The Meaning of Labor Day.

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To Gompers belongs the distinction of being the first to assert the necessity of Labor Day as a national celebration.

During the Eighties and Nineties of the last century, the efforts of the laboring classes in this country to secure the recognition of the importance of labor were constant and unremitting. The labor movement was then in its infancy, and the struggle for the hard-won rights of the workingmen was only beginning. The Labor Day was then a matter of little importance, and the efforts to secure its establishment were not numerous.

The Labor Day was first observed in the United States in 1882, in Milwaukee, Wisconsin. The celebration was organized by the Knights of Labor, and was attended by a large crowd of workers. The day was marked by speeches, parades, and the distribution of medals to the most deserving workers.

Since then, Labor Day has become a national celebration, and is observed in every part of the country. The day is marked by parades, speeches, and the distribution of medals to the most deserving workers. The Labor Day is a day of rejoicing, and is a symbol of the progress of the labor movement.

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The meaning of Labor Day lies in the fact that it is a day of gratitude, and a day of hope. It is a day of hope for the future, and a day of gratitude for the past.

The labor movement is a force for good, and is destined to bring about a better world. The workers of the world are the backbone of society, and their efforts will be rewarded with a better world.

End of Labor Day.

The end of Labor Day is a time of mourning, and a time of sacrifice. The workers of the world have made great sacrifices, and have given their lives for the sake of their fellow men.

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Organization and federation within the recent past, yet there is much to do to convince the yet unorganized workers that their duty to themselves, their wives and children, their fellow workers, their fellow men, is to organize and help in the great cause. We must win or regain the confidence of the indifferent, negligent or ignorant nonunionist, to impress on his mind that he who will not stand with his brother for the right is equally responsible with the wrong doer for any wrong done. The excuse and justification for tyranny is the servility and indifference of the slave.

By the organization of the workers we not only quicken the conscience of those inclined to the wrong, but we create a healthier public opinion regarding the great cause for which we stand. Hence, our fellow unionists, rank and file, officers, organizers, leaders, in fact all, are devoting themselves unalteringly and persistently to the work of bringing the nonunionists within the fold of organization.

The workers can be free. Justice and right can and must be proclaimed, established, and maintained.

The full realization of these principles and potent purposes can come only by the work, and, if necessary, the sacrifices, of the hosts of unionists through whose earnest effort must be fulfilled the mission to unite the world of workers, and usher in the dawn of that bright day of which the poets have sung, philosophers dreamed, and the workmen struggled and yearned to achieve for the human family.