

EDITORIAL

## WICKERSHAM OFF HIS TROLLEY.

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**A**TTORNEY General Wickersham is reported in Washington despatches to be indignant over the action of the Imperial Window Glass Company of Pittsburg, Pa., the officers of which have decided to shut down, throwing between 700 and 800 men out of employment in Lafayette County, unless the men accept a reduction of 30 per cent. in the scale of wages, the reduction being intended to pay the fines recently imposed on that Trust by the United States Court at Pittsburg for crass violations of the Anti-Trust law.

What is the Attorney General indignant about? The conduct of the Window Glass Trust is strictly in keeping with the economic and sociologic teachings which the Attorney General himself has repeatedly set forth in political gatherings and at banquets.

Attorney General Wickersham teaches that "the employer and the employe are partners." 'Need the legal branch of the Federal administration be informed that partners must share one another's fate? What sort of a partnership is that in which the bolt that smites one leaves the other partner untouched?

Attorney General Wickersham teaches that "the prosperity of the employer spells prosperity for his employe." If partner Employe receives, according to our Attorney General, at least a sprinkling of the beneficent shower of prosperity that befalls partner Employer, what harm is there in expecting of partner Employe that he shoulder a small 30 per cent. of the adversity that befalls partner Employer, all the more seeing that the adversity of the fine befell partner Employer only in pursuit of that shower of prosperity in which partner Employe was to be a prospective sharer?

From Attorney General Wickersham's own premises there is nothing to indignant about. Everything to rejoice over. No advancer of a theory ever weepeth

weepsies over evidences that prove his theory true. He rejoiceth thereat.

Our Attorney General must be off his trolley.

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