

# What Labor Day Means To the Working Woman

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hundred years ago, they went in as individuals. They were used to break strikes and lower the standards of life men were trying to set up. They soon found that as individuals they were helpless. As far back as 1285 the tailoresses of New York were forming the first women's union. Spinners, weavers and shoe workers followed.

Today women form an important part of the labor movement. In the needle trades, for example, once a sweatshop industry, where the unions have brought about amazing advances, it is women who make up well-nigh half of the membership.

Labor Day is to working women a symbol—the symbol of accomplishment, and also the symbol of hope and courage to face difficulties and to face them together.

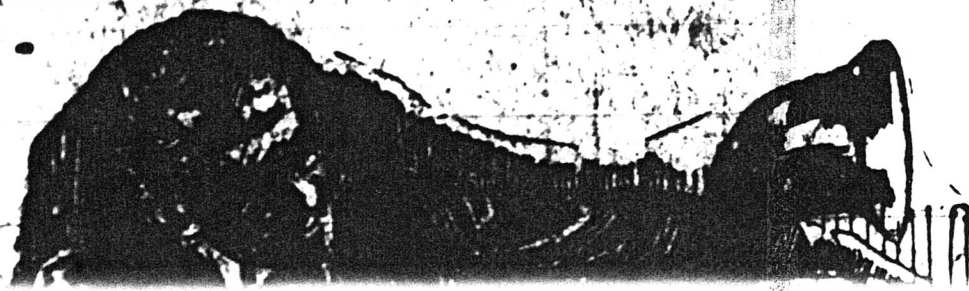
Labor Day means the trade agreement with the employer. Through that method all women can speak and be heard when the individual, because she dare not speak, is dumb.

On every Labor Day, as it returns, the workers, men and women together, pledge themselves anew to co-operate for the making of a better world, where there shall be no child labor, no twelve-hour day, no seven-day week, but freedom, education and leisure for all.



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