of tolerance toward those refusing to accept orthodoxy—whatever that might chance to be at any given time. Anne Hutchinson and Roger Williams found the climate of Massachusetts unhealthy immediately after attempting to argue with the clerics of that period. The distinction between orthodoxy and heterodoxy has been wittily defined as, "Orthodoxy, my doxy. Heterodoxy, the other fellow's doxy."

It is probably true that we condemn non-conformists in the degree that we hold our own faith essential. This explains why religious wars have been more virulent and ferocious than any others. So long as men held that a slight difference of opinion as to a theological point perilled one's eternal salvation, it was natural that they should insist on conformity.

The industrial question looms in front to-day. Men, having arrived at a tacit agreement as to theology, are now wrestling with the issues of industrial relationship. The strike-breaker is the legitimate inheritor of the odium which was formerly heaped upon the heretic.

Every man, says the Declaration of Independence, has the right to freedom in the pursuit of happiness. But this statement demands qualification. The best definition of happiness is perhaps this: that it consists in the exercise of one's faculties. But if a man have abnormally developed faculties of greed and avarice, we must set a limit over which he may not exercise them. If his faculties be of the animal order they must be restrained. It is perfectly conceivable that there may be men who are happiest when they are helping to lower the standard of living of their fellows—for a great many non-unionists do this—but they are scarcely fit subjects for moral commendation.

It is true that the highest court of appeal in all moral issues must be a man's own conscience. A long line of brave souls have gone fearlessly to ignominious deaths for conscience's sake, and the judgment of posterity enshrines their memory, even though it sometimes deems their zeal excessive and unnecessary.

If there be those so abnormally constituted as to feel they serve conscience best by serving their fellow-men least, then the trade unionist can only leave them free to put on the halo constructed for them by that most eminent personage who has designated the scab as the best type of modern hero.

But it will hardly be asserted, even by the opposition, that men are regularly lacerated in conscience by refraining from taking the jobs of men on strike. The motive which leads them to do this may come from need, from desire for promotion, from motives of revenge, but scarcely from conscientiousness. The very personnel of professional strike-breakers is such as to render ludicrous and even grotesque the assertion that they are at all afflicted by conscientious scruples. If they have consciences at all the article is so minute as to be invisible to the average eye, and can only be brought out by the lenses of the theological microscope.

It is not necessary for the purpose of this argument to assume that all strikers are morally justified—some at least are. John Stuart Mill said that "a strike is wrong when it is foolish, and there are and will be foolish and unwise strikes. But our opponents claim that the non-unionist is performing a moral act as a strike-breaker, in any and all strikes."

This necessarily carries with it the implication that all strikers are evil; that men have not the right to do collectively that which they may do individually.

If there be a sound principle in democracy, in government by majority, if a majority of a craft decide that it is for their interest to refuse to work under certain conditions, why does not the presumption hold good that the majority is right there as elsewhere?

It should be noted at this point that the Court of Appeals of the State of New York, in a case decided about a year ago, held that workmen had a legal right, singly or collectively, to refuse to work with non-unionists or other workmen. The ground of the decision was that inasmuch as the law holds that workmen or workmen's families can not recover damages for accident or death due to the negligence or to any act of a "co-employee," it therefore follows that the workmen have for this reason, if for no other, the right to protect themselves from the companionship in work of those who they may regard as inimical to their interests.

The time is rapidly arriving, in the older trade unions has already arrived, when the fact that a workman is a non-unionist is prima facie evidence that he is also an incompetent. Non-union labor is usually overworked and underpaid labor. The very instinct of self-preservation, therefore, justifies the union workman in condemning the strike-breaker.

The strike-breaker occupies in the industrial world a position precisely analogous to that of the renegade and traitor. He represents a type of man universally condemned in any other sphere of human activity. He sells himself for less than the 30 pieces of silver, but too often lacks the grace which caused Iscariot to go and hang himself. He commits the unpardonable sin of betraying his fellows. He purloins that to which he has no claim and is the one stumbling block in the path of the onward advance of the wage-earner. The attempt to make him respectable reflects discredit upon those engaged in it.

For all practical purposes in civilized lands we may hold that the test of the Golden Rule furnishes a sufficiently accurate measurement of the morality of any present day code of action. If the code does not meet the test, it is not moral, no matter if it be legal.

How does the act of the strike-breaker square with the sublime injunction, "Do unto others as ye would have them do unto you?" By what tortuous logic can it be asserted that the man who, from selfish personal interest, seeks to profit by the industrial difficulties of his fellowmen, is acting in accordance with the Golden Rule?

There are sometimes, but rarely, extenuating circumstances under which the strike-breaker acts. He may be driven by want—but this seldom happens, for at last when labor is organized, those who are in real need are provided with the necessities of life from the union funds. He may, sometimes, be actuated by a feeling of friendship for an employer. But the strike-breaker, pure and simple, the non-union man who embraces the opportunity of taking jobs which his fellow-craftsmen have forsaken on principle, is actuated by no such motive, but by unadulterated selfishness.

He sets up his desire for individual advancement as of more power and influence in determining his course of action than the welfare of his kind. He permits himself to be used as a club to strike down the aspirations of labor. He contributes the one great impediment to the success of the principle of collective bargaining, upon which the trade union movement is based. He probably inspired the saying of a philosopher, "The more I see of men the better I like dogs." He is an industrial thief, a social renegade, a moral leper and as such merits, and fortunately often receives, the penalty of being set aside in practical isolation from honorable men.

The attempt to clothe the strike-breaker with the attributes of heroism and morality would be immensely ludicrous were it not so serious in its possible results. With our leading university turned into a foundry for the casting of brass medals to decorate his courage and our clerical friends issuing certificates as to his sanctity, what wonder if the strike-breaker inflates his chest and pats his own shoulder.

To carry out this line of reasoning, we may expect that the future copy-books of our children will be made to read somewhat as follows:—

"Honesty is the worst policy."
"Virtue is not its own reward."
"Scabbism is the noblest of the virtues."

It will be remembered in Bellamy's "Equality," the people of the future commonwealth had erected statues in public places in honor of the trade union leaders, who, on the industrial battlefield, had led the hosts of labor to higher levels of civilisation.

Our opponents apparently would reverse this proposition and in their pantheon of fame would canonise and commemorate the selfish and degenerate.

Their future Order of the Cincinnati will be composed not of the descendants of those illustrious statesmen and patriots who built our Government in union and concord, but of the descendants of the spawn and refuse of the gutters, who prowl like carrion birds on the battlefields of labor to fatten on the dead and dying.

They would erect statues not to those who, like Florence Nightingale and Father Damien, risk their lives in self-sacrificing deeds of mercy and helpfulness, but to the ghouls and vultures who prey upon the fallen. In their calendar of sainthood they would enshrine, not the names of those who obey the mandate of the glad hand of the industrial Ishmaelite.

It was the great Hebrew law-giver, Moses, himself the leader of the biggest strike on record, who decreed the law against scabbism, "Thou shalt not covet"—that which belongs to thy neighbor, and if any of his people had gone back to work in Pharaoh's brickyard, who can doubt his judgment as to the morality of the act.

But, as Shakespeare says, "No vice so simple but assumes some mask of virtue on its outward parts," and our modern apologists for and defenders of the strike-breaker would weave this mask on their rhetorical looms.

It will be said that a man's right to his opinion must not be curtailed in a free country, and that consequently the non-union man must be safeguarded in his non-union belief. Granted. But opinion is one thing, act is another.

It is conceivable that besides the moral perversity there are the mentally incapable, and that there are those among wage-earners whose intellects

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The Turf: Notes and Selections
(By "Musket.")

Most of the Sydney sporting scribes did not even give Hecate a place in their selections for the Newmarket handicap. "Musket," however, in last week's issue, tipped the Sydney horse to win.

At the Geulburn races on Saturday, Kairoona was beaten by Light Brigade in the Hurdle Race.

Gigandra came to grief shortly after the start in the Newmarket Handicap. The Ibez horse was severely shaken.

It was hard to obtain 20 to 1 against Gigandra for the Newmarket at Rosehill on Saturday, yet at Flemington the Ibez horse was offered at 40 to 1.

The poor showing made to Tider in the St. Leger was probably due to the fact that he knocked himself about by pulling too hard over the early part.

Betting on the St. Leger at Rosehill on Saturday was 5 to 4 "on" Cider and 7 to 4 against Wolawa. At Flemington, Wolawa was at even money, while 5 to 2 against the Sydney horse was freely offered.

Now South Wales was represented by three winners at Flemington on Saturday. They were Relievo, the Newmarket Handicap; Piastre, the Essendon Stakes; and Kuringal, the Brunswick Stakes.

Cadonia ran fairly well in the Essendon Stakes on Saturday.

Prior to the start in the Parramatta Mile on Saturday, Medicine Man broke through the tape and bolted once round.

Nuwara Elyas failed to run the straight six furlongs right out, and although he led at the distance he only filled fourth place at the finish.

Dorosoov ran well in the Newmarket Handicap.

A few days before the St. Leger Cider was suffering from colic, and may be he was not himself on Saturday.

The final six furlongs in the St. Leger occupied 1min. 15sec. The Newmarket was run in 1min. 14 1/2 sec., but of course the latter event took place on the straight track.

After the Club Handicap was decided at Rosehill on Saturday I heard several pressmen express an opinion that the judge blundered when he awarded the prize to Allingamite, yet in their comments on the race not one word was written against the ruling. Truly, there are some fearless writers on the Sydney press.

ANTICIPATIONS.
By "Musket."

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ROSEHILL CUP.
Sir Willie or Tartanus . . . 1
Aurofodina 3

CARLINGFORD MILE.
Memoret or Bellara 1
Odlat 3

The result of the Australian Cup was—Almissa 1, Cadonia 2, Piastre 3. "Musket's" selection was—Piastre 1, Cadonia 2, Almissa 3. This something like being one number of the winning number in "Tatt's."

KENSINGTON RACES.
Winners, S.P., Riders, and Post Positions.

Moorefield Lad, 8 to 1 (Gardiner), 5.
Minalene, 8 to 1 (Walsh), 11.
Doughboy, 3 to 1 (Miller), 12.
Lady Blue, 10 to 1 (Wuddle), 12.
Bobadil Maid, 4 to 1 (Sutt), 10.
Miss Nini, 3 to 1 (Harris), 1.
Lady Araxes, 7 to 1 (Thompson), 5.
Pickett, 12 to 1 (Wagner), 2.
Nora Doon, 7 to 2 (Blake), 6.

As usual, the weekly "pony" meeting was very well patronised. The going was good and the weather fine.

The first event to engage punters' attention was the Maiden Handicap, which was run in divisions. The best backed in the first flutter was Hannabal, who dropped from four to 6 to 4. Cozin was second favorite.

Sweet Success led into the straight from Cozin, but the latter was in charge when fairly on the road for home. At the distance Moorefield Lad ran up to Cozin and badly interfered with him. Hannabal finished fast, but could not get Moorefield Lad, who won by half a length.

Cozin was third, and had he been second it is probable that he would have beaten Moorefield Lad on a protest.

Contrive finished fourth.

Schottische was a hot favorite in the second division, and at flagfall 7 to 1 he was freely offered. Robert made the pace for a couple of furlongs, but the favorite was first into the straight. A close finish resulted in a head win for Minalene, with Brown Dick a head further off, and a neck in advance of Playfair.

The Flying Handicap was also decided in divisions. Doughboy won the first by a short head from Long Loch, with Dropstitch a fair third.

In respect, North Star, and Starfield were in a bunch just behind the third horse.

Hulbrook was with the leaders at the turn. The Hulbrook gelding should win soon.

Starfield was a long way behind the leaders at the end of a furlong. She finished well. Circumspact appeared to have a chance at the distance.

Lady Blue easily won the second division from Bonester, with Simola third. Gamba, who cut out the running early, was fourth, and Flip Flap next. North Star shaped best of the others.

Bobadil Maid put up a good performance by winning the 14.0 Handicap. The Bobadil filly was a long way behind the leaders at the three furlong pole, but managed to win by a neck from Pusillier, with My Dove third. My Rosette was fourth and Red Opsy fifth.

Miss Neal practically led all the way in the 14.2 Handicap, and although almost headed by Real Silk at the half distance she won by a neck. Real Silk was second and All There a bad third.

Little Boy was fourth and Lady Alicia next.

Lady Araxes finished well in the Novice Handicap and defeated Halcot by a neck. Parsley was a good third.

Trustworthy was first into the straight, but failed to finish well. Ombra shaped best of the others.

Pickett easily won the Kensington Handicap from Resolved, with Bombardment third.

Elonera showed pace, but only for about five furlongs.

The final event, the 14.1 Handicap, went to Nora Doon, who finished fast and defeated Real nicely. Little Jack made the pace to the turn, but finished third.

THE STADIUM.
STADIUM FIXTURES.

To-day (Thursday)—Matinee: Pooley v. Harold Ewers, 10 rounds. Saturday, March 8—Jack Clarke v. Roy Kenny.

Wednesday, 12—G. Coghill v. Weddall, 12 rounds. Dave Smith v. Les O'Donnell.

Wednesday, March 19—Jack Clarke v. winner Bradley-Godfrey contest.

COGHILL 'COUNTS FOR FITZ-SIMMONS.

Gordon Coghill, ex-amateur heavyweight champion of Australasia, made a successful entry into the ranks of professional pugilists at the Stadium on Wednesday evening, last week, by defeating Syd Fitzsimmons, ex-amateur heavyweight champion of New Zealand, in a close fight. The weights announced were: Coghill, 12 st. 7 lb.; Fitzsimmons, 12st. 13 3/4 lb. The former had an advantage of several inches in height. The first two rounds were uneventful, though some hard knocks were exchanged and the fight lacked science. Fitzsimmons put up a good showing and won the first round, but in the second session Coghill got to work with his straight left and gave his opponent some pretty solid body punishment, and he owned the round. When the gong sounded the commencement of the third, Fitzsimmons opened with left and right to the face. Both men exchanged a number of blows, most of which were badly timed and went for nothing. Coghill took his turn at attack first with a straight left, and then left and right to the jaw. Another left swing by Coghill sent Fitz to the boards for two seconds. Assuming the perpendicular again, the Moarlander was sent down again, with heavy left and right to the jaw. Three seconds had been checked when the gong rang. Fitz was a beaten man when he faced Coghill for the fourth round. He made an effort to smother, but two lefts and a heavy right smashed through his defence, and as he went to the boards his second victory with his straight left. Coghill received the decision.

Johnny Summers, welter-weight champion of England, after an absence of several years, arrived in Sydney on Thursday, by the R.M.S. Otranto. He is the present holder of the Lonsdale belt, emblematic of the present year's welter-weight championship.

The battle between Dave Smith and Les O'Donnell, which was decided at the Stadium on Saturday evening, March 15th, promises to be the "contest of the season." Both are clever fighters, and some extraordinary scientific boxing has been witnessed. We tip that the pair will draw a record "house."

A "white hope" contest is to be decided at the Stadium this afternoon (Thursday). Two giants whose names are Pooley and Harold Ewers, will be the disturbing factors. There'll be a feast of fun and excitement, sure.

Sam McVea and Jim Barry will meet at the Sports Ground on Easter Monday under the management of Jack Fenely.

SPARLETS FROM SPORTDOM.

A few weeks back it appeared odds on North Sydney winning the cricket competition, but after Glebe finishes with them in the present round they will have to be very serious to get home by a narrow margin.

Freeman and Kelleway for Glebe were mainly responsible for North's poor total. The former took four for 49, and Kelleway three for 35. A. E. Johnston (47) was chief scorer for Norths.

Glebe has lost two wickets for 98, Cotter and Freeman being the dismissed batsmen. Bardley (48) and Watson (4) will open the batting next Saturday.

Cotter hit up 38 in 20 minutes.

Bowlers to do well on Saturday were: Rough, four for 48; Dive, five for 46; Freeman, four for 49; Kelleway, three for 35; White, five for 35; Tierney, five for 52; Macartney, five for 32; and Shortland, five for 43.

For Waverley against Paddington W. E. Pite scored 119. Other batsmen to score well were: Lloyd, 58 (Waverley); Diamond, 48 (N.S.W.); (Burwood); Johnston, 47 (N.S.W.); Bardley, not out, 48 (Glebe); Pye, 68 (Central Cumberland); Arnot, 56 (Balmain); Kemmis, 54 (Balmain); and Macartney, 30 (Gordon).

Macartney has reached the nineties without getting the century on many occasions this season, and it is more than likely that he has established a "ninety" record.

According to the "cable crammer" Tommy Das intends making a tour of the world and will meet all comers. Should Burns get into good nick he will probably make short work of some of the alleged champions.

James Paddon has accepted Dick Arnst's challenge to row for the championship of Australasia.

The N.S.W. team was too good for Tasmania, and in the first innings Scott and Horden dismissed the Islanders for 139 runs. Horden took six for 97, while the "express" bowler accounted for four for 37.

In the first innings of the South Australia v. Victoria match Crawford took eight wickets for 65, while with the bat he scored 44.

Crawford's 167 were made in two hours and 51 minutes.

The walking championship of N.S.W. was held last Saturday, and resulted in a win for F. Bowker, of Marrickville.

The Hawthick Cup was decided on Saturday and resulted in a win for Mr. Mark's Gutwax III.

In a tennis match at Monte Carlo last Saturday A. F. Wilding (Australia) defeated M. de Cugis (Belgium).

LABOR COUNCIL.

The president (Mr. C. Fox) occupied the chair at the meeting of the Labor Council held on Thursday evening last. There was a large attendance of delegates. The minutes of previous meeting as read by the secretary (Hon. E. J. Kavanagh, M.L.C.) were read and confirmed.

MATTERS OF PRIVILEGE.

Mr. Harold Mercer (Actors' Union) brought under the notice of Council a certain advertisement that had appeared in the daily press by a certain picture-show proprietor to the effect that unionists need not apply for positions advertised. He moved the following motion:—

"That all trades unionists be urged to refrain from visiting any places of amusements where unionists are discharged or penalised."

Mr. J. S. Ryan (Actors' Union) seconded the motion.

Mr. J. McDonald (Bricklayers' Union) moved the following amendment:—

"That the following Council and a representative of the Australian Vaudeville Artists' Association wait on the gentleman mentioned in the advertisement placing the views of the Council before him."

He maintained that the amendment would have the effect of getting this matter into the hands of the Council. The motion would be ineffective.

Mr. T. Storey (Engineers) favored the amendment. It would be better to wait on this man. Then, if he refuses to take any notice of Council, and defies trades unionism, some further action will then have to be taken.

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LABOR LEAGUES.

SOUTH SYDNEY LABOUR COUNCIL.

The annual meeting of the South Sydney Electorate Council was held in the Redfern Town Hall on 2nd February, 1913. Mr. P. Stephenson occupied the chair.

Delegates were present from the following branches:—Belmore, Surry Hills, Kensington, South Kensington, Randwick, Botany, Mascot, Waterloo, Redfern, Zetland was not represented.

Election of Officers.—President, Mr. R. Stephenson, Waterloo Branch, was elected unopposed. Vice-Presidents: Mr. W. H. Brown, Kensington; Mr. W. Gamme, Botany; Mr. J. Leitch, Redfern; Mr. F. Hornblower, Waterloo, ere elected unopposed; Secretary and Treasurer: Mr. Leo Denitt and Mr. G. Dempster were nominated, and on a vote being taken Mr. G. Dempster was elected by 28 votes to Mr. L. Denitt's 23 votes.

Executive Committee: Messrs. J. Welch, F. Hornblower, J. McCallum, M. Humphreys, W. H. Brown, D. Simpson, W. Jackson, L. Denitt, E. Molyneux were elected.

Capitation Fee was fixed at 2d per member. The membership of the nine branches number over 700, which goes to show that the leagues are very strong in South Sydney.

TULLAMORE P.L.L.

At last night's meeting the following resolution was carried:—That this League heartily congratulates the Executive for its wisdom in selecting that bright young Australian, Gregory McGirr, to contest Yass at the forthcoming bye-election.

The recent sports and social netted 214. This amount brings the total funds in hand up to £21—rather substantial sum to realise in four months—the length of time our League has been in existence.

WATERLOO P.L.L.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above was held in the Waterloo Town Hall on Wednesday, 26th inst; the president (Mr. A. Devlin) in the chair.

Reports were received regarding the benefit to be tendered to the family of the late Ald. Peck, ex-treasurer of the Alexandria P.L.L., from the delegates to the South Sydney Labor Council, re-arranged arrangements for the forthcoming Federal elections; and from Mr. H. Glasby, delegate to the P.L.L. Conference.

LANG LABOUR COUNCIL.

The monthly meeting of this council was held on Saturday, 15th inst., at the Dispensary Hall, Marrickville. This council has been recently constituted under the Federal re-division. A large and representative attendance of delegates were in attendance, including Rev. T. S. Crawford, M.L.A., and Messrs. J. C. McQueen, J. M. Miller, Kays, and Jones.

It was decided to engage the Federal Hall, Hlawara-road, Marrickville, and Oatfield, Hall, Arncliffe, on 22nd and 23rd inst., respectively, to enable candidates to address members of the leagues. Ballot for selection to take place on Saturday, 8th March. Mr. J. McQueen was appointed returning officer.

At the conclusion of the meeting, Mr. Crawford congratulated the delegates on the undying spirit of fight which seemed to still exist in the council, and promised to give every assistance in the forthcoming struggle.

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DARLING ISLAND STRIKE. AMALGAMATED MEN'S NEVER BE BLACK EGGS

REVOLT AGAINST SWEATING CONDITIONS.

A deputation of the casual hands at Darling Island who are out on strike at present consequent upon the refusal of the Department to place their wages on the same level as those of the wharf-laborers...

STATEMENT BY GENERAL SECRETARY.

Mr. Catts opened the meeting by informing the men what had been done in regard to the trouble...

That in the event of any member being punished for refusing to do the work about which the rate is in dispute...

Continuing, he said, "I want you to notice that the Chief Commissioner had full information in his office as to when some additional men were engaged on the strike...

LIMITATION OF TROUBLE.

You men did not ask the Association to do anything further than you were doing yourselves. That is, you stopped work of your own accord...

CORRESPONDENCE WITH CHIEF COMMISSIONER.

In this spirit I wrote the following letter to the Chief Commissioner, instead of seeing him personally...

Sydney, March 3, 1913. Mr. T. R. Johnson, Chief Railway Commissioner, Bridge-street, Sydney.

THE TROUBLE AT DARLING ISLAND. Sir,—The men who have been casually employed by the Department at Darling Island by the hour...

I am to suggest, therefore, that your Association should use its influence to bring any matters in dispute before this Wages Board...

Yours faithfully, J. S. SURWAY, (Secretary).

Mr. T. R. Johnson, Chief Railway Commissioner, Sydney.

Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of yours of even date. I should like to correct my letter of 3rd inst. in one slight particular...

In the second place I should like to correct the paragraph of your letter under notice. It is stated that the casual employees at Darling Island joined this Association...

A SERIES OF QUESTIONS.

Would the Board be the existing Board comprised of the persons that the Association have objected to?

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GOVERNMENT TAKES ACTION.

From the papers I learned that representations had been made to the Minister for Labor by certain of the shippers, that something ought to be done to protect their interests...

REGISTRAR AND GENERAL SECRETARY CONFERS.

When I arrived home last night 8 o'clock, I found another industrial dispute had been started by the Registrar...

A RESOLUTION AGREED TO.

After a general discussion for some time, the following resolution was moved by Messrs. Baer and Burphy...

A HITCH.

At this juncture a discussion arose as to the Award being retrospective or prospective...

PADDINGTON P.L.L.

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WOOLLAHRA P.L.L.

The Woollahra P.L.L. held its weekly meeting on Tuesday evening, Feb. 11, president, Mr. J. B. Lachlan, in chair.

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PHILLIP P.L.L.

The last meeting of the above branch was held on Tuesday evening, February 18. The President, Mr. P. Fallon, presiding. Nomination of officers was called for half-year ending June.

WAVERLEY P.L.L.

The usual fortnightly meeting of the above was held at the Gilberton Hall, Copper-street, Waverley, on Monday evening, the 17th inst. Mr. J. Fingert presiding.

WOOLLAHRA P.L.L.

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PADDINGTON P.L.L.

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WOOLLAHRA P.L.L.

Two new members were proposed and received. Miss A. T. Cleary (delegate) on the Labor Daily Committee reported that a large meeting of delegates and ladies of Woollahra met at Mrs. Hickman's residence on Monday evening, Feb. 10.

WOOLLAHRA P.L.L.

It was resolved to hold a gift musical evening at the residence of Mrs. W. Dwyer, Paddington, each request to bring a gift for staff. Report confirmed.

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FASHION'S FAVORITES.

The question of color always figures largely in a woman's mind when consideration is being given to the New Season's frock

In this one respect we may all be in the fashion quite apart from what it may cost to have our dresses made in the very latest style. For instance, black and white is a very popular combination, and requires not the least extravagance and novel way in some distinctive and novel way. A tendency appears to favor black touches to the white hat or frock, and the idea is even being carried out in much the same way with belts, collars, gloves, and neckwear, and I have even seen white stockings with black eox.

The widest latitude is being exercised so that whatever color is chosen one may use individual judgment and still be strictly in the fashion. Amongst the colors which predominate for autumn wear probably the most noticeable and pleasing feature are those related shades such as amethyst, prune, heliotrope, etc.

Browns, too, figure largely in every show the city shops are making. There may be seen some very exclusive robes and cloaks in delicate shades of grey and blue, but these are more likely to find favor for evening wear.

W.C.O. COMMITTEE.

NEWINGTON ASYLUM.

The committee appointed some time ago by the W.C.O. to visit this institution and suggest reforms considered necessary, gave its first report on Thursday night, 27th inst.

The committee consists of three women—Madames Stone, Greville, and Lalor. Mrs. Stone pointed out the need of lockers in which the inmates might keep their private belongings, small enough as they are, instead of being obliged to carry them about whenever they went. Also, that lockers should be supplied to enable the women to rest in the afternoon. The hour for rising is early, before 6 a.m., to allow of the proper cleaning to be got through before noon, and women of 80 were to be seen at 3 p.m. lying on the hard boards of the verandah of the division known as the "Yard." There should, in her opinion, be a system of cottage homes for aged couples, as an old lady complained of her husband, being separated from her husband.

Mrs. Greville emphasized the point made by Mrs. Lalor at the 1912 Conference, that the crying need of the place was classification. There are women of reputable lives in the "Yard," herding with ex-convicts and lunatics, and women in the cottages who should be in the "Yard." When the inmates are too much liberty allowed the inebriates, who can go out and speak about what money they possess, come back when they like, and make a nuisance to the well behaved.

Mrs. Lalor drew the attention of the W.C.O. to the fact that one of its members, a veteran Laborite, and who had lately died there, and had been buried at Government expense, that another veteran Laborite, aged 73, who, only two or three years ago, was out of a house of correction, was in the Home of the "Yard." She pointed out a case of sweating, a young woman working in the institution without pay.

In the report, concerning the hospital, a point, omitted unintentionally, though the congestion has been greatly relieved by the removal of the consumptives, the unsightly and unsanitary double row of beds down the middle of the ward, still exists. The matron complained of this 18 months ago, and wishes to see the centre of the ward free for the passage of light and air to the every beds, a practice in vogue in every other hospital.

The dress of the inmates still suggests old-world pauperdom, and is hideously ugly; while the convict garb at Long Bay jail, except in the use of hardened criminals, been abolished.

A POPULAR MANAGER.

At the Trocadero Picture Palace, Newtown, a film of startling interest will be screened. The management has succeeded in procuring an enormous cost a special feature photo play, "The Torch of War." This will be shown at the Trocadero on Thursday, Friday and Saturday for the first times in Australia. The patron of this establishment are all ways assured of good entertainment, as under the able direction of Mr. Robert Henry, better known perhaps as "Bob Henry," nothing but that which reaches the highest standard possible is permitted. When the proprietors of the Trocadero succeeded in persuading Mr. Henry to forsake the legitimate drama for the picture show, it was a stroke of genius on their part, as since this gentleman took over the direction of the Trocadero it has leaped from one success to another, until to-day it would be difficult to find a house that provides a better entertainment or where the comfort of the patrons is studied to such an extent. Crowds of ladies nightly testify to the high class selection of photo, play and to the success reached by Mr. Henry in catering for the public requirements.

THE FIRST VIOLIN.

Consent was given. Sir Peter was not mentioned to me by my parents, or by Adelaide. The days of that week fled rapidly by.

I was almost afraid to mention my presence to Adelaide. I feared she would resent my good fortune in going abroad, and that her anger at my having spoiled those other prospects would remain unabated. Moreover, a deeper feeling separated me from her now—the knowledge that there lay a great gulf of feeling, sentiment, opinion between us, which prevented our bridge over or away with. Outwardly, we might be amiable and friendly to each other, but confidence, union, was fled for ever. Once again in the future, I was destined to see our respective principles had been tried to the utmost, to have her confidence—to see her heart of hearts; but for the present we were effectually divided. I had mortally offended her, and it was not a case in which I could with decency, even, humble myself to her. Once, how, she mentioned the future.

When the day of our departure had been fixed, and was only two days distant; when I was breathless with hurried repairing of old clothes, and the equally hurried laying in of such necessaries as I could find, I was contemplating with awe the prospect of a first journey to London, to Ostend, to Brussels, she said to me, as I sat feverishly hemming a frock.

"So you are going to Germany?" "Yes, Adelaide."

"What are you going to do there?" "Charity, my dear, and duty too, begins at home. I should say you were going away leaving your duty undone."

"I was silent, and she went on: "I suppose you wish to go aboard, May?" "You know I always have wished to go."

"So have I." "I wish you were going too," said I timidly. "Thank you. My views upon the subject are quite different. When I go aboard I shall go in a different capacity to that you are going to assume. I will let you know all about it in due time."

"Very well," said I, almost inaudibly, having a vague idea as to what she meant, but determined not to speak about it. The following day the curtain rose upon the first act of the play—call it drama, comedy, tragedy, what you will—which was to be played in my absence. I had been up the village to the post-office, and was returning, when I saw advancing towards me two figures which I had cause to remember—my sister's queenly height, her hair that over her eyes, and her pensive smile, and besides her pale face, with its ragged eyebrows and hateful sneer, of Sir Peter Le Marchant.

Adelaide, not at all embarrassed by his company, was smiling slightly, and her eyes with drooped lids glanced downwards towards the Baronet. I shrank into a cottage to avoid them as they came past, and waited. Adelaide was saying: "Proud—yes, I am proud, I suppose. Too proud, at least, to—"

There! Out of hearing. They had passed. I hurried out of the cottage, and home.

The next day I met Miss Hallam and her maid (we three travelled alone) at the station, and soon we were whirling smoothly along southward way—to York first, then to London, and so out into the world, thought I.

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Peach Jelly.—Place in a jar some peaches, pared, stoned and sliced, and a few of the kernels (cracked); put the jar in a pot of boiling water, beat and stir occasionally until the fruit is well broken, then strain, and to every pint of juice add one pound of sugar; now measure again, and to every pint of juice allow one pound of sugar; make the sugar hot, and after the juice has boiled fifteen or twenty minutes, add the hot syrup, let it come to the boil, and then take off at once; finish as directed.

Peaches Bottled.—Prepare as many peaches at a time as will fill two quart jars, have two porcelain-lined pans on the fire, one with boiling water, and the other with syrup made in the proportion of sugar given above, peel and halve the peaches, and put them into the boiling water, allow them to cook until they can be easily pierced with a silver fork, have the bottles ready, place them gently in with a wire or silver spoon, then pour into the can the boiling syrup as full as the can will hold.

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A POPULAR SUB-INSPECTOR.

A large number of railway employees of all grades of the service met at the International Hotel, Armidale, on the 15th inst. for the purpose of electing a Sub-inspector Mullin, who has been transferred to the North Coast. Mr. J. O'Shea (Shed Charge-man) was voted for the honor conferred on him, said that it was not necessary for him to explain the object of the meeting. He then read an apology from the Divisional Engineer (Inspector Heeger), Sub-inspector Hodder, Ganger Melvane, Schmeiers, Lavis, and Schmeiers (Per. work), and wishing Mr. and Mrs. Mullin many years of health and happiness. He then called on them to charge their glasses with drink the health of the King, which was done with musical honors. Songs were given by Messrs. Slattery, Coleman (Loco), and Schmeiers (Per. work). The chairman then proposed the toast of the health of the guest. In doing so, he said Mr. Mullin had not only won the esteem of the employees in his own (per. work) department, but also of all the other branches of the service. They all regretted that Mr. Mullin was leaving them, but nevertheless they were pleased that it was his own request, and that it was a step towards promotion, which they were all glad to know. In conclusion, he wished Mr. Mullin many years of health and happiness. The toast was supported by Ganger Baker, Ganger Melvane, Schmeiers, Lavis, and Schmeiers (Per. work). Mr. McDermott, the latter endorsed the remarks of the previous speakers, and they all regretted Mr. Mullin's transfer to the North Coast. Mr. Mullin, in response to the toast, said that he had ever had on this section, and in losing Mr. Mullin, the Commission was losing a most energetic officer. He then read an apology from Mr. Cheeseman, president of the section, Mr. Kenna (bridges and buildings), recent arrival here, and an accomplished violinist, materially assisted with the instrumental portion of the programme. A social function of the nature tends to further good fellowship.

"GOOD-BYE HARRY!"

On the 7th February a number of Heathcote's citizens assembled at the popular Ganger Harry Roberts' residence to bid "good-bye" to him. Mrs. Roberts, and to make them a presentation on the eve of their departure for Homebush.

Dancing was indulged in, and songs were rendered during the course of the evening by several of the visitors. Some very dainty refreshments were served by Mrs. Roberts.

Mr. Trevanor, who occupied the chair, said it was with deep regret that the residents of Heathcote were losing their old friend, Mr. Roberts, who had been always ready to assist his fellowman, and to be of service to all his neighbors in which he had been ably seconded by Mrs. Roberts, who had the esteem of all.

Mr. Roberts in a few well chosen words, thanked his visitors for the sentiments so ably expressed by the chairman, and expressed the appreciation of Mrs. Roberts and himself for the beautiful presents which they had just received, and which he would in happy days he had spent amongst them.

PRESENTATION.

Many friends and fellow employees of Mr. Peter Foley, who for the past four years has been stationed at the Railway Institute of the North Coast, met at the residence of Mr. A. Hand, on the 8th inst. to wish him bon voyage, also to present him with a travelling bag and a smoker's outfit, suitably inscribed, as a token of esteem prior to his departure for Ireland on a six months' leave of absence.

Music and songs were rendered throughout the evening, Mr. H. Pearce, presiding at the piano. Messrs. Farrell, Hand, H. Roberts, Le-cler were in good voice, Miss Hand accompanying them on the piano.

After the usual toasts, including "Our Guest had been honored, the president, Mr. W. McGuinness, in his usual humorous style, made the presentation, and a very pleasant evening was brought to a close by a vote of acclamation to Mr. and Miss Hand and the singing of "Auld Lang Syne."

THEATRICAL EMPLOYEES' Fourth Annual Picnic.

At Mortlake on Sunday next, the N.S.W. branch of the Australian Federation of Theatrical Employees' Association will hold its 4th annual picnic. The function is being held in aid of the Lunatic and Distress Fund. A fine day's enjoyment is provided as an early start will be made. The first steamer will leave No. 6 jetty, Circular Quay, at 8 a.m., and thence every hour until 10 p.m. The programme is timed to start at 10 a.m. There are altogether 39 events to be decided, included in which are two events open to members of the club and captain from each theatre, which will decide the destination of the "Rock Phillips" Shield, and 11 gold medals presented by J. E. Wainwright for 1st prize. The team securing the highest number of wins in eight years shall retain the shield.

A challenge cup presented by Geo. Marlow, Ltd., Armidale Theatre, will also be presented to the theatre team securing the aggregate number of points in the day's sport. A special prize has been donated by the Pictorial for the three largest families on the ground. Open to members only. The luncheon will take place at 1 p.m., at which the following toast will be honored—"The King, The Day We Celebrate," "Managers and Donors."

"The Press." The secretary, Mr. Charles Phillips, and an energetic committee are leaving no stone unturned to make this year's picnic a greater success than those held previously.

VALUEDICTORY.

Mr. Richardson, late transshipping clerk at the railway station, who has been transferred to Manila, was entertained by his co-workers on Tuesday, 24th ultimo. The function, which took the form of a social evening, was held at the Misses D'Arcy's boarding establishment, and Mr. G. Carruther, president of the Musical Items were rendered by Mr. E. D'Arcy, piano; Mr. Love, tambourine; Mr. Stiver, mouth organ. Miss J. D'Arcy, Messrs. Lowe, Simmonds, Richardson, Rowan, and McGrath contributed songs, and their efforts were much appreciated. During the evening Mr. Richardson was presented with a handsome gold-mounted pipe in case by Mr. J. Paul on behalf of his many friends. In doing so, the speaker referred to the happy relations which had always existed between Mr. Richardson and the other members of the staff, all of whom wished him the best of good luck in the prosperous town of Manila. The recipient made a feeling response, and said he would always cherish the splendid gift they had sent him to make his night. A happy evening terminated, Musical Items were presented by the Misses D'Arcy in allowing the use of their house, and to the chairman for presiding.

PRESENTATION TO A RAILWAY EMPLOYEE AT EPPING.

A pleasant evening was spent at the Hyde Hotel last Thursday, in celebrating the occasion of the presentation to Mr. McCabe, porter at Epping, who is promoted to Sydney.

Mr. Coll was chairman, and in a few well-chosen remarks, spoke as to the esteem that the department held in by his fellow employees from Hornsby to Strathfield. Mr. Coll then asked Mr. Seage to make the presentation to Mr. McCabe, who was handed him a pair of heavy gold sleeve links, initialed, from his comrades, and gave him some advice, and wished him every success in his new sphere.

AN ENJOYABLE EVENING.

A very enjoyable evening was held at Guard G. Smith's residence, Campbelltown, on the 14th, the occasion being a joint send-off to become an organist to Mr. P. Slattery, traffic, and Messrs. M. Funnell and W. McKinley, of the loco. All the various officers were present, also the neighbors, Mr. W. J. Donnan, late of Murrumbidgee, was one of the guests. Mr. V. A. Braden occupying the chair. Mr. J. W. Colles, late station master, making the presentation. Mr. Slattery was presented with a silver-mounted umbrella, and Messrs. Funnell and McKinley each with a set of very fine pipes.

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