

DARROW'S LECTURE SCHEME.

Clarence Darrow, having brought disgrace to his profession and infamy to himself, has taken the lecture platform to still further prey upon the victims of lawless labor leaders.

The *Pacific Coast Mechanic* comments editorially on Darrow and his latest lecture scheme as follows:

Darrow claims to be always ready and anxious to defend the lawless leaders of labor, and so he is when he can set his own price. He complains that every time he rides on a trolley car he is robbed of one and one-half cents, yet he has no compunction in taking about half a million dollars from the crooked officials of the A. F. of L., most of which was collected in the State of California, from the duped wage earners and never properly accounted for—except as being expended as part of the McNamara defense fund.

How much longer are the American laboring men going to submit to this secret method of being robbed to pay the exorbitant fees of crafty lawyers and grafters such as Darrow, to furnish automobiles for walking delegates and well furnished offices and big expenses for men who claim to represent organized labor? In plain but vulgar language how much longer is the working man willing to remain a "dupe and a sucker"?

In supporting this man Darrow and his ilk the general public comes in for deserved condemnation also. In the city of Seattle the "gate" receipts were over \$2,000, the admission being fixed at 50c, 75c and \$1.00, to hear what? A low standard of phrases strung together—a mixture of anarchy and radical Socialism, such as may be heard in low barrooms or on the street corners every day for nothing.

Darrow howls about the one and one-half cents of which he is robbed on each car ride, but he don't like it when some foolish laborer howls about being robbed of \$27.50, which is to go into the pockets of Darrow and the other friends of labor.

We ask in all sincerity if the acceptance of such a large fee is a proof of friendship on the part of Darrow for labor? As we understand friendship, it is a condition existing between men where sacrifices for one another are gladly made if benefits is to be the result. Did Mr. Darrow make any sacrifice in going to the defense of the McNamaras? We think not. He was, oh, so very anxious to help labor in its fight with capital, but he must have a retainer of \$50,000 and the use of \$150,000 more of the hard-earned dollars of the toilers.

These are some of the facts that the Pacific Coast Mechanic is anxious that labor shall see and understand. Organization is all right, but that the organized shall insist that the leaders shall be of the right sort, and that the rank and file shall refuse to be exploited in order that the pockets of these "friends of labor" may be well-lined, is the great lesson for labor to learn.

The labor ring of the A. F. of L. is as thoroughly organized as is Tammany Hall. The vast sums collected in the name of labor go into the control of the six or eight men who are the "higher ups" in labor's councils. What is done with the major part of these large sums no one ever knows, save these few men. A little over \$200,000 was admitted as having been collected for the McNamara trial, while it is known that the grand total was something over a million dollars.—*The Industrial Gazette*.

All true work is sacred; in all work, were it but true hand labour, there is something of Divineness.—*Carlyle*.

Man owes his growth, his energy, chiefly to that striving of the will that conflicts with difficulty, which we call effort. Easy, pleasant work does not make robust minds, does not give men a consciousness of their powers, does not train them to endurance, to perseverance, to steady force of will, that force without which all other acquisitions avail nothing.—William Ellery Channing.