

The Reward of the Toiler.

By W. D. Howells, Author of "A Traveller from Altruria."

What I object to is this economic system in which we live and which we have created. It ought to be as inflexible in human affairs as the order of day and night in the physical world...

only possession we can claim in common with our brother men. I don't think the retrospect can be pleasing. We can't put it all on conditions; we must put some of the blame on character. But CONDITIONS MAKE CHARACTER...

Mr. Gompers—More than 40 per cent. higher than that for which the goods could be purchased at the nearest stores. Dr. Skellenger—It is not that store-keeping in violation of the law?

Mr. Gompers—Of course; but you must bear in mind that the law is one thing when it comes to workmen and another when it comes to large employers of labor! Dr. Fiske—Does that company own tenements?

Eye-Openers for the Preachers.

Pres. Gompers gives a startling view of labor conditions under the competitive system, but it is a system the workers vote for when they cast their ballots for either of the Capitalistic Parties.

Samuel Gompers recently attended a meeting of the Washington ministers by invitation, and a discussion as to why workmen do not attend church took place from which the following interesting report will be found interesting...

the District of Columbia, and I dare not even light a match in the street without I take exceeding good care to see that it is extinguished before it leaves my hands, for fear that it might hurt my neighbor's property.

Carroll D. Wright, United States commissioner of labor, has issued the following comparison in hours and wages of union and non-union workers in this country: Bakers—Union men work 70.5 hours a week; average daily wages, \$2.05.

London, Sept. 5.—At the trade union congress today the Cigarmakers' Mutual Association introduced a resolution aimed against "capitalistic combines." It was unanimously adopted. It was worded as follows:

Dr. Fiske—You have not answered my question at all. These unorganized laborers have their rights. Now, what right has organized labor to interfere with unorganized labor?

Parkersburg, W. Va., Aug. 31.—An unexpected situation has resulted from the ordering out of the National Guard. The soldiers, whose sympathies were all with the strikers from the first, have used their influence with the men who are at work and have persuaded so many of them to join the strike that a detachment stationed at Rush Run had to be recalled and sent to another point to keep it from emptying the mine.

GENERAL NOTES. The capitalist and captain of industry in these latter days has set himself to demonstrate that the theories of the Socialist are sound.—New York Tribune.

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