



WOMEN WORKERS' COLUMN.

THE SPUR.

I asked the rock beside the road what joy existence lent, It answered, "for a million years my heart has been content."

A PLEA FOR ORGANISATION.

To the Secretary of the Irish Women Workers' Union. DEAR MADAM—In last week's issue of THE IRISH WORKER a case of cruel injustice was recorded towards one of Jacobs' employees.

How Messrs. Keogh's Treat their Employees.

In January of this year a female employee engaged in Messrs. Keogh's, sack manufacturers, met with an accident to one of her eyes during the course of her work while she was shaking a sack, and not knowing that there was a needle in it, she was struck in the eye with the point of the needle.

but, pale, anemic-looking girls and prematurely old women. How can it be otherwise when these women are forced to work like slaves in close, ill-ventilated rooms or lofts? The small amount of wages they receive in return for a week's hard work does not by any means supply them with the food and nourishment they would require to repair their wasted strength and energy.

Irish Women Workers' Union.

Head Office—Liberty Hall, 18 Beresford Place. Office open from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. The Secretary will give any information concerning the rules and regulations of the Union.

Irish Workers' Choir.

Choir practice on Monday and Wednesday evening at eight o'clock. Punctual attendance of members is requested.

WARNING!

62 Lower Sheriff St., 18th April, 1912. TO THE EDITOR IRISH WORKER. Dear Sir, A report has been circulated in this locality that I have been fined £20 for selling coal short of weight.

The Late Mr. Tom Reilly.

It is with feelings of deep regret that we announce the death of the late Tom Reilly, Foreman Pavior, City Corporation, which took place at his late residence Primrose Avenue on Sunday last.

Flunkey Farrell and the Mountjoy League.

On Tuesday last the "principal" business at the Rutland-street shelter was to elect six Delegates to the forthcoming Convention. There were eight nominated, including T. P. Gildea and Alderman Farrell, whose Coscogan refused to drive him to the Castle.

Irish Worker.

THE IRISH WORKER will be published weekly—price one penny—and may be had of any newsagent. Ask for it and see that you get it.

As We Lay Thinking.

We are justified in saying that there seems to be a heavy idea abroad of what Home Rule means. Surely, it is too late in the day to play the game of "Shut your eyes and open your mouth and thank Asquith for what he sends you."

in Municipal life, are ignored. Take another case in Dublin. The Dublin Trades Council represents directly 17,000 workers, all ratepayers, men who have sacrificed their lives because of their belief in Ireland's demand for Home Rule.

CORPORATION. MONDAY'S MEETING.

THE CORPORATION SUPPLIES. The proceedings of the ordinary meeting were suspended for the purpose of proceeding with the business of a special meeting of the Council, to take into consideration the report of the Supplies Committee, which recommended the acceptance of tenders from 1st April to 31st March, and paving sets for three years, from the first-mentioned date.

"TITANIC" HORROR.

We tender to the relatives of those who went down in the coffin ship, "Titanic," our sincere condolence. It may be the sacrifice of their valuable lives will be the means of doing away with the soulless creatures who control the Board of Trade allowing a vessel to go to sea carrying over 2,000 passengers with only sufficient life-boats to carry 900 people.

SAILORS' AND FIREMEN'S UNION. (DUBLIN BRANCH).

A largely attended meeting of the above was held in Liberty Hall, Beresford Place, on Thursday last. Mr. Patrick Conroy, having been elected Chairman, the meeting proceeded to elect a Secretary to conduct the Branch business, when on a vote taken Mr. George Burke was elected by a large majority.

DUBLIN DISTRESS COMMITTEE.

The Town Clerk read a letter from the Local Government Board having reference to the request of the Corporation for a sworn inquiry by the Board into the administration of the Unemployed Workmen Act by the Distress Committee, and asking for specific information as to the points to be investigated.

COUNCILLOR MISS HARRISON ON SCULLY.

14 North Frederick Street, Dublin, 12th April, 1912. SIR—I protest, in the name of common honesty, against what occurred at the City Hall yesterday, when a special meeting was summoned to take measures to deal with the exceptional distress existing in the city in consequence of the coal strike.

COLLECTION FOR BREAD FUND FOR WOMEN AND CHILDREN AFFECTED BY THE COAL STRIKE.

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Answers to Correspondents.

Mr. Farrell—We regret to say Mr. Kenny is dead. Any information re Sailors' and Firemen's Union can be had at the office, Liberty Hall, Beresford Place. VACCINATION—Joseph Connolly. This no notice of cards issued by Dr. E. P. Keane, of the North Dublin Union. He wants his 2s. 6d. He cares not for you or your children if he can get his fee.

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Notification to all Members of The O'Connell Friendly Burial Society, Formerly held at 63 Mary Street.

At a General Meeting of the above held on Sunday, April 7th, 1912, it was resolved and unanimously agreed to—That this society will in future carry on its business in the Hall of the Irish Transport Workers' Union, Liberty Hall, 18 Beresford place.

H. Prendergast, Sec.

Mr. P. T. Daly in Wexford.

ENTHUSIASTIC WELCOME.

SPEECHES BY MESSRS. LARKIN, DALY, AND OTHERS.

TORCHLIGHT PROCESSION.

Mr P. T. Daly, organizer of the Irish Transport and General Workers' Union, visited Wexford on Sunday for the first time since his release from Waterford Jail. He arrived from Dublin by train at one o'clock, and was met at the North Station by the Foresters' Brass and Reed Band, the St. Brigid's Fife and Drum Band, and a cheering crowd, which gave him a most enthusiastic welcome.

The party entered a wagonette which was in waiting, accompanied by Councillors Kingsberry, Goodison, Olany and O'Brien, Mr. O'Hanlon Walsh, Mr. James Boyle, Mr. Peter O'Connor, Mr. Nicholas Lacey, Mr. E. Corish, Secretary of the Wexford Iron Foundry Workers' Union, etc., and escorted by Bands and an enormous crowd drove via Redmond-place and Colmar street, through North Main street, returning to Morris's Hotel, via Common Quay-street, and the Quay. Decorations were to be seen along the route, especially in the vicinity of the Transport Union Offices, Charlotte-street being gaily spanned with festoons of evergreens.

Mr. R. Corish read the following address to Mr. Daly, from the Wexford workers and their friends: "We, the members of the Irish Foundry Workers' Union and fellow-workers and sympathisers in Wexford, desire you to accept this address and presentation as a token of appreciation of your services in their behalf and in the cause of labour generally, and also as a mark of their recognition of the sacrifices you have made for them and the unjust prosecution to which you have been subjected for vindicating their right to organise."

would have come down with their hands full to ask the employees to take to themselves better conditions than they had enjoyed. It was a revelation to hear when he read a letter in the Press, but knowing how Christian-like these gentlemen were, he supposed it would be un-Oristian to attempt to suggest that there was any insensibility in the report. He desired to express the contempt he felt for the men who, taking advantage of his absence, made an attack upon him.

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would be grateful to Wexford for the magnificent fight they had made during the twenty-six weeks of the lock-out; and not alone to the lock-out men, but to the shopkeepers of Wexford who extended to them the benefits of the credit system, whom, he hoped, would not be forgotten now that the fight was over. Whilst they should remember those who stood by whom they should not forget the fellows who did not stand by them (hear, hear). Whatever advice might be given to them by interested parties they should let no man come between them and their union.

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Belfast as We see it.

And so the Mammoth procession of Patriotic and Loyal Unionist and Orange-men (in Belfast) has at last passed by, after weeks of sedulous preparation in Shipyards and Engine Shops; where the "hands" were encouraged to drill and hold anti-Home Rule meetings in their MEAL HOUSES AND AFTER THEIR DAYS WORK WAS DONE.

The procession was an imposing one of men, a middle-aged and old, of stunted and undeveloped muscles and irresponsible youths not yet reached maturity, who out of a capricious and vicious spirit participated in the parade for the perpetuation of men politically, who trash and subjugate them industrially. It was simply ludicrous and grotesque to see those lovers of civil and religious liberties marching with semi-military precision to the strains of a Fife and Drum Band with their hands and faces besmudged with Oil and Grease, headed by a parity of the upper class, who has grown fat on the earnings of these same Patriotic "hands" then with great enthusiasm doff their head-gear and lustily join the alleged National anthem.

I often ask myself the question when will these men learn sense, and I submit that the inevitable depression comes which always follows the inflation, which has lasted for a few months, when their Patriotic employer throws them on the Industrial Scrapheap and they again their belts round their waists to qualify the pangs of hunger, they will realise that their real enemy was their alleged friends and not their Roman Cash and follow-countrymen, they will also find that the patriotism of their employers has reached its lowest ebb, and the distant orations of certain rich agitators was bluff, flat and last.

However, there is a silver lining to every dark cloud, and their experience will perhaps come in useful when they take it into their somewhat dull heads to fight their Masters.

WM. McMULLEN, Belfast.

[We understand that, not only were the railway fares paid for the demonstrators, but free food, free lodging, and they actually released their clothing from pawn, bought them clean dicky, hard hats, but forgot to furnish them with clean brains. Common sense seems to have deserted the Irish Worker, North and South. Ed]

form the majority of the representatives who would voice their demands and carry on the government of the country. They would not be satisfied with thirty-four representatives in the boroughs of Ireland; they were going to have equal representation, and they would elect men from among their own ranks, such as the Corishes, the O'Connors and the Kingberys, to carry out their will, and they would meet in the Irish Parliament men like Daly from Dublin, and labour representatives from Sligo, Waterford, and other parts of Ireland, and they would do the work in their own way, which would be much better than it was ever done before. They would have no more poverty in Ireland if they could help it. They would have no idle man begging for a job, and they would see that every man in Ireland who was willing to work, got it, and if they could not find work they would keep them until work could be obtained. He came of a people who never yet were subdued by any country or any government, and he would be false to these he belonged to if he did not go the road he had marked out—a road which the people of Wexford could not see—but one that he would travel, no matter who stood in his way. He wanted them to come that road with him (cheers).

Mr. Mullen who first spoke in Irish next addressed the meeting. He said if the workers were united they would dominate the new Parliament. He would like to see Ireland get Home Rule for one thing, and that was to get control of the R.I.C. He hoped they would make him Inspector-General, and if they did some people would get a something to remember. Mr. Olany, T.O., moved, and M. Goodison, T.O., seconded, a vote of thanks to the chairman, which was passed with acclamation.

WOMEN'S FRANCHISE MEETING.

TO THE EDITOR IRISH WORKER. 11 Grosvenor place, Rathmines. 17th April, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—The attempt to disturb last night's meeting of the Irish Women's Franchise League was made by a band of about twenty women, most of them half-drunk, who were sheltered by a few men of the bookmaker and "bully" type. They set out for the meeting from a public-house on the North side, with specific instructions to prevent Councillor Harrison from speaking. They subsequently returned in a body to this public house for their reward, and were congratulated by the proprietor on their supposed success. The publican in question is a member of the City Council and of the National Directory of the United Irish League.

As Miss Harrison was announced to speak at a woman's suffrage meeting, it was deemed appropriate to shout her down with cries of "No Votes for Women," "We want Home Rule," and "Cheers for John Redmond." The irony of this lies in the fact that Miss Harrison attended the meeting to explain to the members of the Irish Women's Franchise League that she personally put Home Rule before Women's Suffrage, and to plead with them on behalf of the Irish Party. The ignorant disturbers, by their blind hostility to Miss Harrison, revealed their action in its true character, as a by-product of Miss Harrison's courageous persistence in letting light into dark places in the Corporation.

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