

EDITORIAL

APPLAUSE AND HINTS.

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“**W**E shall aim to make this magazine be a newspaper, in the sense that we shall give to our readers news that the daily papers do not. A great deal takes place in the industrial world that is disregarded by the daily papers and the press associations, and much that is actually offered by the press associations and is rejected or minimized by the papers in the vast volume of news of all kinds that they handle”—thus, in its salutatory, declares the Cleveland newly launched *American Employer*; whereupon, for the first time in history, the Socialist Labor Party greets with long, loud and prolonged applause a capitalist paper’s utterance.

Let no cynic say: “Bosh! *The American Employer* will never make good its promise, and deliver the goods.” We prefer not to judge prematurely. Confidently expecting *The American Employer* to break its class’s record, now that its class is “peaching” upon itself, we shall encourage it both with applause and hints.

For instance:—

There happened in the industrial world and was left unmentioned by the capitalist and reform press:—

The “settlement” of the *Sun* strike: who got the money? What was done with it?

2. The exchange of advertisements for editorials between the Traction Company and the *New York Call*, an organ of the Socialist party.

3. The facts at the bottom of the McNamara “confessions.”

4. The wire-pulling by the free-traders who egged on and boomed the Lawrence strike, and who, their purpose once attained, dropped the strike and kicked the strikers.

5. The financial transactions whereby the Breweries closed the columns of the *New Yorker Volkszeitung*, a German Socialist party paper, to the protests of the

rank and file of the brewery employes against the new contract that was to fetter the limbs of the latter more tightly.

6. The settlement of the Albany car strike by McMahon.

7. The exact reasons why the Lexow Investigating Committee let up on Inspector Byrne.

8. The materials that go into the composition of “postum.”

9. The connection between the Cudahy beef packers and kidnappers.

10. The relations between railroad and mining companies, on the one hand, and the Italian Immigrant Bureau, on the other.

Give publicity to these “events in the industrial world,” Mr. *American Employer*, and we shall furnish you another batch of items—and call your name blessed.

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