WEDNESDAY, APRIL 5th. 1922

### EDITORIAL

The Printers' Strike

In taking up the above subject this week I do so with the intention of giving those who are more or less conversant with the present "printers' strike," and with some of whom I have had personal conversation, the true facts of the case, which have not been given them through the columns of the daily press. It is true that a large amount of "information" has been given to the public through paid advertisements by the U. T. A. (the employing printers.) But this information has all been written from the viewpoint of the employers and consequently has been biased, untrue and misleading. Statements have been made which did not contain one iota of truth, and were made for the sole purpose of placing the cause of the striking printers in the worst possible light and boosting their own version of the controversy. Many erroneous statements have been made and much false information given in the effort to lower the striking printers in the eyes of the reading public of the continent,

It is impossible, owing to the limited space at my disposal, to go as deeply into this matter as I would like, but I will endeavor to give a few facts to my readers of the situation as it exists to-day.

In the first place I shall touch upon the pivot of the trouble, namely, that of the shorter work week, the reducing of the working hours from 48 to 44 hours per week. In reference to this I will confine myself to Hamilton and Toronto employers as they are typical ones.

In the negotiations between the Hamilton employers and the Union in 1919, the employers signed an agreement with the Union to the effect that the 44-hour week should come into force on May 1st, 1921.

When the negotiations between the Toronto Branch of the U, T, A. and Typographical Union No. 91 were being made, a verbal agreement was made conceding to the Toronto printers the 44-hour week to come into force on June 1st, 1921. This has since been denied by the employers, but it is a fact neverthe-

"Printer and Publisher," the official journal of the employing printers, in its issue of June, 1919, had the following:

"By the slender margin of 23 " votes the Toronto job printers de-"cided to accept the offer of \$32 a " week and the 48-hour week. Out " of a total membership of about "1,300, only 599 voted, and the "count showed 311 in favor of ac-"cepting the offer of the employers " and 288 against. This does away " with the possibility of a strike. "The job printers, however, will "get the 44-hour week in 1921, "through an agreement made by "the Master Printers of America " with the International Typograp-" hical Union, by which the shorter "hours are to be granted on May 1 " of that year. The meeting was "held to decide whether the offer " of an \$8 a week increase, from \$24 " to \$32, was to be accepted, with " the working hours standing at the " the same level as before. In view " of the fact that the 44-hour week \* will come automatically in 2 years " the printers in favor held that this " should be accepted and no strike " vote taken. There are about 300 newspaper typographical men in the Union who are not affected by any decision, and it is probable " that they did not vote, thus mak-

" tered." Early in 1920 another adjustment was made in the wages of Toronto printers and the mininum placed at \$32.50 for a week of 48 hours. At the same time the employers conceded that a weekly wage of \$38.50 was the least a man should be expected to support his family upon.

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been made regarding the demands But our minds even at this point of the Union, which have been only may be far apart, as one may see a tissue of lies from start to finish. what the other does not. As far the demands of the Union are concerned it is only a question of 4 hours a week. At the commencement of the strike in Toronto ing a permanent intellectual agreelast June, the Union made the following offer to the employers :- tual agreements are momentary Concede the 44-hour week and leave only. This is evident from current the wages to a committee of employ- history. Our law-makers frame cerers and employees. This fair offer tain laws one year and abandon the U. T. A. ignored, but spread them the next. Our judges give broadcast the false statement that certain interpretations this year and the striking printers insisted on a

44-hour week and a wage of \$44. any losses for one year by the manufacturing interests and the great financial houses of the land, are trying to put on a bold front and claim by entirely different methods. that all is well. But all is not well. They have combed the country from for example, all claim to be worthe Atlantic to the Pacific in an en- shiping the same God, and yet deavor to procure men to fill up standing apart and fighting each the positions vacated by the printers other over details as to God's nawho struck for a principle, and who ture, His relation to man, and what will never go back until that prin- man's attitude should be towards ciple is vindicated. In Toronto God. All religious disagreements about 300 of the non-union men and conflicts and all the bloody brought in by the employers have wars for which religion has been rebeen induced to come out and join sponsible, as well as the corflicts of up with the Union, and to-day there the state forum and the medical are not 100 competent printers in arena, arise in the attempt to force the "struck" printing offices of that intellectual agreement upon details city to replace the 850 who went or generalities. Such attempts out for a principle.

the International Typographical is due in part to the changing in-Union that it never broke an agree- sight and varying attitudes of inment or went back on its pledged dividuals and classes of individuals. word. There are only about 7,000 What has been said above would printers out on strike on the conti- seem to suggest an endless struggle nent out of a membership of 80,000, between men, and the suggestion is and the 73,000 who are working un- true so long as men are content to der the same conditions and hours rise no higher than the intellectual that the strikers demand, will see to plane of mentality. it that their fellow members who are out, shall be enabled to win the above this plane, for there is a same boon. The International Ty- means of seeing all things from all pographical Union has never yet point at one and the same time by lost a fight and never will.

the agreements made in 1919 by the icle I would like to give my readers a few facts as to what a "REAL" within the past 70 years.

> you what the shortened work day cannot thus rise. has meant to printers. In 1850 with a work day of 12 hours the average age at death was 28 years; in 1858 ments and best ideals suggest. they with an 11-hour day, 35 years; in lay aside selfishness, and with it 1893 with a 10-hour day, 38.78 years; goes the kindred host-anger, hatin 1905 with a 9-hour day, 46.48 red, malice, narrowness, dishonesty years; in 1920 with a 8-hour day, and deception, together with their 53.17 years. In the Typographical Journal for March there are eightyfour deaths recorded, and the average age at death was 57 years. What a glorious work this Union has done for its members and humanity. In 1850 the average age at death was only 28 years and in 1922 the average life of a printer has been lengthened to 57 years. Surely a Union point into proper view, making dethat has doubled the length of the sired knowledge possible. By the lives of its members is worth while.

> bestowed by the International Typographical Union. The old age pension which gives to every member on reaching the age of 60 years, s pension of \$8 per week for life; the mortary benefit of \$500; and last, but not least, that magnificent printers' home at Colorada Springs where those who have no home in old age may go and never again know what want and privations are. Besides caring for the aged at the home many of the members have been restored to health and friends of the land or the most scholarly

Long may the International Typographical Union continue to be a blessing to its members and humanity, and mayits future be more successful and glorious than has its

#### Observation

The conflict between religion an science, theology, theosophy and materialism - in fact all conflicts arise from one or both of two causes namely:-the lens through which we observe and our position at the time of observation. If you should look at the majestic Rockies through a red glass and I through a blue one, then you will see red mountains and I shall see blue ones. But if we use our natural vision the view that we see will be harmonious. But if your view is taken from When negotiations were made for | the topmost peak and mine from

a rearrangement of the wage scales the plain at the foot, our impresin the previously mentioned places sions will be different. But our last year the existence of the agree- impressions will more closely coinments which had been made. were cide if we both start from the same strenuously denied, and the U.T.A. point and carefully examine the only treated them as "scraps of various formations which compose paper." Many statements have this wonderful range of mountains.

Mankind is not constructed or stationed intellectually in the same plane. Hence the futility of expectment upon any subject. Intellec-

reverse these interpretations next year. Our courts set a certain pre-The strike is now in its 11th cedent in one case and later upset month and there seems to be no that precedent in a similar case. settlement in sight. The employers, This is no less true in the medical who have been guaranteed against profession and religion. The homeopathist and the allopathist, the osteopathist and the electropathist, and all the rest, treat similar cases

In religion, the Christain world. have ever been, and must ever be It is to the everlasting credit of unproductive of good results. This

There is a possibility of rising all who have acquired that means. But before closing this brief art- It is by rising above the intellectual plane of seeing into the spiritual plane of seeing and knowing. But UNION has been able to accomplish this rising is only possible to the unselfish. The self-centered and In the first place I would show self-see ing are over-burdened, and

As men ally themselves with the highest good that their environmental and physical diseases; and as these weights fall away mental levitation begins. We gradually rise to a higher plane, from which we may view a larger landscape.

To become unselfish is to give place to love. Love both magnifies the sight and crystalizes the object to be seen. It thus brings every means of proper knowledge correct There are many other benefits judgment and agreement may be

The first struggle for every individual is, and must be, an individual struggle. We must first conquer self with all its selfishness and self-imposed limitations. When we conquer and throw aside these weights, we rise to higher planes of thought. This may require only a moment, or it may take a lifetime. And it may be accomplished by any one who wills to conquer. It may be done by the most illiterate toiler by the beneficial treatment received professor of our universities. To don. each of these, and to all that range between them, it is essential, and most essential, that you conquer self and rise to the plane of certain knowledge - spiritual understand-When spiritual knowledge controls thought and action, both the toiler and the educationalist, in their respective stations, are equally great; for as a miner's lamp is a great light in the dark earth, so the spiritually awakened toiler is great in his place, and the educationalist becomes a prince of peace in every tract for four years, 6 times a weak on th state or national turmoil. The more of such toilers and princes we shall have, the less of dissensions, wars and national degradation. Let us then thank the Great Creator that there is at least the prophesy of many such toilers and princes.

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