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My Tour in Europe

By JOHN A. DYCHE

The Convention in Session*

On Wednesday morning, July 16th, the Conference of the International Tailors' Secretariat was called to order by the Secretary, Brother Shulmer, who is the sole official and who was elected President of the Convention. Brother Smithka of the Austrian Tailors' Union was elected Vice-President and Delegate Margriff of Switzerland was elected keeper of the "Speakers' List." Here I might mention that the parliamentary rules which govern the conduct of the meetings and assemblies in the English-speaking countries, are unknown on the European Continent. If you wish to address the meeting, you must write your name on a slip of paper and pass it on to the keeper of the "Speakers' List." He then writes the name on the sheet, which is handed to the President, who calls the names in rotation. The speaker is not expected to confine himself to any particular subject, or to speak to a particular resolution. Everyone speaks on whatever subject he chooses. It is only after the assembly gets tired of speech-making that a resolution is brought up on which a vote is taken. I noticed this particular mode of procedure at our local meetings on the East Side. At first I thought it was an invention of the United Hebrew Trades, but at this convention I learned that this is the ordinary procedure at meetings on the European Continent.

From the outset it was agreed that the vote should be given according to nationalities. It could not be by delegates, for the Austrians had fifteen delegates representing 8,000 members, while America was represented by one delegate. Neither could the vote be cast by the number of members the delegation represented, for this would practically deprive the small countries, such as Switzerland, Holland, Denmark and Servia, with a small membership, of a voice.

There were only two delegates present who understood no German. The delegates from Austria, Hungary, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark and Servia spoke German. Here I would like to mention something which was told me by the Servian delegate, namely this: The Bulgarian Tailors' Union, on several occasions, made overtures to unite with the Servians, but the Servians declined the proposal for very peculiar reasons. "As you are aware," he stated, "our Trade Unionists are also Socialists. In some countries," he said, "there is a distinction between Trade Unionists and Socialists. We do not know of such a thing. A member of the Union is generally a member of the party; but as Bulgaria is very much influenced by Russia and the Russian Socialist Democrats are divided into two hostile parties, the 'Bolsheviks' and "Menchevniky,' so the Bulgarian Socialists are divided into the same camps, only they call themselves 'Bernsteinians and Marxists.' The hostility existing between those two factions goes so far that whenever the Bernsteinians call a strike in a shop the Markists take their places and vice versa."

At first I thought this was a huge "kibetz" (joke) of some East Side café, but after watching his expressions very attentively I...
became convinced of the truth of Brother Yovan's statement. This is politics in the
ions with a vengeance. "We told the Bul-
garian tailors," proceeded Bro. Yovan, "that
we will not unite with them until they will
unite amongst themselves." "Just now," he
added, "there are practically few tailors either
either in Servia or Bulgaria, the whole male popu-
lation from the age of 18 to 50 is on the
battlefield."

To resume. Out of the three French dele-
gates, one, Brother Pierre Dumas, the General
Secretary of the Federation de LTndustric
et des Travailleurs de L'Habillemcnt de France
et des Colonies, understood no German and
of the other two delegates, one was a Bo-
hemian and it seems to me as if all the Bo-
hemians speak German. The other French
delegate, Marchuck, who has spent the greater
part of his life in Paris among the German and
Russian Jews, understands German and
Yiddish, but speaks them with some difficulty.
Secretary Flynn, the delegate from the Amal-
gamated Society of Tailors of England, also
understood no German, while his co-delegate,
Brother Wagner, a Bohemian, understood
German. An official interpreter was present
who translated all the French and English
speeches into German. Still, those who did
not understand German found themselves
handicapped.

One of the most interesting personalities at
the Convention was the interpreter, Peluso,
an Italian by birth, who studied and obtained
his degree at Heidelberg and spent seven years
in the United States traveling from Maine to
California. He is so well versed in American
affairs that he made the impression of being an
American. He spent several years in Lon-
don and earns a livelihood by writing for the
French and German Socialist papers. Occa-
sionally he writes for the New York Call,
Through him I learned a good deal about the
Continental Labor Movement, its ways and
methods.

We made short work of Delegate Smith of
the Independent Tailors' Union of London.
Although the French delegate, Dumas, was
inclined to be lenient with him and would
allow him to sit at the convention as a guest,
the other European delegates, especially the
Germans, would give him no quarter. I also
did my share in telling him bon voyage.

After his departure the discussion com-
enced. At first it seemed to be endless.
Each delegate would get up and speak at ran-
dom, wandering from one subject to another
and eventually would go back to the same
subject and go over the same ground again.
In vain I tried to call a point to order, and
requested the chairman to ask the speakers
to speak to the point and to a definite sub-
ject. Discussion at random seems to be the rule
on the European Continent. At first I felt out
of place, for I could not fit in in the dis-
cussion, accustomed as I am to speak on a
particular subject, and to a definite purpose.
"Have patience," said the chairman, "we
will get to what you are aiming at."

The two principal subjects which were dis-
cussed by the delegates on the first day
of the Convention were the question of trans-
fering or traveling cards, and the issuing of an of-
official journal by the Secretariat. The question
of transfers was rather a difficult and com-
plicated one. Here I want to say that the
transfer problem of the European trade uni-
ions is quite different from that existing in
our Organization. In this respect the Eu-
ropean unions are much more progressive than
our Union. They put no difficulties at all
in the way of newcomers. In Europe, the
tailors, as well as other unions have all achieved
a system of complicated benefits, especially in
Germany. There the German tailors have be-
sides strike benefit, also sick, traveling out
of work, insurance and other benefits so
that a member has not only trade benefit, but
his Union is also an insurance society, and
the problem which confronted the Conven-
tion was, what rules and regulations should be
adopted, so that the member in traveling from
one country to another should not lose the
benefit he is entitled to and the insurance
which he paid for so many years in his Uni-
On. It appeared, during the discussion, that
Switzerland, Germany and Austria, the dues
and the benefits are pretty much the same. They
have among themselves an understanding that
when a member travels from one country to
another, he is treated as an old member; he
is immediately entitled to all benefits. But
in France, Denmark, Holland and other en-
tries the benefits vary.

The next suggestion was that the Sec-
tariat should issue a quarterly journal
in French, English and German. The first
passed in discussion and no conclusion
arrived at.

In the evening the foreign delegates
were invited by Mr. Peluso, the interpreter,
to the "Vorwarts" building, the headquarters
of the Austrian Socialist Party. The evening
was not very imposing, but when we entered
the building we were very much surprised at
the beautiful arrangement. All Austrian
Socialist publications are printed in this
building, on which a staff of a few hundred
workmen are employed. To give you an idea
of the comfort and care the administration
takes of its employees it will be enough to
say that the composing room is situated on
the top floor with a roof of glass. In the

VORWARTS BUILDING

summer, in order to keep the place cool, there
is a constant flow of cold water on the glass-
roof. On the lower floor below are bath-
rooms and many other conveniences. We
were then ushered into a room where a num-
cber of young boys were writing. Mr. Peluso
informed us that these boys were themselves
the editors of the "Boy's Socialist Paper.
While there, each delegate was presented with
an album containing many views, among which
are thirteen buildings comprising the factories,
printing places and co-operative stores belong-
ing to the Socialist Co-operative Societies of
Austria. One of the most imposing buildings
belongs to the Austrian Union of the printing
trades. The unions in Vienna have no need
to meet in beer houses or drinking saloons.
In co-operation with the Socialists they have
beautiful buildings of their own.

VORWARTS BUILDING

On Thursday, July 17th, there was no ses-
tion. The International Union of the Aus-

VÖRWEIN DER BUCHDRUCKER UND SCHRIFT
GIESSER NIEDERÖSTERREICHIS
(Association of Book Printers and Typesetters)

the boys told me that he was only ten years
old and the boy who served our beer ap-
ppeared to be very weak and sickly. "Yes,"said Mr. Peluso, "you are right, I think I
shall call this to the attention of Dr. Adler,
the leader of the Austrian Socialists in Par-
liament, and I shall tell him that the employ-
ment of young boys has made a very bad im-
pression on the foreign delegates to the International Conference." It seems that Pehnso, an ardent Socialist, did not care very much whether the young boys were fit for the work, but what concerned him was the impression they made upon the foreign delegates.

**The Debate Continued**

On Friday morning, July 18th, the debate on the question of transfers and on the suggestion of issuing an official journal was renewed. In order to give the reader a clearer idea of the difference in the transfer question between our locals and those existing in the European countries I will state that while in this country the union shops are what is known as more or less closed shops, and a member traveling from one city to another finds it difficult to obtain employment unless he gets a transfer card from one local to another, in Germany, and in most of the other European countries there is no such thing as a closed shop and the unions are not recognized by the employers, in fact, the unions do not ask recognition. The members are kept together and adhere to the organization by means of a multiplicity of friendly benefits of which I spoke a while ago. They seem to lay great deal of stress on the out-of-work benefit, and I was told that it is impossible to maintain a standard where there is no out of work benefit. Unless the member has something to fall back upon when he is out of work, he will work for any price. The transfer question cannot therefore be a question of a member of one union working in the shop of another union, but of providing a means of retaining the benefits for which he paid while a member of his local union. No definite resolution, however, was adopted on this proposition. It was simply suggested that the Unions should as far as possible make the weekly payments more or less uniform. From the union books which were shown to me it appears that in some organizations a member even retains his original constitution book and the stamps are simply posted on his old book by the officers of the new Union.

Instead of charging high initiation fees and low weekly dues as the case is with us, the European unions have adopted a system of low initiation fees and high weekly dues. The dues range from 15 to 20 cents a week, which is of considerably greater value in Europe than in this country.

The Germans and Austrians were decidedly opposed to the issuing of an official journal, for the reason that most of them have read the literature of the various labor unions, and have a fairly good idea of the methods and problems they are confronted with, and are therefore not in need of any such journal. The delegate from Holland spoke in a proposition to have such an official journal, but he was persuaded by the administration to withdraw his proposition. When I drew up a proposition and submitted it to the Convention calling for the issue of a quarterly review to be published in the languages, as a means of solidifying the organization and acquainting the members with the problems. I noticed that at European conventions, they try as far as possible to avoid a division on resolutions. The member is generally persuaded to withdraw his propositions and resolutions are generally passed unanimously. What we call "boss rule" or "machine rule" is there quite legitimate in its natural method of transacting business. It is only on very rare occasions that the member will insist upon having its resolution presented. In fact it is bad taste for a member to insist upon its resolution.

Among the trade unions in Europe democracy in the labor movement is only dreamed about, argued and idealized but never practiced. The effect and influence of European despotism and militarism is felt even among the advanced section of the working classes. I was told by Brother Flynn, the English delegate, that he had been attending the German Tailors International Congress and found that the ordinary delegates may only speak twenty minutes, while the officers have the privilege of talking two hours at a meeting. Even in the personal relations among the trade unions you will find there is no such thing as equality. The member stands before his officer as the private before his captain and the officer stands before the general officer as the private before his captain. When I told them that most of the unions in America and most in England elect their officers by recognizing the vote they said that it was a childish notion which could never bring any good results. It took me some time to realize all that. It was only after several days' discussion pro and con with the delegates that I commenced to realize that the democratic instinct prevails not only in English-speaking countries, and very little of it in Europe and none at all in Germany.

Of course, coming to a convention of unionists everyone of whom is a member of the Socialist Party, and all very often
VARIOUS OFFICIAL PAPERS AND MAGAZINES OF TAILORS UNIONS AFFILIATED WITH THE INTERNATIONAL TAILORS SECRETARIAT
of the "end ziel", or the ultimate object of the labor movement, I expected something different. It appears that the idea of equality is a feeling that you will find nowhere among the working classes outside of the United States. With all their talk of Socialism I found them to be ultra-conservative. I have not seen anything like it in this country. In fact, no American Labor Organization will stand for that extreme form of concentration of power in the unions; where the official has everything to say and the member very little.

But to return to the subject. Another reason given by the German and Austrian delegates for their opposition to a trade union quarterly review was that the news would be too late and stale and therefore useless. I, in turn argued that I am not so much interested in the news or in the amount of Hellers or Marks the tailors of a particular locality received at a particular time, but that I am interested in becoming acquainted with the nature of the problems that confront us and the methods adopted for their solution, in order that we may learn these methods from each other. It is the form of organization that we are interested in rather than the number of "movements" that is of importance to us. (Every attempt, successful or otherwise, to raise wages or to reduce hours, whether or not accompanied by a strike, they call a "movement." On the continent, a scale of wages or a price list is known as a Tariff. The hour question is not of vital issue to them. It is the tariff which is everything to them.)

Was it Ibsen who said that "morality is largely a geographical conception," or something to that effect. That what is moral and right in one place may be immoral and wrong in another place. A line of conduct which in this country would be stigmatized as "boss rule, gag and railroading," in the European continent is considered quite proper and respectable. When Sabbath asked me to withdraw my resolution, I told him that unless he convinces me that my resolution is wrong, I will insist upon it being put to a vote as long as I can get someone to second it.

This declaration caused a great deal of astonishment and amusement, for they are accustomed to what we call "railroading" propositions. Only the delegates from England and France voted with me, while the delegate from Holland, who originally introduced the resolution, voted with the administration.

(To be continued)

The Relations of the Union and the Manufacturers' Association

As Defined By The Board of Arbitration In A Recent Case

By A. R. Y.

Hasty Methods Condemned by the Board of Arbitration

It is greatly to be deplored that it has been necessary for the Cloak and Suit Manufacturers' Protective Association to bring the Joint Board of the Cloak and Skirt Makers' Union and its representative, Dr. Isaac Hourwich, before the bar of the Board of Arbitration, charging violation of the letter and spirit of the Protocol. One regrets the necessity for these proceedings, because the disputes on which they are based have not been so very serious, or impossible to adjust, by the exercise of reason, tact and good faith by both sides. It is moreover to be deplored that it has been necessary for Mr. Louis D. Brandeis, the Chairman of the Board of Arbitration, to animadvert on the conduct of the Joint Board, its representatives and its official organ, and to couple with that conduct the International Union, although the International Union not only has no share in it, but has frequently counselled prudence, and as frequently opposed the hasty methods of dilettante dabblers in trade affairs, that are beyond the province of their experience.
In substance the charges had reference to illegal stoppages of work over disputes that could have been settled by mediation and conciliation.

Another grave breach of business etiquette charged in the statement by the plaintives is the inordinate desire to rush to publicity with denunciations against the other party to the Protocol, with insinuations holding up to ridicule the main provision for mediation and with inciting the members to agitate for the breaking up of the present arrangement. Such actions inevitably cause strained relations between the parties, put a damper on the zest with which the clerks should pursue their work of adjusting disputes, and generally engender bad blood and ill-will that may gradually culminate in open rupture.

It is not surprising that the Association has taken this course. It is only fair to admit that in calling on the Board of Arbitration to express an opinion on the justifiability or otherwise of the conduct or rather indiscretion complained of, it has taken the only course which is compatible with reason and common-sense; and it has, moreover, shown a measure of good faith in its desire to maintain peaceful relations rather than play into the hands of disrupters.

Attempts to Discredit the International Union

It was unfortunate that Dr. Hourwich in assuming the duties of mediation and conciliation should have proceeded to play into the hands of a clamorous element in the characteristic manner of an abstract theorist. As soon as he came into office, while conferring with the representatives of the Association in the matter of the Goldfield and Lachman case, Dr. Hourwich forthwith attempted to destroy the influence of the International Union by raising an issue between the Joint Board versus the International Union. Right until then there had been no question in the minds of our members and local officers that in their dealings with the Manufacturers' Association the International Union and the Joint Board were one and indivisible. All at once Dr. Hourwich proceeds to discredit the International Union before the representatives of the Manufacturers' Association by propounding a new-fangled theory that the "International Union is a mere shadow, having no power and no authority, and that all power is vested in the Joint Board by virtue of its local autonomy." Who gave Dr. Hourwich the right to raise such an issue calculated to lead to distrust and dissension? Where did he derive the authority therefor? Did he consult the locals or ask for their sanction? How was he sure that he would not have been rebuked for suggesting the very idea? He talks in the name of democracy. Did it not occur to him that such a question would have to be referred to a referendum vote of all the members? Yet, in his report on the case, he boasted at the meeting of the Joint Board that he had raised the issue and discredited the International Union. Is that the action of a true Union leader?

His theory that the locals of the International represent independent states and that the parent body has no power, was a futile comparison. As if the theory of the constitution of the United States can have a universal application. As if it could be applied to newly-formed organizations composed of raw elements, who neither know the meaning of the United States constitution nor the significance and benefits of organization. As if such elements could be left entirely to their own devices, when once they imagine themselves perfectly free and independent. In actual practice our local administration only succeeds when carried on along the lines of strict discipline and obedience to well-regulated laws.
Had Dr. Hourwich taken a closer interest in the administrative work of our locals, he would have seen actual life utterly confuting his abstract theories. But his theoretic mind does not run along grooves of practical life.

In this connection the views of Mr. Louis D. Brandeis, the Chairman of the Board of Arbitration, in regard to the Protocol and the adjustment of trade and shop disputes under its provisions, are extremely interesting.

Mr. Brandeis, addressing Dr. Hourwich, said in substance:

We are not interested, Doctor, in the question of your extenuation. ** We understand fully the position which you take. We are of the opinion that your position is absolutely wrong; the position you take would be subversive of the Protocol. ** This is not an indissoluble union between the manufacturers and the Union. Either party, if it finds it is not to its interest to continue the Protocol can observe the law, and either seek a modification of the Protocol by proper proceedings, or, if it does not believe that the Protocol with modifications is desirable, it can terminate it by proper legal action. Put so long as the Protocol exists it is the duty of each association and of every officer and every member of each association to see to it that in every way the Protocol is lived up to.

We thought we had made it clear by our decision last February that neither party had the right to take the law into its own hands; and obviously picketing is an act which you say yourself can only exist if there is a strike.

Here follow further extracts from the very interesting and instructive speech of Mr. Brandeis:

In the first place, we recognize that the machinery of the Protocol is not perfect. It was not supposed that it was perfect when it was originally agreed upon. It was as near perfect at that time as we were able to devise and to agree upon. All of those who participated in the framing of the Protocol understood that as experience developed difficulties, the experience, thought and invention of those interested would be called into play to devise some means of improving the working of that machine, which we regarded as correct in its main principles, but which we recognize must be constantly improved from time to time, to overcome existing difficulties, or to meet new difficulties as they present themselves, precisely as any of the machines which constitute the great inventions in manufacture are being from day to day improved to meet the difficulties which are experienced. **

It was to create a means by which the parties would come together and recognize that the difficulties of their particular trade were difficulties of the trade, not difficulties of the union, which the employer put up to the union and made them solve, or a difficulty of the association, which the union put up to the association, that it must solve, but a difficulty of this joint corporation, this joint association of employers and Union; a difficulty of the garment trade to which all of those interested should give their best thought and best endeavor, because it was their joint business, and that they were not to seek "justice" in the sense in which you are seeking justice in the courts, by getting a decision, but that they were to find some way, through invention and through law, of overcoming difficulties that were involved, not only the ordinary difficulties of the trade, but the difficulties of meeting the controversies as they arise from day to day.

Now it was recognized also, and was fully discussed in the original conference, formal and informal, that the greatest difficulty of all in dealing with this situation would be, not with the leaders, not with the men who had participated in settling these difficulties who know the inherent difficulty and, as officers, assumed the very great responsibility of acting for either side, but the difficulty in dealing with the privates who were deeply interested, but who necessarily, through lack of experience and lack of opportunity, could not have thought out the problems and could not participate in them, because the success in forming this Protocol and the success attained during the period of at least two years of its operation, was due to the mutual education which the common grappling with the difficulty gave, when tailor and manufacturer came together to deal with the situation.

Regarding the irresponsible expressions in the organ of the Joint Board, Mr. Brandeis said:

For the official organ of the Protocol to be used as a vehicle of expressions which may convince the readers and the members of the Union that this agreement entered into is
ing administered by men who are rogues, in the trade sense, who falsify, who disregard its obligations and adherence to the terms of the Protocol and justifies the use, in respect to those individuals of the opprobrious term of "scab"; such expressions render impossible the carrying out of that obligation which was solemnly entered into, they render impossible to bring all of the members of the union like all of the members of the association, to the loyal support and carrying out of its obligations.

It seems to us, therefore, clear that the use, in this official organ, of such expressions, is subversive of the Protocol.

Now a distinction has been sought to be made—a distinction between what is said individually and what is said officially. That is a distinction which, it seems to me, has a legal and philosophic value but has no practical value. It is impossible to draw that distinction in its effect. If one who is an officer of an association expresses an opinion in an official organ, the mind of man is not so constituted, except in those few rare instances of highly trained minds, who have freed themselves from ordinary emotions—the mind of man and his being is not so constituted but what there will be confused the effect of an official and an unofficial utterance.

The fact that a man is an officer of an Association may make it necessary for him to abstain from doing that which as a citizen, or as a mere member of an association, he would be absolutely free to do, just as the fact that when one assumes the position of a judge, or some other official position, it may exclude him from doing things which any other citizen in the community has full liberty and right to do.

But, wholly aside from the question of what an official may do, there is the fact that this official organ, owned by the Union and administered by the Joint Board, is being made the instrument for subverting the Protocol, and I even feel that some of the expressions in some of the articles that were read, making a definite declaration that the Protocol must be lived up to as long as it exists, that they, in themselves, are so phrased as to carry in their minds a suggestion to the reader that the proper thing to do is to abrogate the Protocol.

Now this is no more and no less than when a man says, "I will not say that this person is a liar," but conveys an impression to the listener that he has a notion that the man is not always an adherent to the truth. And I should read myself, and should understand myself that many of those expressions, which are coupled with a very correct interpretation of the law of the Protocol, also imply a condemnation, a silent condemnation of the Protocol. While every one has a right to make up his mind, it becomes a very different matter when an official who is endeavoring to carry out, and should be endeavoring to induce others to carry out the terms of the Protocol, is using such language and such expressions.

Now we must hold responsible for this—while we say that we cannot pass upon any question of individuals, that we have not the knowledge, and if we had the knowledge, we have not the jurisdiction—we must hold the parties responsible.

Primarily, it is the Joint Board. Secondly, it is the International, and we do not at all agree with that interpretation which President Rosenberg seems to have given to his obligation, that he has merely to "advise." It seems to us that the obligation of guarantor of this agreement is a far more serious obligation than merely to give advice. It is the obligation to see to it that the obligation is carried out.

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Now the arbitrators have no means of determining, and have no suggestion to make whatsoever as to how they, the guarantors, are to see to it. It is a joint obligation of the Joint Board and of the International that certain things should happen.

They stand for all practical purposes, exactly in the same relation as if they had been partners in entering into this agreement, although the exact legal relation may be something different. The International officers were the people with whom the Association actually dealt in working out this agreement. It was in reliance upon what took place through the International and the intercession of the International that the Association did enter into it, and the Board must feel that the International cannot discharge itself of obligation in this matter by simply saying, "we give advice and the advice is not taken." It is a joint obligation, and it must be jointly performed. How it is performed, and how it is brought about, is a matter with which it seems to us the Board has as little to do as the Association has.

All that Mr. Brandeis has said is sheer common sense. It is furthermore confirmed by the experience.
of the past three years. For three years the Cloak Industry of New York has been at peace. For three years the representatives of the Union and the Association have succeeded in adjusting petty disputes and redressing individual grievances that had inevitably arisen from time to time. Misunderstandings have sometimes occurred, and the Board of Arbitration has been called several times to adjust them.

But it would be unreasonable to suppose that because of these misunderstandings and petty differences the Protocol of Peace signed in September 1910, is a failure and should be broken off, in which case it would mean the recrudescence of the periodical strife of former years.

It is evident from the attitude of the vast majority of the cloak and skirt workers that the arrangement has been satisfactory to them, else they would protest against its continuance. It is further evident from the attitude of the majority of the members of the Association that the arrangement with all the institutions for carrying out its provisions has been satisfactory to them, otherwise they would insist upon its cessation. It is likewise evident from the attitude of the preponderant majority of the active officers and leaders, who are themselves tradesmen, that the arrangement for mediation and conciliation is eminently suitable and beneficial to the workers, otherwise the arrangement, or the Protocol, would not have survived.

And yet upon the surface, and to the inexperienced outsider it does appear as if the arrangement were most unsatisfactory. Witness the gratuitous, misleading and uncalled-for statements appearing in the general Yiddish press from time to time. How are we to account for this apparent contradiction?

When by the Protocol of Peace in 1910 the workers waived the right to strike, so long as the treaty of peace is officially recognized by both parties, they adopted a policy which has proved beneficial to them. Now, you cannot maintain a treaty of peace and at the same time commit an act of war, by causing a stoppage of work without previously submitting the dispute to the Board of Grievances. Such a course of action may seem justifiable to the abstract philosopher. He may argue that since the Union has not officially sanctioned the stoppage or the picketing, therefore it is merely a private act in which the abstract Union has no right or authority to interfere. Such abstract reasoning clearly borders on anarchy. It is subversive of the authority of the organized body to rule by orderly government, or to impose discipline. It destroys with one blow the control of the Union over shops or individual workers and gives them the license to plunge into shop strikes at will. Nay, it destroys the organization itself.

For if the rights of citizenship allow a man to picket a shop without the right of the Union to interfere, then the same rights of citizenship allow him to work below the scale, to make an individual contract with the employer and even to scab on his fellow-workers in time of strike. As a citizen a man may do many things which as a member of an organization he may not do. If the Union has no authority to prevent stoppages or stop picketing during such stoppages, it has no authority to impose internal obedience, even so far as to payment of dues. It brings us back to the practices of the past, when strikes abounded, but there was no Union; when phrases and denunciations ruled the day without a semblance of organization. Let the cloak and skirt makers of New York ponder over these remarks and take the necessary measures to preserve their organization.
The Victories of We are glad to announce two notable victories, both of equal importance, although of a different nature. One is the victorious termination of the General Strike of the Ladies' Tailors of New York City, which resulted in a substantial raise of wages and a reduction in hours. How long is it since the most fashionable ladies' tailoring establishments on Fifth Avenue were working their employees nine, ten, eleven and more hours a day and no extra pay for overtime, and at salaries ranging from $12 to $18 per week? How long ago did this state of affairs exist? Until the Ladies' Tailors organized and began to kick and fight against it.

It was an uphill struggle, to organize the ladies' tailors. Many wiseacres, old and young, have prophesied that all attempts to organize this craft would fail, for the reason that there are too many nationalities, too many shops in the trade, that the tailors are too old-fashioned and too conservative, and so on. They did, however, organize. It is true that for the first couple of years the task seemed to have been almost hopeless, but by persistent and determined efforts the impossible has been accomplished and today the scale of wages in the Fifth Avenue houses is $27 per week for 48 hours work; male helpers receive $19 and female helpers $17. Bushelman, for whom there was no scale at all are receiving $24. This is in the first class houses. In the second class houses the scale for tailors is $24 per week; for male helpers $17 per week and female...
helpers $15 for 48 hours work. This, the ladies' tailors are enjoying, who organized and fought and won. The dress makers, however, the American women who consider themselves aristocrats of the trade, who are too proud to belong to the Union, still work at the same old wages and the same old hours. They work under the same roof, the same shop, for the same employers, one section organized and the other disorganized, one receiving more than double the wages while working considerably less hours. And the other?

Another victory is that of the Cloak Pressers in New York. There was no fight here, no picketing, no trouble, no disturbance in the factories; no dislocation of trade; no worry and no expenditure of a single cent on either side. The pressers gained $2.50 per week, while the under-pressers gained $1.50. The wages of the cutters and finishers have not as yet been tackled, because the figures and statistical information has not yet been forthcoming. As soon as the information will be ready and the arbitrators will have definite data and figures to go by, the award will be given also in their case. Of course, we cannot anticipate what the decision will be, but in view of the fairness of the award for the pressers and the universal satisfaction it has given to our members, there is no reason why the other branches of the trade should not be treated in the same manner as the pressers have been by the very same arbitrators.

Arbitration Board Defines Relations Between Union and Association

For practical people there cannot be any doubt as to what should be the relations between a union and an employers' association with whom that union has entered into an understanding. If the question were asked, practical union men could only give one answer, namely, the relations between two such organized bodies, although to all appearance their interests are not identical, should be the same as the relations between two individuals doing business together.

In this world of conflicting interests there can only be two kinds of relations: one is war to the knife, for there can be no moderation in war measures; the other is some measure of co-operation between the two conflicting interests, whereby war is avoided and misunderstandings are smoothed over and adjusted in a friendly "get-together" manner. Progress, civilization and national prosperity became possible only when conflicting groups or nations adopted the principle of "get-together" for the purpose of arriving at a better understanding. And future progress, both national and international, depends on how far this principle will be adopted and made to govern the relations of rival sections and interests.

Now, what is true of nations and human relations generally is not less true of labor unions and organized bodies of employers. A large number of our New York members have had convincing proof of this within the last three years, ever since peace has been reigning in the Cloak Industry.

One thing is quite certain. You cannot maintain the two kinds of relations at the same time. Two nations cannot officially suspect, insult or throw mud at each other and at the same time remain friendly and at peace. Two firms cannot continue doing business together, while they distrust and accuse each other of bad faith. Neither can a labor union and an organized body of employers negotiate better conditions or carry on any kind of collective bargaining, if their representatives lack good faith or mutual regard for each other.

One is led to this conclusion on per-
using the "Opinion" of Louis D. Brandeis, extracts of which appear in another column.

The Joint Board—The "Opinion", rendered by Chairman Brandeis of the Board of Arbitration, that the International Union and the Joint Board "stand for all practical purposes exactly in the same relations as if they had been partners in entering into this agreement, although the exact legal relations may be something different; * * * that it is a joint obligation, and must be jointly performed," etc., will surprise no one who has been acquainted with the relations which existed between the Joint Board and the International Union, in their dealings with the Manufacturers' Association ever since September 2nd, 1910, the day when the Protocol was signed. Until January last the joint relations of the International and the Joint Board with the Manufacturers' Association had been practically the same as now laid down by Chairman Brandeis. Whatever differences of opinion there may have existed between the officers of the International Union and the Joint Board, the Manufacturers' Association knew of none. The Board of Grievances consisted both of members of the Joint Board and of officers of the International Union. They certainly were partners in business. All of a sudden the representative of the Joint Board went out of his way to inform the Manufacturers' Association that the International Union had absolutely nothing to do with the Protocol. The recent decision of the Board of Arbitration practically reintroduces the former relations as they had existed until the end of last year, a relation which should never have been broken up or changed. We are glad to see that the definition of Chairman Brandeis, as to the function of the International Union as guarantor of the Protocol, has been hailed with satisfaction both by the officers of the Joint Board and the officers of the International Union.

The Joint Board on Saturday, October 18th, upon due consideration of the decision of the Board of Arbitration, in a resolution sent to the General Executive Board, expressed in no mistaken terms their satisfaction with that decision. We hope and trust that the malcontents in our Organization and those who set one set of officers against another, will see that their destructive work and ideas take no root in the minds of our members, and in the future our Organization will always be able to put up a united and solid front to our employers.

Board of Grievance Not A Court of Law
But An Adjustment Committee

A careful perusal of the "Opinion" of Chairman Brandeis on the nature of the relations between the manufacturers and the unions, and the function of the Board of Grievances, carries the strong conviction that our contention all along, that the Grievance Board can never function as a Court of Law, has been a correct one. Instead of individual business agents trying to adjust complaints, or grievances with the individual employer or individual representative of the firm, the Board of Grievances in its collective capacity as a committee of business agents and a committee of representative employers is adjusting troubles jointly. Now, every one who has ever served in the capacity of a business agent or had practical experience in adjusting difficulties between employers and employees, knows that the principal difficulty in an adjustment is not in the finding of an issue, the raising of a question of abstract right or particular point of law, but in
settling, adjusting, finding a *modus vivendi*. In a word, to patch up, to adjust, not to decide; to make it possible for the manufacturers and the workmen to get along without serious injury to either party; to make it possible for the employer and employee to work together—something which is absolutely and radically different from a Court of Law, which looks only for a decision and is not concerned with the result of that decision. Hence, legal technicalities, legal methods are a hindrance instead of a help at a meeting of the Board of Grievances. The Board of Grievances is a committee to find ways and means of adjusting "a difficulty of the garment trade which all of those interested should give their best thought and best endeavors to," says Chairman Brandeis. Yes, it is not legal difficulties we have to overcome, but trade difficulties. It is not abstract rights we have to consider, but finding ways and methods of getting along.

In the case of a Price Committee and an employer adjusting prices, it is not so much a question as to how much profits the manufacturer has an absolute right to expect, or the wages the workmen have an absolute right to demand, but it is a question of fixing upon a price, whereby the manufacturer should be able to sell his garments and the workpeople to obtain a living wage. There can never be a law fixing the profits of the employer or the wages of an employee, it is simply a question of how to adjust the relations, so that both parties should be able to get along.

The idea that through this opinion expressed by the Board of Arbitration, the freedom of the press will be limited, has caused an unpleasant impression. We can assure our members that their fear on this point is absolutely groundless. The decision of the Board of Arbitration does not in the least attempt to curtail the freedom of our press and to prevent our people from expressing their opinions. It simply requests that the editorials in the "Neue Post", and the articles written by the responsible officers of our Organization should not use language which will give offense to the representatives of the Manufacturers' Association, with whom we come in daily contact. To use an illustration: If, let us say, the official organ of the Japanese Government were to make an attack upon President Wilson, Secretary Bryan or members of the United States Cabinet, assuming an unfriendly or offensive tone, such declaration on the part of the official organ of the Japanese Government would certainly call forth resentment on the part of the United States Government. It would not in the least mean that the United States Government wishes to curb the freedom of the press of the Japanese people, or establish a censorship in the Empire of the Mikado. If the officers of the Manufacturers' Association feel offended at the language used by the responsible officers of our Union, it does not in the least mean to imply that they wish to abrogate the freedom of speech or freedom of press of our Organization.

The Board was also of the opinion that as long as this voluntary understanding between the Manufacturers' Association and the Union exists, adverse or offensive comment is out of place, and makes it impossible for the existence of business relations. As long as the responsible officers of our Organization come in daily contact with the manufacturers,
an agitation against the Protocol is ridiculous and in very bad form. If we do not want the Protocol, we are at liberty to abrogate it at any time we choose to do so; but as long as we find it useful and as long as it pays to keep it up, then this constant attack on the Protocol, this constant telling our members that they are getting the worst end of it, can serve no useful purpose, and in fact makes the conditions of such a Protocol impossible. We cannot have both peace and war at the same time.

Financially it was a question of some $15,000 a week, which if forthcoming this decision can be carried out, ending finally in the discomfiture of the enemy.

Now, $15,000 a week in our huge organization, is not hard to collect, if all the locals are willing to extend the helping hand of a brother. Happily our locals have seconded the decision of the General Executive Board in no uncertain voice. They, too, are in favor of prolonging the strike indefinitely. While writing some of the New York locals have pledged themselves to contribute weekly the following sums:

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Here we have already nearly $11,000. Our other locals in and out of New York will certainly follow suit with sums in accordance with their financial strength. Our country locals will prove no exception to the general rule.

Furthermore, it will be of interest to all and sundry that the new-fangled combination of the manufacturers of Cleveland, Philadelphia and St. Louis, assisted as they no doubt are, by the National Association of Manufacturers of “lobbying and bribery” fame, has decided the International to turn over a new leaf in the history of garment strikes. Henceforth we shall prepare ourselves to carry on vigorous strikes not for one but for several seasons at a stretch. If the stiff-necked and heart-hardened employers want to lose their trade and thus give fair and union employers a “show”—well, we are ready to assist in effecting this purpose.

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**Strikes In Philadelphia and St. Louis to be Continued Indefinitely**

While the Philadelphia Public Ledger has been appealing in vain to the “humanity” of the garment manufacturers to end the cloak makers’ strike in that city, our appeal to our members for finances has met with a hearty response.

We are glad to put on record the unanimity with which our members met the situation. The unanimous response is all the more noteworthy because it was practically spontaneous and not forced upon unwilling minds. In this respect our Union is one to be proud of.

At the meeting of the General Executive Board held last month it was decided to give the employers of Cleveland, Philadelphia and St. Louis a lesson to be remembered; to oppose to their stubbornness a determination rarely equaled in the annals of labor organizations. If they believe they can break a gigantic organization like our International Union, then they are possessed of a rich but very stupid fancy. The strikers being willing to keep up the strikes indefinitely, we are ready.

And the General Executive Board has unanimously decided in favor of an indefinite prolongation of the strikes, assisted by all the means at our command.
Up to a few years ago there were very few agreements made between organizations of workpeople and organizations of employers. Except in the Dyeing and Finishing Trades of Bradford and one or two other sections, agreements were either of an individual character or non-existent. Now they are very extensive and common and the spirit of the age develops them on a large scale.

Yorkshire is the big centre of the Woolen and Worsted industry of Great Britain, employing hundreds of thousands of textile workers, and except in minor instances there were no agreements between the two sides until 1906. At that time a strike occurred in Colne Valley among the workmen in the preparatory departments. The Union took it up, organized the men and settled the price per hour on a two-years’ agreement. At the end of two years, the agreement was extended and the wages increased. The employers formed a working association and the employees kept up their Union, and now an attempt is being made to get the prices raised a third time.

Two years ago the men in other sections of the industry in the same area succeeded in getting more wages, shorter hours of labor, payment for overtime, Union recognition and other benefits on a two-years’ agreement; and it goes without saying that the workpeople have considerably benefited by this policy.

Three years ago an attempt was made, after good organizing propaganda in the Dewsbury and Batley districts, to get an agreement with the employers for a large body of men in the cloth trade. The trouble was made more serious by the fact that the employers had no association, and a strike was imminent, when a large number of firms got together in each of the towns. Two conferences followed and an agreement was come to for two years. That agreement expired last February and the Union then made another attempt to raise wages for all sections of workpeople. After months of our pressing the employers to combine, they formed an association for the two towns, the Union got a joint conference to-gether and settled upon an advance of wages for 25,000 workers. This agreement, instead of being between firms organized in two separate groups, is between the Cloth Manufacturers’ Association, covering the whole heavy woolen district, and the General Union of Textile Workers.

As will be seen from several clauses cited below, (clauses 20, 22 and 23), the two sides must come together to interpret the agreement and draw up price lists for the large number of women engaged in the weaving department.

Some of the clauses:

1.—This agreement shall take effect from Friday, June 27th, and payments under it shall be made on Friday, July 4th, 1913, and shall continue in force until October 1st, 1915, with 3 months notice of any proposal of change by either party to expire at that date or any time after.

2.—This agreement shall be deemed to apply to willing and competent workmen; and the wages paid to any worker who is infirm or otherwise incompetent shall be left to private adjustment between the employer and such worker.

3.—Should any dispute arise between any employer and any class or classes of workers as to the proper interpretation of the terms of this agreement or as to the rate of wages payable under it, such dispute shall be submitted by the employer and workers concerned to a Joint Committee of the Association and of the Union for settlement, and the decision of that Committee shall be binding on both employer and workers.

PIECE WORK

18.—Piece work in Willeying, Spinning, Warping, Beaming, and in any of the finishing or other departments shall be left to private adjustment between employer and worker, provided always that piece work, taken over a reasonable period of time, shall yield more than the maximum
rate named herein as payable to the workers in the respective departments.

CLOTH WEAVERS

20.—The Joint Committee of the Association and of the Union are unanimous in the opinion that a Weaving Tariff or Tariffs applicable to the various classes of goods manufactured in the Heavy Woollen District should be drawn up, and they will endeavor to compile such a Tariff or Tariffs as time and opportunity permit. After a searching enquiry they find very varying rates of payment now current, and as a first step towards the establishment of uniform rates in the Heavy Woollen District it is agreed that each Manufacturer shall so adjust his Tariff that Weavers of Plain Goods shall be able to earn on the average a minimum of 15 shillings per week, and Weavers of Fancy Goods a minimum of 17 shillings per week.

22.—The average earnings referred to in paragraphs 20 and 21 shall be ascertained by eliminating 25% of the lowest, and taking the earnings of the remaining 75% as the standard basis.

23.—Pending the adoption of a Uniform Tariff or Tariffs for the Heavy Woollen District, existing tariffs or rates of payment shall not be reduced, even though the earnings exceed the minimum rates mentioned in paragraphs 20 and 21.

The Yorkshire Dyeing and Finishing Trades have arrived at a similar agreement for their section of the industry. This is signed by four Workmen’s Associations and covers several Employers’ Associations. There is one clause in the agreement providing for a Joint Committee of the two sides to draw up a scale of wages for the youths in the finishing department, and fixing prices for work in other cases.

There are probably forty to fifty different branches in this industry, so that it is as complex as any in the clothing trade. The variety of machines, the variety of cloths and fabrics, the intricacies of the trade, present various complexities, but organization leads to order and regulation, and in a few years time, if the policy of conciliation is pursued, there will be prices fixed for age and work that will command the respect of both sides in making bargains, and on a person changing his employer he or she will know that the price will be the same as before, and that a change of wages will be on a general level.

The Huddersfield Woollen Manufacturers’ Association have an arrangement with our Union that allows the two secretaries to deal with cases of workers leaving or being instantly dismissed, and if these two fail to agree, then a Joint Committee is called to consider the unsettled cases. (See clause 3 cited above.) Since our Union started the policy of making agreements for wages on a time basis, other towns and other unions have followed suit, and the most recent agreement was that fixed up for the Yeaden and Gislesley factory workers, who had a small union of their own, and who have now an agreement with the newly formed Manufacturers’ Association there that covers the whole trade of the two towns.

Ossett and Morley have also separate agreements based on the Dewsbury and Batley ones, and only Leeds and Halifax are behindhand. This is solely due to the lack of trade union organization among the textile workers in those towns. Where the workers are organized agreements have been arrived at and wages materially advanced. Where they fail to organize, the wages vary, the employers pay as little as they like, and the trade, from the workers’ point of view, is in a chaotic condition.

Are time agreements wise agreements? is a question that has been often asked.

A good agreement is not hampered by a time limit. A bad one may be. If trade were always good, then a time limit might hamper improvements, but I find that the workers as a rule are best served by a time agreement. There should be no desire to change every month or two. Stability in trade requires that where prices are fixed for manufactured products six months before delivery, a definite period for settlement should be mutually agreed upon. I believe it is good for the workers to have a time agreement. I am not concerned as to whether it pays the employer or not. My concern is for my fellow workmen and I am viewing the subject purely from that standpoint.

For the sake of the Union and its members I favor a twelve months’ or a two years’ agreement. I do not favor a longer term. In the carpet trade they used to settle prices every Whitsun tide. That was not a bad plan. In the glass bottle trade they settle prices every February. That works well. During the past few years we have settled prices every two years and that has been fairly satisfactory.
It is true we have many members who are against these agreements. Some want them for a week, some for a month, and many are against a year or two. I claim that our recent two years' agreements have given us time to solidify our unions, have given us time to get the workers interested in the wage movement, have given us time to learn more about the trade and to deal with matters on business lines.

If trade depression occurs, as it sometimes must, then we have made a good bargain in having a two years' agreement. If trade improves, and this is impossible after the "fat years" of trade, then it may not be a good bargain, except that it allows us to perfect our organization, develop the amalgamation of many textile unions into one, and thus prepare the way for a better bargain when the opportune moment arrives, after the expiry of the two years' agreement. I think we stand to gain anyhow and to risk little by it.

It is only fair to state that the members of our unions who oppose the two years' agreements are usually new recruits or those who are antagonistic to any agreement with employers; who urge hitting the employers every time, even though we wreck ourselves in the attempt.

This irresponsible method does not make towards the progress of the union, nor towards improved wages, in the long run. We must always expect troubles in the trade whether or not we have agreements.

Lancashire has had price lists and agreements with the employers for many years. Their trade is the finest sample of organization in the world. Few workpeople are outside the unions. Few employers are outside their federation. They have signed price lists, written bargains, and yet here and there differences occur and they have to have petty shop fights. Just recently they have had numerous mill strikes in the spinning trade owing to bad material. They have a system of joint committees that meet when trouble occurs, but as the joint committee could not agree on the method of dealing with bad material which made bad spinning and lessened the earnings of the spinners, the operatives' union gave notice they would strike at the shops where the bad material was spun and they did. However (as I write) a settlement of the trouble has been come to and the officers of the Employers' Associations and of the Employees' Unions have agreed to settle each case as it arises and pay extra for bad material being spun. The following is the clause agreed to on September 19th:

Pending negotiations with a view to seeing if a full detailed agreement can be come to on the procedure to be adopted for dealing with bad spinning complaints, it is hereby agreed—(1) That notices shall not be tendered at any mill in connection with a bad spinning complaint until the representatives of the two organizations (local and central) have jointly inquired into the dispute. (2) That this agreement shall remain in operation for three months from this date.

This is returning back to the joint committee work, and attempts at settlements are to be tried between the officers before any committee is called to discuss them.

The joint committee system has worked well in Lancashire. Up to recently they had one for the whole cotton trade and whether or not they had any business to consider, they had to meet monthly. Often they met and just opened the proceedings, passed votes of thanks to the chairman and then departed for another month, but they did meet monthly, so that no case could be overlooked or delayed longer than a month.

The system is not working smoothly just now, but this is solely due to differences between the workmen's unions. These, however, will soon disappear and the joint committee will work as before.

Except in Leeds, Bradford and Halifax, the whole textile trade of Lancashire and Yorkshire is under agreements and joint committee regulation. Spasmodic disputes may occur here and there with sections of workpeople over something that is outside the bargains, but on wages and hours of labor no strike occurs before the joint committee has tried its best to settle things.

There is no independent chairman in the joint committees and there are no arbitrators. They settle by conciliation if they can. Failing that, they adjourn and meet again. Sometimes they call in a Board of Trade (Government) Officer to assist them in their deliberations. He has no casting vote. He tries to help the two sides to come to terms. This often succeeds. If it fails, they may call in a third party to decide, or they may fight it out. Seldom, however, does the process of conciliation fail, and deadlocks are often overcome without an independent chairman.

Recently, both in Lancashire and York...
shire, the two sides have met in conference to discuss sanitation and safety in textile mills. The conferences were called by the factory inspectors, and regulations were jointly adopted on many important matters. Shuttle guards for looms, lack of air space and ventilation, lack of good lighting in passages, staircases and workplaces were all brought under review and an agreement was arrived at. Then they had also under consideration, the question of what weight girls and boys of 14 to 18 years of age ought to be to be allowed to lift, and thus the future physique of the young folks was provided for. The cotton trade has not yet discussed this latter problem, but we in the woolen and worsted trade agreed on a sliding scale of weights per age.

This is a new kind of work that unions and employers' associations are doing. It was not possible to do this before the workers became better organized. It is only possible to command respect so long as we keep our unions alert, strong and considerate. The sanitary conditions of our mills are under the control of our local town councils. This renders it essential for us to get labor and trades union representatives elected upon these public bodies. Every town in the County of Yorkshire has one or more members upon these municipal bodies and all the union officials need do is to write to them on matters going wrong respecting sanitation, and they see to it that the paid officers of the local authorities attend to these complaints. We have not the same kind of sanitary board as you have in America, but we get attention both from the local sanitary authority and the factory inspectors.

I have read very carefully the article of Mr. Dyche on "The Fundamental Principles Underlying the Protocol," as your wage bargain is termed, and except in the wording, your Protocol and our Wage agreements run in similar grooves. The representatives of the Union and the Employers' Association hold joint meetings under regulations previously laid down and discuss work, wages, hours of labor and other details and arrive at agreements. They consider grievances and settle them as far as they can. I guess our troubles and your troubles are about the same.

These joint committees and their results do not suit everybody. Nothing ever will, but speaking with a knowledge of our trade for the past forty years, I maintain that wage agreements and joint committees are good, practical trades unionism. It is better than the old plan of hitting blindly or wildly, and having periodical strikes all over the show with settlements that vary according to luck, condition of trade, or other circumstances, that allowed a variety of price lists to grow up. Now, the new agreements fix the prices, and if men change their places they know what the rate is without asking. The new plan is better than the old chaotic one.

Some of our troubles come after settlement over the subject of union versus mixed shops. The Bradford dyers' unions have settled it and have a bargain with the Master Dyers' federation that when vacancies occur union men are to have preference.

But after all, the question of union versus mixed shop is a question for the workers themselves to solve. Its solution lies within their own power. By the workers becoming thoroughly organized and imbued with the union spirit, this disagreeable controversy will be consigned to the limbo of the dead past.
Our Women Workers

Conducted by PAULINE M. NEWMAN

THE STRIKE OF THE LADIES' TAILORS' UNION

A Lesson for the American Women Workers

"In Union there is strength."

The recent strike of the Ladies' Tailors and Dress Makers' Union has proven how much truth there is in the above sentence. As an organized body they left their work places, leaving the employers with the machines and empty chairs. They demanded an eight-hour day, and got it. They demanded a minimum of twenty-seven dollars a week, and got it. They got these, and many more demands without much trouble at that. Nor did it take very long to get it. The strike lasted only about two weeks, and for the majority of the strikers not even that long.

We can all rejoice with the Ladies Tailors in their recent victory, for a victory it was, indeed.

And while we congratulate the members of Local No. 38 for their splendid fighting spirit, we are sorry to learn that they have not succeeded in enlisting the women workers of this trade as members of the Union.

Of course, the fault is not theirs. We know that they have tried three months before the strike to organize the women workers, but without success.

It is discouraging to think that women should possess so little intelligence as not to see the benefits their co-workers derive from their Union. Here are men working an eight-hour day, while they, the women, work fifty-four hours a week, and often more. Men in the same establishments receive double time for overtime, while they do not. In many instances they only get supper money, and are not paid for overtime at all. Men work on Saturdays till twelve o'clock, while they work until five o'clock. And in the face of all these things, they seem to be content with their lot, and remain indifferent to the call of the Union, because, we are told, these girls and women workers are REAL Americans!

How much better off are the Italians and the Jews? They, as "foreigners," are working shorter hours, receive higher wages, are enjoying the respect of every intelligent person, and above all—the benefits of united action. No wonder the master class does not like the foreigners! If Americanism means to submit to low wages and longer hours, then I would rather not be an American. True Americanism, however, is demanding your right and fighting for it, if necessary.

But a ray of light is penetrating the darkness—the American working girl is waking up everywhere, even in New York. We refer to the American Branch of the Waist Makers' Union.

Let the Ladies' Tailors try, and try hard, to do their part in helping their women workers see the light and learn the truth.

AMERICAN BRANCH OF WAIST AND DRESS MAKERS—Local No. 25

Those of us who were present at the last meeting of the American Branch of the Waist and Dress Makers' Union, are convinced that this branch is alive and is here to stay.

The lecture hall of the Women's Trade Union League was filled with new members of the branch who were there for the first time and showed great interest and enthusiasm.

Miss Dreier, in speaking to the girls showed them once more the necessity of standing together, no matter what they had to sacrifice in order to do it. She dwelt at length on the need of organization among women workers.
and asked them to do all they can in helping
to get the indifferent ones to join them. Miss
Dreier was enthusiastically received.

Hugh Frayne delivered an excellent address,
which served as an inspiration to the members
present. He pointed out how they were serving
as tools in the hands of the employers by
staying out of the Union. He spoke of the
thousands of married women who were forced
to go back to work, and then found conditions
worse than at the time they left. He showed
how childish it was to be certain that once
married, they leave the factory for good. He
was heartily applauded when he said that “the
place for women workers is the Union, and
the sooner you realize it the better for you!”

The members learned much that evening,
and it is to be hoped that those in charge of
the branch will arrange many more meetings
of the same kind.

The Organization Committee is planning to
start an active campaign among the American
girls, so as to get them all into the Union.
A good many of them are beginning to un­
derstand why the employers are advertising
for American girls only. They know now
that the only reason for doing so is because
they work for lower wages, and take things
as they come, while the Jewish girls usually
stand up and demand a higher price for their
labor. But before long the American girl and
the Jewish girl are going to act together for
the benefit of all.

WRAPPER AND KIMONO WORKERS’
UNION LOCAL No. 41

The question of organizing the new shops—
the fifth per cent. of the trade—which were
left unaffected during the recent strike, is com­
ing up again big and strong in the councils
of the Union. The members are all getting
ready to grapple with it.

The problem consists of unionizing the mul­
titude of shops located in Manhattan, where
for the most part American or Italian girls
are working. Men in these shops are a rarity.
The district also includes the uptown Syrian-
Turkish shops. In these shops men and wom­
en are working longer hours for lower wages.
These people have to be organized; the sooner
the better for all concerned.

The Union has been on the warpath for the
last few weeks, and is at present planning to
put in the field a regular campaign committee
to push the work energetically. The prospect
of coping with the situation seems pretty
bright and the officers and rank and file view
the whole matter with confidence and reliance.

The semi-annual elections which took place
at the end of last September resulted in no
material changes in the personnel of the staff
of officers. There were, however, some con­
siderable changes in the making up of the new
Executive Committee. New members, both
from Brooklyn and New York, were elected.
It is to be hoped that they will realize their
new duties and responsibilities.

The Labor Day trouble—we refer to the
failure on the part of the contractors of
Brooklyn to pay for that day—is now being
straightened out. A great many of them have
already paid up and the rest of them are be­
ing forced to do the same.

Vigorous action by the Union in this matter
has made the contractors realize that the gains
wrested from them as a result of the recent
strike were not meant to remain a dead letter.
The Union has been doing quite a little or­
ganizing of late in the near-by towns. And
the results, according to the officers of the
Union, are very satisfactory.

Keep up the good work, it is worth your
while.

CHILDREN’S DRESS MAKERS’ UNION—
Local No. 50

The Children’s Dress Makers’ Union has not
been as fortunate in keeping the gains won
during their recent strike, as other locals of
the International. Since July last, the officers
and some of the members have been busy in
trying to enforce the agreement of last win­
ter and their efforts have been in vain.

At present the conditions of the local are
deplorable. The agreement between the Un­
ion and the Contractors’ Association has been
broken, and according to Manager Elstein
they have no more connection with them.
The employers who were supposed to do their
part in forcing the contractors to live up to
the agreement have failed to do so and have
thus violated their pledges. They did not pay
their employees for Labor Day and other le­
gal holidays. They did not pay the second
five per cent, increase in the wages of their
employees. In short, they have proven them­
selves to be men without honor, in so far as
living up to their word is concerned. The
Union had hoped that the members would
learn to make their masters keep their pledges.
This hope, however, has not been realized.

Unfortunately the members of the Union
did not learn to appreciate the value of or­
organization. They are in the same position as
they were a year ago. They don't seem to possess the elements which make for good Unionists and loyal workers for a Cause. They let things go and expect someone else to do it for them.

What the outcome of this may be can easily be seen. Something will HAVE to be done before it will be too late. The employers will have to be taught another lesson. And the members, too, will have to be taught once more the simple lesson of Unionism.

According to the officers of the Union, this is the time to do it. The season is coming, and they are preparing to take advantage of it.

In the last few weeks the Union has had several strikes, and there are a number of strikers still out. They had to call these strikes not for pleasure, but for the sake of keeping the little they got last winter.

We hope that the Union and the International will get together and plan action for the coming season, so that the employers will not have the opportunity to place the workers back in their former miserable position. Much however, depends on the rank and file. Let them wake up and perfect their organization as soon as they can.

**WAIST MAKERS' UNION OF PHILADELPHIA**

The writer of these lines has recently been in Philadelphia, and has had occasion to speak to the old and faithful members of Local No. 15. According to these members, conditions in the Waist and Dressmaking trade are now worse than ever. Wages are lower than they were two years ago. Hours have, in many instances, been extended. Sanitary surroundings in Philadelphia were always bad, yet, we are informed that they are still worse at present.

Operators who used to earn from twelve to eighteen dollars a week are now earning from eight to ten a week. Where formerly girls had steady positions, they now have to go from shop to shop in search of better conditions. This task, however, has proven to be useless, as all of the factories maintain the same miserable conditions.

It does seem as though the manufacturers have their own way about dictating conditions to their employees. They certainly seem to have full sway over the situation. This alone explains the reason for the low wages and long hours.

The Waist Makers, on the other hand, seem to wait for some Messiah to come and lead them out of their misery. It is almost inconceivable that the men and women who are confronted with the conditions described above, should still remain indifferent toward their only weapon with which they can improve their lot, namely, organization.

Strange as it may seem, the girls of Philadelphia are not as yet organized. They are still disregarding their own welfare, by remaining outside of their Union. It seems that they are more lukewarm now than they were two years ago. For the local membership has decreased to a very great extent. They don't seem to care to take matters into their own hands—they leave it all to their masters. Very, very wise?...

Something is wrong somewhere. Are the Philadelphia Waist Makers satisfied with conditions as they are?

By no means! They are all kicking against prevailing conditions, and yet, they don't see the remedy—their Union.

When are the Philadelphia girls going to use the power that is within them? When are they going to rely upon themselves? When, oh when, will these girls, men and women wake up to their own interest?

Just at this time it is a relief to see the faces of the old, loyal and faithful members, giving the best that is within them to the Cause of Labor. These members don't get tired waiting for the new ones to come and join them; they don't give up hope; they don't lose their courage; they do all they can. They know that sooner or later their seeds will bear fruit. They are planting a tree which is bound to grow. They KNOW that their labor is not in vain. Their devotion to their Union is the thing that cheers you up. Their wonderful patience urges you to go on with the work in spite of the indifferent ones.

The old members of Local No. 15 deserve the admiration, respect and love for their endurance and for keeping up the good work of education and organization.

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Problems Peculiar to the Cutters' Union
Local 10

By I. Epstein

When interest lags, stagnation sets in; then disease and putrefaction. If Local No. 10 is desirous of curing itself of the many dire evils that beset it, it is time to call in the doctor, have the case diagnosed, and a stimulating tonic prescribed.

It does not require a wise-head to realize that something must be done to awaken the interest and instill the spirit without which no labor organization can expect to make headway. When an organization like Local No. 10 with a membership of 8,000 is represented at meetings by a mere handful, and when the time of the members is consumed mainly by listening to a discussion of the merits, qualifications or disqualifications of this or that officer or member, and resulting, as it must, in the interests of the members working in the various branches of the trade receiving scant attention, then we are made to realize that for the welfare of the organization, a radical change in the method of transacting business becomes an absolute necessity.

Owing to the vast influx of new members, and the number of different crafts represented, it stands to reason that unless business presented at the meetings is brought up in a systematic manner, the interest of the individual becomes lost in the shuffle. How are we to remedy this condition? It cannot be denied that the constitution governing the local is an excellent one. But one must admit that even the best of constitutions become in time antiquated and inadequate. Now, where is the remedy? What officer or member will care to devote his time and thought towards advancing ideas along these lines, when, as has often been the case, certain individuals of greater or lesser prominence stand ready to attack and condemn the recommendations, attributing to those who introduce new ideas minister or ulterior personal motives?

To make any individual officer responsible for this state of affairs would be both unfair and unjust. Yet to sit idly by and permit a continuance of these conditions without any attempt to remedy the growing evils, which are so glaringly apparent, would be suicidal, and in itself an arraignment of all the officers. Oftentimes a situation develops requiring definite action by the organization. And unless a member attends the meeting at which the particular action is decided, he would be ignorant of all knowledge of the matter. Often, as in the levying of assessments, some members question with indignation the right or wisdom of the local in the question, regardless of the fact that they have been notified to attend the meeting at which the matter came up for consideration.

How often does one listen with impatience to the questioner seeking information that he ought to have at his finger-tips? Such as: "When are we going to get our increase? Is a boss allowed to cut? Are we allowed to work next Sunday? Are we permitted to work night work next month? Does the Union take in learners? Does the boss have to pay for a full week's salary, if I am laid off in the middle of the week?" Now is there any reason for a member not knowing these things? And yet these and similar questions are being asked and answered in some fashion, day after day. How many can readily give the proper answer? How many know what is going on in labor circles? How many know what is going on outside of the city; outside of his own shop; outside of his own trade? How many know what transpires at the meetings; at the Executive Board; at the Grievance Board; at the Arbitration Board? Is there any good reason why every member should not be well versed in Union affairs? Why cannot every member become sufficiently acquainted with the Trade Union movement to the extent that he will become enlightened at least on matters appertaining to his own welfare?

You will all agree that something ought to be done about it. Some have gone so far as to advance theories, theories that still remain in embryo. Some have suggested a violent overthrow of all accepted forms of relationship between the employee, the Union, and the Manufacturer.

Labor's problem is an eternal multiplicity of problems, each peculiar unto itself, each to be worked out along the lines of least or greatest resistance. It is not my purpose in this article to attempt to solve or to deal with any special problem of labor. My sole object
is to bring to the attention of the members as forcibly as possible the necessity for adopting a medium whereby each and every member may become more acquainted with the constructive work of the organization; to supply each and every member of the Union with the necessary details in regard to all matters of interest to himself, the Union and the trade in general, to the end, that much of the ignorance, the discontent and the grumbling may eventually disappear, and be succeeded by an enlightened and intelligent membership, so that in time they may become active and loyal members of the Union.

Striker Murdered in Philadelphia

A. Kaplan, one of the cloak strikers in Philadelphia, was murdered on October 23rd by an Italian strike-breaker, while on picket duty. Two of them were going from work when they met a group of strikers, men and women. One of the strike-breakers immediately drew a large knife and the other a revolver. The latter aimed directly at Kaplan who died in a few minutes. The two strike-breakers were arrested and the police promised to investigate the matter. Kaplan fell like a soldier at the post of duty. Honor to his memory. The funeral took place on Sunday, October 26th.

REGARDING TRANSFERS

1. Before issuing a transfer note that the member wishing to transfer must be a member not less than 6 months in good standing in your local.

2. When issuing a transfer write across his name on his dues book the word, "Cancelled," the date and your (Secretary's) signature.

3. Let the member write his name in his dues book and also in the space provided for this purpose in the margin of the traveling card.

4. Before accepting a transfer let the transferred member sign his name and compare his signatures.

5. On accepting a transfer issue to the member a new dues book and don't paste the dues stamps into his old cancelled book.

TRAVELING CARDS IN BOOK FORM

Local Secretaries are requested to note that Members' Traveling Cards can no more be obtained in loose leaves. These are now in book form of 100 leaves each and the price is One Dollar per book.

Named shoes are frequently made in Non-Union factories

DO NOT BUY ANY SHOE no matter what its name, unless it bears a plain and readable impression of this UNION STAMP.

All shoes without the UNION STAMP are always Non-Union.

Do not accept any excuse for absence of the UNION STAMP.

BOOT AND SHOE WORKERS' UNION

246 Summer Street, Boston, Mass.

JOHN F. TOBIN, Pres. CHAS. L. BAINES, Sec'y-Treas.
Five minutes after Jane Denton sent the strike story into the sanctum of the "boss," a copy boy brushed alongside of her, whispering sympathetically:

"Miss Denton, you are wanted over there."

Jane Denton rose from the desk she sat at, squinted a strained look at the back of the fast disappearing boy and meditatively sent her left arm up her forehead, losing her hand in a mass of dark brown hair. She was a tall and very slim girl of about twenty-five, with a pair of fine dark eyes and a well-shaped head. Her two months' work on "The Evening Star" was her first "job" in the metropolis and she was getting along tolerably. She went directly into the editorial rooms.

The editor, a big, heavy middle aged man in glasses, silently motioned her into a chair next to him.

"Miss Denton," he said, hesitatingly, pointing at a few typewritten pages in front of him on the table, "I am sorry, even surprised at this. You certainly could do better than that; this is dry and has not any of your touch on it at all. You ought to know. Miss, this girls' strike is a big thing and we are going to be with them. There's no soul to this." He again pointed to the manuscript in front of him.

The girl shook her head slowly.

"I suppose I ought to be straight with you," she said, clearing her throat. "I felt pretty poor on this story and had not had the heart with me, that's true. I know I'll have to do better, but, I am wondering, God knows, if these poor, mostly foreign girls, are in the right sort of a fight."

He raised his head from the table and looked at her as she spoke. The hurt showed itself plainly in her face and voice.

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Jane Denton mounted lightly the two flights leading to the big meeting hall and stopped abruptly at the wide opened doors. From the interior of the spacious room which resembled a bivouac, a deafening volley of noises greeted her. From the triangular platform 'way up at the other end of the big hall and down along both walls, masses of girls, gathered in large and small groups, were sitting and standing. Signs on pieces of oil cloth, indicating the names of the respective shops to which each group belonged, were plastered profusely all over the place. Messengers, committees, anxious and inquiring, shouting from all sides, shouting and laughing almost bewildered her. Girls, girls, hundreds of them of various hues and races in a real beehive of buzzing activity. In addition to this all, as if coming from afar, strains from a hoarse piano gave a chance to a few self-absorbed couples to waltz away in the centre of the hall unmindful of the turmoil around them.

Jane Denton shook off her surprise quickly and walked right into the centre of the room and stood there hardly noticed. It was late in the afternoon and the January sun was taking leave in a few slanty rays at the top of the big windows which looked out upon the elevated railway into the narrow street.

She stopped a girl who was passing aimlessly by her and asked:

"Did the girls go out picketing, already?"

The girl looked at her and shrugged her shoulders.

"Maybe, soon," she said. "This is going to be some cold picket line, believe me, just look at the windows. Did you people get your carfares already?" she asked her suddenly and without waiting for an answer, added, "Oh, you are from a down-town shop."

A man with a megaphone mounted the platform and shouted something in a strange language. The girls from the various groups and those dancing in the centre of the room came to a standstill, he repeated his announcement in English.

"All the pickets report to their chairladies!"

A rush of a football practice calibre almost carried Jane Denton off her feet. In less than five minutes the hall was practically empty save for a few straddlers. She almost forgot the purpose of coming here. Suddenly a little figure stopped in front of her.
"Would you come with me to my shop?"

A curious little face of a dark undersized girl with a pair of glowing black eyes looked at her in a solicitous way. She continued:

"We are a big shop, you see, but my girls won't go picketing, you see; they are high-tone Americans, and I am the chairlady. Meanwhile the shop is becoming a scab nest and my heart just aches me. What can I do?"

"Sure, I'll go with you," said Miss Denton.

"Oh, fine!" The little girl started with joy in her voice. "It is up on the west side and we'll ride."

They went out into the darkened cold of the dwindled day, boarded a car and when they alighted at the required street uptown, Jane Denton asked her companion:

"What is your name, little friend?"

The girl stopped and looked at her for a minute. Apparently here, in the stream of light that poured out from the great thoroughfare nearby, Miss Denton appeared to her different from what she looked in the hall down-town and in the crowded car.

"My name is Minnie Weissman; just call me Minnie, please—and your name?"

Miss Denton walked smilingly along and the little girl continued:

"Oh, I see, you are from uptown, Miss, it is so nice of you to come down to help us. Quite some of you came down the last few days, and I was wondering why you do it, just wondering for myself—never asked anyone. Maybe it is your good nature and maybe you are lonesome, just very lonesome, eh?"

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Jane Denton looked at her side partner and sighed quietly. The mammoth house in the form of a besieged fortress and the attacking force in the shape of her little companion, so earnest and wholesome, almost made her gasp. Out in the New England town where she came from, a younger sister of her's was graduating from a High School this coming Spring, a sweet, lovely child who knew of no strikes for bread and shelter. Little Minnie was still chatting.

"You see that window on the eighth floor, that is my window, an awfully light place. Now she is sitting there, the painted face, she is no operator besides; they just took her from the floor and are breaking her in on my machine; wait, just as she comes out tonight, I'll tell her to her face what I think of her, believe me, I will."

"You must not, Minnie," Jane Denton came back weakly at her. "You know you are liable to get into trouble, it is against the law and you'd better try to talk to her."

"Talk to her!" Minnie laughed, quietly, stroking the fur of Miss Denton's sleeve. "When these toughs are around, a great chance you stand to talk here anyway."

A pinching cold wind made them move faster. From the dark behind the corner a couple of policemen appeared and passed them up several times. "Just watch them," Minnie whispered to her, "they'll soon be out."

About the main entrance of the building a dozen men were forming a cordon. About twenty girls, closely flanked on both sides, were coming out, headed for the big touring car opposite. Miss Denton suddenly became aware that her little friend had disappeared. For a minute she felt around her and then instinctively darted towards the gathering crowd at the main entrance. A resonant voice pierced through the cold air:

"Shame, shame, you mean, dirty scab!"

The chain of the burly figures which surrounded the strikebreakers gave way in one place and a small figure emerged from there. In an instant a crowd was rushing from all directions. Miss Denton was within a few feet from the centre of the mass. Again the little girl charged into the mass of the strikebreakers and back again she came, this time hatless and disheveled, her arm tightly gripped by one of the stocky men at the car. The crowd, boisterous and howling, surged around them without making any attempt at rescuing her from his hands. Miss Denton rushed breathlessly at him.

"Let go of this child, let her go, I tell you!"

The man replied with a venomous oath and brushed her roughly aside.

"You dirty scamp," she shouted above the roar of the mob which gave way on all sides.

"Take your scabby hands off this girl!"
A heavy hand rested on her shoulder and held it tightly. She almost groaned from pain and turned around with an effort.

Jane Denton was looking up into the face of a policeman.

She slept the sleep of a tired person after the magistrate at the night court discharged her with a light reprimand and advised her to show her card to the officers upon similar occasions. The committee in charge at the court paid Minnie Weissman's fine of five dollars. In the morning, after she was at her desk for an hour, she was again called into the "boss's" room.

"Just the stuff, Miss Denton, just what we expect you to do," said the man in the glasses. "We are with the girls, anyway. Just tell me how you got it."

She told him in a few words and he roared at it in a big hearty way.

"Nothing like reporting your own trial, eh, Miss Denton, nothing like it."

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**WELFARE SONG**

Sing a song of "Welfare,"
A pocket full of tricks
To soothe the weary worker
When he groans or kicks.
If he asks for shorter hours
Or for better pay,
Little stunts of "Welfare"
Turn his thoughts away.

Sing a song of "Welfare,"
Sound the horn and drum,
Anything to keep the mind
Fixed on Kingdom Come.
"Welfare" loots your pocket
While you dream and sing,
"Welfare" to your pay check
Doesn't do a thing.

Sing a song of "Welfare,"
Forty 'leven kinds,
Elevate your morals,
Cultivate your minds.
Kindergartens, nurses,
Bathtubs, books, and flowers,
Anything but better pay
Or shorter working hours.

WILL HERFORD in *The Masses.*

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**DO YOU WEAR A PIN OR A BUTTON BEARING THE EMBLEM OF YOUR INTERNATIONAL UNION?**

**IF NOT? WHY NOT?**

Get one from your Local Secretary and show your employer and your shopmates that you are a loyal member of your organization.

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**PURE GOLD BUTTONS**

We have on hand a limited number of pure gold buttons, suitable for presents by locals to active members for faithful service. These will be supplied to Local Secretaries on request. Price per button, $1.50. Members must order same through their Local Secretary.
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ערן גורנשבר בע"ת זרקה

נדע להודות על ידיעה.ormל載 המַדָּעָה בַּאַלְלִיָּה בָּרָבָּאָה וְאֵּלֶּה בָּרָבָּאָה
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קלאוסות וארים chụpס או לὊוה מרים

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(השכירה גן, וההנהלה היו וברודוליםן)

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"דריGRESSIVE, מזוים, ובגרס פלטת הניתן
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ואר עתירה אחר yaptı. וי
דרי מזד קנ瘿ו המבנה
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אין תרגום לReached man and began to speak...
לאחר תחילת ספרו מפורטים עוד שניים מחファンו של הנביא יניאס, ואחרים<d>עד אברכים</d>.
מעון הנקרא "הידעה ממקומות והקרבה".

ذهبטו לפי האיש, והיה שם כך.

הוא נואם, כי הでした, כי דר בכם,

ול瓜ינש המอลע. והם ביארו, כי דר בכם,

והם יאדו, כי דר בכם.

ול瓜ינש המולע. והם יאדו, כי דר בכם.

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لا يمكنني قراءة النص العربية بشكل طبيعي.

يرجى تقديم النص باللغة الإنجليزية أو أي لغة أخرى يمكنني قراءتها بشكل طبيعي للحصول على نسخة طبيعية من النص.
רעיון מושג מודרני וחדוש, שהופך את אולימפיאדת 2023 לפעילות אדישה ומרגשת.}

( عالية!)
עור והיל נאותה עשותו אלים? 

萸 ואלי נאושע אלים? יארכוא עשותו סמאא, שויבע ע EACH
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יאארפעטנס עמט טעיבע מ"א רדעי אוד. לע השעוט ע"א אנ"א עשותו סמאא, 1.50
יו ע Atatür אלים? אארפעטנס עמט טעיבע מ"א רדעי אוד.
德州武汉市的扑克牌

םע ת"ש נווגה, א"ת שומא, וס פיזיו, ג'ן

שלי. לאトイレ אל האלות, כיון 10,000 שיר ידוע

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有人说，我们生活中所经历的每一次挑战，其实都是为了让我们变得更好。每当我们面对困难时，我们都在学习如何更坚强、更独立。每一次的失败，都让我们更加明白自己想要的是什么。而每一次的成功，都让我们更加珍惜来之不易的成果。这就是生活，充满了挑战与惊喜。
טעון לрова בבראשונה וה Rapids.

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דרי ליוסי טראסנט וด้านקרתע

אָהניך האֶקְצַיְנֶאָם רָורְבַּס סְלֵלַי, וָיִי דוֹוְי מְלוֹא,
ףָי אֵאָבִיִּייוּן עֵזְקִיְיָּהוּן פְּנֶל שְׁפִיתֵם. חָﬠֶפֶּה
לְעַתַּר מִשְׁלוֹשְׁנֵים גֶּנֶּעַת שְׁלֵשַׁיּן, וַיִּהְיֶּה
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здравствуйте! я ваш переводчик. вы думаете, что я могу вам помочь? я могу перевести текст с английского на иврит. вы хотите, чтобы я перевел текст с иврита на английский? я могу помочь вам с этим.
מי ריני ז"א א"ראפאא

ע"ש מי כי ניס נגוזי פראטניאימ שירו ע"ש ז"א א"ראפאא
לאווזיאו ה"ז, ידכ 1669, ה"ז בור

שד את החנה, יד"כ פלאספורט, פלאסטורט, פלאסטורט-
ע"ש ידכ 1669, ה"ז בור

שהחרצ את דרי פרה, ידכ פלאסטורט, פלאסטורט,
-לע"ש ידכ 1669, ה"ז בור

שהחרצ את ריני ז"א א"ראפאא, ידכ פלאסטורט
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 RandomForest Classifier: 

The RandomForest classifier is an ensemble learning method for classification problems. It is based on the concept of decision trees, but unlike a single decision tree, a RandomForest model consists of multiple decision trees. Each tree is trained on a random subset of the training data, and the final prediction is made by averaging the predictions of all the trees.

The parameters of the RandomForest classifier include:

- `n_estimators`: The number of decision trees in the forest. A higher value may lead to better performance but also increases the training time.
- `max_depth`: The maximum depth of the decision trees. A lower value may prevent the model from capturing complex patterns in the data.
- `min_samples_split`: The minimum number of samples required to split an internal node.
- `min_samples_leaf`: The minimum number of samples required to be at a leaf node.

The RandomForest classifier is known for its ability to handle high-dimensional data and its robustness to overfitting. It is also useful for its ability to provide insights into feature importance.

In the context of the given code, the RandomForest classifier is being used to predict the sentiment of reviews based on the Yar无不文本。
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