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### EMPLOYERS AND EMPLOYEES.

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Chicago, Dec. 12.—William D. O'Brien, toastmaster at the banquet of contractors and builders at the Auditorium hotel has refused to toast the American flag as an emblem of liberty.

"Why, the emblem of liberty is a farce," he cried, "when men are shot down in the streets because they are trying to earn an honest living; when we are afraid to assert our rights for fear some labor organization will oppose us."

"It is ridiculous," he said, "to think you should be obliged to waste your time discussing your right with walking delegates, business agents, and labor leaders. You have your rights, and no man should be able to step in and dictate to you and tell you where your rights began and end. We want to make this national organization so strong that it will never again be necessary for us to confer with our day with labor leaders to obtain our rights."

"If a man is not a union member and is loyal to you, you must be loyal to him. We must be able to obtain liberty in every sense of the word, and not merely privileges. The conditions are disgraceful which make it necessary for us to consult with our employers at every step."

Contractor William Grace of Chicago declared that he was tired of being told what to do by Gompers and Mitchell and other labor leaders.

Mr. Grace declared that the running of the United States mail cars without police protection during the recent strike had made him think that the rights and the rights of every American citizen were as sacred as the mail cars.

By other speakers all the troubles of the builders were laid at the door of organized labor. The feeling for the "open shop" was strong.

### Wisconsin May Get Back Taxes.

Madison, Wis., Dec. 12.—According to computations made by State Insurance Commissioner Host, Wisconsin may recover from \$150,000 to \$200,000 in back taxes from 151 fire insurance companies operating at present and from 40 that have operated here for 30 years. It has always been the custom to allow these companies to deduct from their gross incomes all moneys paid for re-insurance. Under an opinion just rendered by the attorney general the taxes must be computed on the gross incomes of these companies including the amounts paid for reinsurance.

### WIGS IN THE AIR.

Special Correspondence.  
London, Dec. 1.—John Strange Winter, author of "Daddy's Baby" and scores of other novels that have made her famous, confesses that when she wrote last week that 99 out of every 100 women in England wear wigs she was laying up trouble enough for herself to last a lifetime. "Will you," she pleads, "allow a penitent criminal to say one word? I frankly plead guilty to a literal inaccuracy in illustrating a very real situation. I fail even some of our great statesmen are in the same boat with me, and would own up to it without a blush. Like them, I may be loath to effective inaccuracy in detail, but I challenge all comers to disprove my main points. And it is the 'demmed total' that really matters, as the immortal Mr. Maupassant was accustomed to assert.

"All my literary life I have had one dominant desire—to convey absolutely right impressions in simple and colloquial language. In this instance, of course, I was rash—being a woman—to dabble in figures and percentages, and, if my cherished method is not too strong for me, never again will I use the everyday expression of 99 out of 100. I must try to be discreet in future, and say 'a great many' and such like colorless words.

"What does the precise percentage of wig and fringe wearers matter when their presence in every theater is so obvious? It is not for nothing that our great ladies' papers are more and more adorned with lavish and most expensive advertisements of alluring 'transformations' and 'aids to beauty.'"

Even if trustworthy authority did not assure us that the betrothal of Princess Alice of Albany, niece to King Edward and Prince Alexander of Teck, brother of the Princess of Wales, is a genuine love match, yet when one stops to consider the circumstances it is evident that no social or financial ambitions enter into the arrangement so far as the Princess is concerned. Since her debut rumor has concerned the princess to about every "eligible" of rank in Europe. Many of these reports received no official attention, but a recent statement of interest denies that a union between the princess and the crown prince of Germany ever was considered. It was one of the crown prince's younger brothers who had leanings toward the princess. Alexander of Teck ought to be considered among the luckiest of men. Beside getting a cultivated, popular and most lovable bride, he will marry a considerable fortune which will not come amiss in the house of Teck. It is said that the bride-elect's ultimate fortune will reach \$500,000, a large part of which is due to Queen Victoria's generous provision for the Duchess of Albany and her children. While the title of Teck does not stand for quite so much money as many others, the prince who has just turned 23, is popular in society. As an officer in the Seventh Hussars he made an excellent South African record and is a thorough unaffected soldier. A story characteristic of his simplicity is told of the days when his regiment was stationed at Hampton court, near London. For some reason the stable forces suddenly became reduced and rather than see the horses neglected the prince took a hand in the grooming and feeding, working as hard as the humblest stable boy.

William Jennings Bryan was the guest of Charles Alvan Gillet at luncheon at the National Liberal club on Friday, and dined there a few days hence. He is now the guest of Robert P. Porter, one-time United States senator, commissioner, and leaves in a few days for Scotland and Ireland. He is accompanied only by his 13-year-old son, and insists that he is traveling wholly for rest and pleasure, but he is fairly overtopped with social engagements, and is putting in his spare time studying economic questions such as municipal ownership and the housing of the workmen. He expects to re-

turn home for Christmas, and has not as yet planned to set foot on the continent.

Probably not a half dozen of the multitude who hurried past a nursemaid carrying a young child and accompanied by a tired-looking woman realized that these passengers alighting at Victoria station in London this week might be as well worth having a look at as the royal couple from Italy whom everyone was bent on seeing. For the tired-looking woman was Mme. Le Comtesse de Montignoso who, as the princess Louise of Tuscany and crown princess of Saxony startled the world last December by deserting her husband and fleeing to Zurich to meet M. Giron, her lover. The former crown princess and her child were on their way from Paris to Rome in the Isle of Wight, where they expect to spend the winter near the home of an American whose wife is an intimate friend of the former princess.

Although mole, sable and ermine which have been popular so long in England seem in no danger of losing favor entirely this season, garments of monkey fur are now considered the smart thing, especially for driving. The new fur was introduced a short time ago by a French dealer, and the demand for coats, capes and muffs of the long hair already is great.

Although the latest anti-corset crusade has not yet reached London, its promoters are carrying the cause into Birmingham where they hope to find champions among both sexes. "And why not among the men?" the members inquire. "It is for the cultivation of man that women usually lace, and if the stern sex is known to frown on the custom the result ought to be the abolition of the practice." So far, however, the membership of the league is small and it has shown no indication of accomplishing any more than its predecessors.

When a government goes to the trouble of bringing up its citizens' children in a municipal hospital it seems too bad that anyone should be dissatisfied, but the benevolent practice has brought about a curious state of affairs in Amsterdam, Holland. Several months ago a father sent his infant son to the hospital to be reared by incubator. When he subsequently visited the institution to see his child the authorities produced a female child, assuring the citizen it was his own. The sturdy Dutchman at once invoked the aid of the law in spite of the hospital's defense that the citizen brought them a girl, the court decided that the authorities had produced the wrong one and ordered

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LADY MARY.

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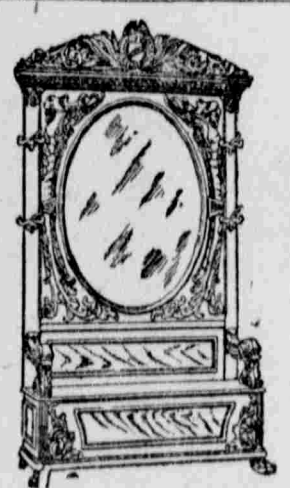
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to .....  
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to .....  
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at .....  
\$38.00 China Closets ..... \$23.00  
at .....  
\$45.00 China Closets ..... \$29.50  
at .....  
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at .....

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for .....  
\$22.50 Dressers ..... \$14.00  
for .....  
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for .....  
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