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WHAT ELSE BUT BLOOD-MONEY?

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ON last November 23, the front page of the Providence, R.I., *Telegram* was a historic document of first rank. It was photographic, it was commentative, it was illustrative; in short, it was monumental.

On the third front-page column the *Telegram* bore in large fat letters the following advertisement, soliciting workingmen to enable the New York, New Haven and Hartford Railroad to break the Yardmen's strike that the Company then had on its hands:

MEN WANTED!

Good men, willing to accept permanent employment in New Haven Freight Yards. Report at once to P.E. Bowman, Superintendent, New Haven Terminal at Union Station, New Haven, Ct.

On the same front page, and covering three columns in breadth, the *Telegram* announced the enthusiastic endorsement of itself by "Organized Labor" on account of its many services to "Organized Labor," that of being the only paper in the city carrying the Union label being one of these signal services. The three-column broadside is as follows:

ORGANIZED LABOR AGAIN ENDORSES THE *TELEGRAM*.

At last night's big labor meeting in Infantry Hall the following resolutions were presented and, amid enthusiastic applause, unanimously adopted by the mammoth assemblage:

Providence, R.I., Nov. 22, 1901.

RESOLVED, That the Central Trades and Labor Union and the Labor Unions of Providence and vicinity present in Infantry Hall this evening in mass meeting extend their sincere thanks to the Providence Evening and Sunday *Telegram* for the excellent advance notices given this magnificent labor demonstration. Be it further

RESOLVED, That, as the Providence Evening and Sunday *Telegram* is the only Newspaper published in the city of Providence, carrying the Union

label, it be endorsed by organized labor here assembled.

These two announcements throw light upon each other. In the cross light there is photographed the intimate relations that exist between the capitalists and the “Organized Labor” in question, and also the basis of those relations. The two announcements prove that the harmony that exists between capitalists and labor is paid for by “Organized Labor” with the blood of the Working Class. For the use of the “Union label” the capitalist *Telegram* secures from “Organized Labor” immunity to commit any crime it chooses against the Working Class, the aiding of capitalists in breaking strikes and lowering the condition of the Working Class being one of these rights thus bought.

Is not that front page monumental? Does it not illustrate what the “Union label” of the International Typographical Union is there for? Above all, does it not place upon a high pedestal for public gaze the monumental fact that “Organized Labor” is a blasphemous term meant to cover the term “Organized Scabbery”?

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