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By the rivers of Babylon, there we sat down, yea, we wept, when we remembered Zion.

We hanged our harps upon the willows in the midst thereof.

For there they had carried us away captive required of us a song; and they that wasted us required of us mirth.

137th Psalm.

—THE miners of Sunnyside, Castle Gate and Schofield, Utah, on strike for living wages and less inhuman hours, have the whole militia of the State—infantry, artillery and cavalry—hurled upon them by Gov. Wells.

—Mrs. Dora Scheffler and three little children were dispossessed in this city on Nov. 24, 1903, because they could not pay rent. Her husband is a laborer, and had gone out in the morning to look for work, and had not returned. The dispossessed family remained on the street in the cold weather until 10 o'clock at night.

—10 per cent. reduction of wages in Fall River, Mass.

—26 cases discovered in Savannah, Ga. of negroes being held in peonage.

—The employees of the Chicago City Railway Company being out on strike, the police is {are?} ordered to “shoot to kill.”

—Sammy Fingerhut, a newsboy, 9 years old, the only support of his mother and sister, is arrested for not wearing a badge.

—Notice of a 10 per cent. reduction of wages is posted in all the mines of the Empire Steel & Iron Company in Mt. Hope, Hibernia and the other big mines in Morris County, N.J.

—Missouri, Kansas & Texas section men suffered a reduction of wages of 15 per cent. Went out on strike.

—The La Belle Iron Works of Steubenville, O., gave notice of a reduction and

equalization of wages.

—A 10 per cent. wage reduction has been announced in the mills of the China, Webster & Pembroke Manufacturing Company at Suncook, N.H.

—The Hamilton Woolen Co. of Amesbury, Mass., has cut down the wages of its 800 employees 10 per cent.

—Ezekiel Schofield, a veteran of the Civil War from a Minnesota regiment, died in St. Louis of starvation.

—A New York physician, wanting an ear for a rich patient, inserts an advertisement, and is overrun with personal applications, and flooded by letters and telegrams from the West, the North and South from people anxious to part with an ear for a remuneration.

Etc., etc., etc., portending a hard winter and an industrial crisis.

By the bitter rivers of the Babylon of Capitalism sits down Labor, the producer of the Nation's wealth, and there they that hold it captive require of it a song of thanks, and they that waste it require of it mirth.

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