



WOMEN WORKERS' COLUMN.

ON ONE WILD DAY.

It was a bleak, cold day and raining heavily. The kind of day when all who could would of a certainty stay within the shelter of their home.

She was an elderly woman, but it was the expression on her face which prevented me from making the usual hackneyed excuse.

On we went together into a tenement house, up flights and flights of stairs, until we reached the top landing.

She then looked at me and said, "Come here and take a good look at me, and then you will know if you can do anything."

"No, neither you nor anybody else can do anything for her now; no, nor can I, her own poor mother."

"Well," I said, "I don't think your girl if she was alive would like to hear you say these kind of things."

"No, she wouldn't, she was too soft-hearted, the poor dear," "But," said she turning round and looking at me fiercely,

"That's a wrong wish," said I. We have not the power to give life, neither have we the right to ask it to be taken away.

"Ob, you talk well," said she, "while I'm here alone with my dead, and not a human being left me in the world to care whether I'm sick or well, alive or dead."

"What happened? Are they dead, then?" "The dead they must be, for if they had been alive they would never have forgotten the mother who reared them."

"Yes, things are certainly improving for the working classes, but I am afraid all too slowly, when I come across cases like yours."

"Well, dear, I know you will forgive an old grief-stricken woman for the rough way she spoke to you, but I was fairly wild with misery."

"Now, that is all done with, and you are not going to let your mind dwell on those kind of thoughts."

"Well, by your example you can prove that your troubles made you strong to bear misfortune, and you can point out to others that they are not to droop under trouble, but to be up and overcome all difficulties, fight their battle, and win their cause."

And so I left her, feeling depressed and weary. What a life, and what a criminal system that caused such lives!

IRISH WORKERS' CHOIR.

For the future Choir practice will be held on Tuesday and Thursday evenings at 8 p.m.

Irish Dancing on Friday evening. All communications for this column to be addressed to— "D.L."

18 Berraford Place.

"An injury to One is the concern of All."

Irish Worker.

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Our Microscope of Worms and Things.

The past week has been fruitful in good work. We have had the pleasure of exposing one of the most unscrupulous creatures in this city namely, Brophy, of 73 Abbey street—unemployment shark—one of the many creatures who in this alleged Christian City is engaged in the devil's work of fleecing the poor unfortunate domestic and hotel servants, by a process of blackmail and intimidation.

"But," said I, "surely the poor girl is better dead than to live to go through similar trouble and sorrow such as fell to your lot. You would never have wished that for her."

"No, I would never have wished her to go through what I've gone through, but it is a broken-hearted mother she leaves behind her, and I would to God I was lying cold and still beside her this day."

"Yes, so I had two sons, two of the finest boys you'd see in a day's walk—but the same cause that leaves me without a daughter this day, left me without my two sons."

"What happened? Are they dead, then?" "The dead they must be, for if they had been alive they would never have forgotten the mother who reared them."

Brophy's. Waiter said no. "Sorry, cannot allow you to start," said the manager. The waiter chap inquired who was Brophy.

"What can I do? What use an I—an old broken-down woman with nothing but hardships and sorrows in the past, and what's in the future God alone only knows?"

"Well, by your example you can prove that your troubles made you strong to bear misfortune, and you can point out to others that they are not to droop under trouble, but to be up and overcome all difficulties, fight their battle, and win their cause."

The raffia which has been organized by some friends to enable Christopher J. Bennett to enforce compensation for injuries sustained by him in connection with his work, and which should have taken place on Friday last, has been unavoidably postponed owing to the fact that a large amount of money due for tickets has not been returned.

Sailors' & Firemen's Union.

Nomination of Officers. Election of Committee. DUBLIN BRANCH.

A specially convened meeting of the members of the Dublin Branch of the above Union was held at Liberty Hall on Thursday, the 7th instant, when Mr. O'Connor occupied the chair.

There being no other nominations for these two posts, the meeting then nominated the Chairman and Committee for next year.

Mr. Burke, the Secretary, explained the position of the Branch and the Union generally, when several pertinent questions were put in relation to the members' position in certain firms in Dublin.

THE PRESIDENT.

The new President for the United States is Woodrow Wilson. Wilson has been returned as a Democrat. Time will tell whether he is or not—we will leave it to time.

John Schrak, who shot at Theodore Roosevelt, was examined by the District Attorney at Milwaukee.

Schrank denied that he was a Socialist. Neither was he an Anarchist. In fact, he was not affiliated with any political organization.

Schrank declared before District Attorney Zabel not only that he is not a Socialist, but that he never believed in Socialism, nor had any sympathy with Socialism, nor knew anything about Socialism, he said.

SOUTH DUBLIN UNION.

DEAR MR. EDITOR,—Kindly allow me space to state that I am NOT the O'Brien of the S.D.U. who was recently sentenced to seven days' imprisonment for having a false key in his possession.

you something, William. We also learn that since Bill got into the place where they toil to make jobs for their sons he refuses to clean the windows in Lalor's emporium, Talbot-street. He now engages an assistant who pays with a scrip for a pint. What about the Insurance Stamp, Bill?

To all members of the Irish Transport Union and also the members of the Irish Transport Union (Approved Society No. 52) under the National Insurance Health Act, the Rules for both sections are now in hand, and must be applied for at all branches.

Next week we commence a series of lectures to members and friends on Sunday afternoons. To-morrow (Sunday) November 10th, at 3 o'clock, in Liberty Hall, Jim Larkin will talk to assembled friends on topical happenings.

May we repeat that any reports of Labour troubles appearing in local evening and daily papers are paid for by the employers; that practically every line in reference to the Custom House dispute is one continuous tissue of falsehoods and misrepresentations.

We congratulate our old comrade, Victor Grayson, ex-M.P., on entering into the bonds of matrimony, and we also tender our best wishes to his charming and gifted wife, who has the honour of marrying one of the most eloquent speakers and the most misanthropic men in Great Britain.

Next week a few pears into Jacob's cornal house. Don't miss next week's number. It is it.

Echoes from Sligo.

At the meeting of the Trades and Labour Council on Wednesday evening, Councilor Edward Harte presiding, an animated discussion took place in connection with the spathy shown by certain workers in Sligo, particularly the masons and the majority of the masons' labourers, in the matter of organisation.

The result of the contract for carting, which was given away at the meeting of the Corporation on Wednesday last, was received with satisfaction by all. Thanks to unity among the carters, which in itself was one of the results of the establishment of the Irish Transport Workers' Union in Sligo, they have been enabled to secure an increase in their price from 4s. 10d. a day, as obtained last year, to 7s.

Some time ago the Sligo Board of Guardians expunged the Fair Wages' Resolution from their books and advertisements. This greatly hampered the members of the printing trade, as it opened the way for the sweater to tender for the printing, advertising, and stationery contracts.

A correspondent writes from Glenservin: Here is a case dealing with the transmission of syphilis by vaccination with lymph taken from a child suffering from this disease. I wonder if Dr. Montgomery knows of it.

"In May an apparently healthy child was vaccinated with lymph (account does not say how obtained)."

"On June 7th 46 healthy children were vaccinated from this child."

"Some time later 39 of the 46 developed syphilis and 7 of the 17. By Oct. 7th 6 had died. Twenty women suckling them were inoculated with syphilis from the children; through the mothers the disease reached some of the husbands and even the elder children."

I found this on page 1117 of "The Science and Art of Surgery," by Dr. John Ericsson, Vol. I. The author remarks on the necessity of carefully examining lymph for syphilis, and especially to make certain that it is free from blood contamination. The latter essential, according to the experiments of the "Lancet," cannot

Stephen the Stuffer, or Stuffing by "Hand."



The Hand(y) Man.

When Salaries are increased, And ratepayers still more fleeced You can bet he's not shy Mr. Stephen the sly Hand(y) man!

When Registers have to be stuffed, And Citizens have to be bluffed Who does the trick? Why! Stephen the slick Hand(y) man!

United Kingdom Society of Coachmakers, Lathicree Branch.

At a special general meeting of the above, held in the Emmet Temperance Hall, 122 Emmet Road, Lathicree, it was unanimously resolved that the Branch of the U. K. Society of Coachmakers do hereby endorse the candidature of William P. Partridge for the vacant Councilorship, which will exist in New Kilmallick Ward in January next, on the retirement of Councilor P. O'Carroll, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the "Irish Worker."

Irish Stationary Engine Drivers, Craftsmen and Firemen's Approved Society.

All members insured with above society are requested to call at the Trades Hall on Sunday next from 12 to 2 o'clock to get their insurance books; also on week evenings from 7 to 9 o'clock. All members who have not returned last quarter cards are requested to do so at once.

Irish National Boy Scouts.

A Capt.—With reference to our conversation yesterday, I have been instructed to inform you by my committee that the inauguration meeting of the newly-formed Slough "James Finlay Lator," will take place on Sunday next, 10th inst., at 77 Aungler Street at 5 p.m.

The person appointed to command the Slough (Lieutenant Logan Mac Ragnall) and a body of uniformed Scouts will also be in evidence.

If you can have the boys together at the time aforementioned, I have no doubt an excellent Slough will be started. It was also decided that the headquarters of the branch in future would be Emmet Hall; this was carried by a three to one majority.

Warning to Parents.

A correspondent writes from Glenservin: Here is a case dealing with the transmission of syphilis by vaccination with lymph taken from a child suffering from this disease. I wonder if Dr. Montgomery knows of it.

RESPECTABLE young man seeks position as Van Driver; laundry preferred; excellent references; security given. Apply, M. RYAN, 52 Townsend street.

EMMET HALL.

Labour and Temperance Institute, is now open. All trade unionists and sympathisers with labour are heartily invited. WILLIAM PATRICK PARTRIDGE is in control, and will be pleased to see all friends.

Goose Club Tickets now on Sale.



