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PLOT FRUSTRATED

Mine Owners Plan Destruction of an Unused Mill for Purpose of Prejudicing Cause of the Strikers—Exposure Spoiled the Scheme and it Miscarried.

Sheriff Gilbert has been notified by the head officials of the Western Federation of Miners at Denver that a plot had been formulated to blow up an unused part of a mill at Colorado City, owned by the United States Reduction and Refining company...

been sent broadcast that the dynamiters and firebugs were members of the federation or men hired by that organization. This would throw discredit upon the strikers and their leaders and change public sentiment from their favor to the mill and mine owners...

A REMARKABLE EDITORIAL

Denver Post Declares There Must Be a Readjustment of Relations Between Contending Parties or Organized Labor Must Be Wiped Out—If Events at Cripple Creek Were Transpiring on Larger Scale the Republic Might Topple.

The following remarkable editorial appeared in a recent number of the mammoth Colorado paper, the Denver Post: An orbitless planet was pictured in a recent story as rushing toward our solar system...

test, is now engaged in crushing the strikers at Cripple Creek in a manner that nothing can justify except the proposition that the Western Federation of Miners is treasonable and must therefore be destroyed.

WELLS RELEASED

Friends of Defaulting Shearer Have Made Good Deficiency and Charges Have Been Dropped—He Has Learned a Lesson Through Several Months' Incarceration.

Butte, Mont., Sept. 28, 1903. To Members Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' Union: Brothers—On September 14th M. C. Forrest, president and general organizer of the Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' union No. 275, A. L. U., succeeded in reaching a settlement with Mr. Samuel Wells...

resulted in the arrest of Mr. Wells. He has lain in the jail at Great Falls for several months awaiting trial in the district court. When his trial was about to come up, some relatives or friends made overtures to this organization for a settlement...

NOTICE OF ASSESSMENT.

Hand and Machine Shearers Preparing for Next Convention. Assessment No. 1. Wallace, Idaho, Oct. 1, 1903. Dear Sir and Brother—Notice is hereby given that an assessment of one dollar per member was levied by the executive board of Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' union No. 275, A. L. U., for the purpose of meeting expenses of next convention in Butte, Montana, Monday, July 25, 1904...

utmost interest to every shearer in America. Let us make it of the greatest possible benefit to our members. This assessment will apply to every member admitted before July 25, 1904, and should be in the hands of the secretary-treasurer as soon as possible after receipt of this notice...

And that is the condition of society today with regard to the labor movement. Society has been warned. It has seen the growth of the new power. And it beholds that power growing larger every day. The Socialists say that it is impossible for individualistic society to survive the final collision...

Fixing hours of labor by law is a recognition of the demand for readjustment of the relations between employer and employed. The present relation, so far as the law is concerned, is nothing but the crude right of an employer to employ and the employe to accept employment on any terms...

HAVE NO TROUBLES.

Western Packing House Employees Will Declare No Sympathetic Strike for Easterners. Replying to rumors that a strike movement was brewing among the packing house employes of the west, in sympathy with a possible strike of Chicago packing house employes...

They have submitted no demands to the employers, and have no grievances. Out of 200,000 members of the American Labor Union, 5,000 are employed in the packing industry between the Missouri river and the Pacific coast...

FACING TWO WAYS "LABOR" MAYOR

Schmitz Has Shown Political Acrobatic Abilities and Inclinations That Would Command Admiration Even in Montana, Where Kaleidoscopic Changes Are Common.

(Special Correspondence of the A. L. U. Journal.) San Francisco, Cal., Sept. 26. The old style unions of San Francisco are just now finding out that their "labor" mayor, Eugene E. Schmitz, has played them false, and although he is running again on the Union Labor party ticket—without the Socialists' support this time—it is freely predicted that he will be buried in oblivion at the approaching election...

a Democrat for two months, his expenses being paid to speak for Willie Hearst, Democratic candidate for Congress from the New York tenderloin. He afterwards, at Hearst's expense, turned the country in the interest of that "great friend of labor" for president. Thus in the limited period of a few months, our mayor has shown his ability to represent three distinct political parties...

WE STAND OR FALL TOGETHER.

The members of organized labor are beginning to realize that a life and death struggle is going on in Colorado for the maintenance of the principles of unionism. Many of the unions in Denver and in other towns and cities throughout the state are contributing liberally to the strike fund...

THE A. L. U. AND POLITICAL ACTION

Calgary Paper Takes the Malcontents and Union Disruptionists to Task and Scores Some Telling Points Against Those Who Seek to Tear Down.

There are many well intentioned but ill-informed persons advising working men not to join particular unions, the advice generally being very profuse in words but sadly lacking in reason, and the source from which it emanates adds to the advice just the least shade of suspicion. In this case the advice came from a local newspaper, issued daily, and consisted of a column of misrepresentation and lack of understanding...

EXPULSION NOTICE.

Fred Sarbach and F. E. Sarbach have been expelled from Montpelier Labor Union No. 335, Montpelier, Idaho, for working against the interests of organized labor. O. C. Smith Resigns. Hope, Idaho, Sept. 28. The Hope A. L. U. held a meeting in the Highland house on Sunday evening which was well attended, there being about 80 members present, O. C. Smith in the chair...

PROTECTING TEDDY.

The California state board of examiners refuse to allow the bills for President Roosevelt's entertainment, and the commissioners are out just \$94 apiece. President Gompers and President Mitchell of the American Federation of Labor propose to use all their influence to avert a war on Roosevelt by organized labor.

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION REVIEWED BY CLARENCE SMITH

August 13 commenced a series of weekly contributions by the secretary-treasurer, reviewing the newly proposed constitution, which will be voted upon by referendum of the membership of the American Labor Union in December, 1903.

ARTICLE FIVE.

Article 5 defines the duties, powers, responsibilities and compensation of the General President. Section 1 defines the office:

"Section 1. The General President is the executive head of the American Labor Union and its chief executive officer."

Section 2 is important only in the length of time for which the President is elected. The manner of election is covered elsewhere in Article 11 of this constitution. Heretofore the General President has been elected at the annual convention each year. June last was the first referendum election ever held, and if the new constitution is adopted, the President and all other general officers and members of the General Executive Board will hold office until December 31, 1904, the last day of the first term of office under the new constitution. Lengthening the term from one to two years ought to have a beneficial effect upon the organization, as it will enable the officers to make plans and execute them without fear of having them interrupted by a change in administration. It is, however, only a protection to the organization in the event of the good behavior of the officers; for in case of bad behavior any officer can be removed by the membership without delay. Section 2 reads:

"Sec. 2. He shall be nominated and elected as provided in this constitution, and shall hold office for two years and until his successor is duly qualified and installed."

Sections 3 and 4 recite powers and duties so clearly belonging to the President that it is unnecessary to discuss them:

"Sec. 3. He shall preside at all sessions of the General Convention and shall exercise such authority while the General Convention is in session as appertains to the presiding officer of that body."

"Sec. 4. At the opening of each regular session of each General Convention, immediately after the calling of the temporary roll of officers and members thereof, he shall appoint the following committees to consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen members each, the members of said committees to be selected proportionately from national, international and local unions:

"Credits,
"Rules—special and general. After report of the committee on credentials has been received and adopted, he shall immediately appoint the following additional committees, to consist of not less than five nor more than fifteen members each, selected proportionately from national, international and local unions)

- "Constitution and by-laws,
"Ritual and secret work,
"General officers' reports,
"Finance and salaries,
"Grievances and appeals,
"Printing,
"Labor and labor statistics,
"Resolutions, petitions and greetings,
"American Labor Union Journal,
"Minutes,
"Press,
"and all special committees, not otherwise provided for."

Sections 5 and 6 are of a similar character:

"Sec. 5. He shall appoint a conductor and doorkeeper to serve during each session of the General Convention only."

"Sec. 6. He shall decide all questions of order arising during the deliberation of the General Convention, subject to appeal to the General Convention by any member thereof."

Section 7 protects the general treasury from a possible indiscrete and dishonest expenditure of funds by the Secretary-Treasurer by making the President also responsible. The section reads:

"Sec. 7. He shall approve all orders, bills, claims and vouchers of every character against the general treasury or any department thereof before payment of funds may be made therefrom."

Section 8 simply states a rule:

"Sec. 8. He shall provide for the distribution and dissemination of all signs, passwords, tips and signals which may be prescribed by the General Convention."

Section 9 is quite important. It reads:

"Sec. 9. He may convene any local union at any time, preside therein, inspect its work, correct its errors, examine its books, and require conformity with the constitution, by-laws, rules and regulations of the American Labor Union, and may, in his judgment, authorize any general officer, member of the General Executive Board or general organizer to exercise the authority granted in this section."

To build up so perfect an organization as the founders of the American Labor Union hope it will become will require just such a system of general supervision and discipline at all times and places as is provided in the above section. There must be strict conformity with the laws, else laws are useless.

Sections 10, 11 and 12 state powers that have always been implied to and exercised by the General President:

"Sec. 10. He may grant charters for state, district and city unions in accordance with the terms of this constitution."

"Sec. 11. He may grant charters to national or international unions seeking admittance to the American Labor Union, provided they conform to the requirements of this constitution, and a charter has not already been granted to a national or international union having jurisdiction over the same industry."

"Sec. 12. He may grant charters to local unions in accordance with the terms of this constitution."

Section 13 authorizes the General President, for cause to suspend any general officer from official position. It is probable that personal or malicious reasons would never allow the President to exercise the power conferred in this section, for the reason that elsewhere in this constitution a suspended officer is guaranteed a full and impartial hearing, and in the event of the cause for suspension were found to be groundless, the Executive Board could immediately reinstate the suspended officer. The section reads:

"Sec. 13. He may suspend for cause from official position any general officer except member of the General Executive Board, and any local officer of any state, district, city or local union united with the American Labor Union, pending investigation and decision by the General Executive Board, such suspension shall not deprive the individual suspended of his status in his union."

Section 14 gives the President authority to appoint a chief clerk:

"Sec. 14. He has power to appoint a chief clerk in personal charge of the General Presidents office, for whose conduct he shall be held entirely responsible, and whose compensation shall be one hundred and twenty-five dollars per month, payable monthly."

The work attached to the general office of the American Labor

Union has now grown to such proportions and importance that it is necessary no part of it be neglected. In the case of the President especially, who is compelled to be away from headquarters considerably; it is important that there be an assistant at all times, empowered to transact the business of the President without interruption.

"Sec. 15. He has power to commission, appoint and dismiss general and local organizers; compensation of general organizers to be one hundred dollars per month and reasonable transportation and living expenses when absent from their headquarters; payable only upon submission of the regular expense account form adopted by the American Labor Union; compensation of local organizers to be either by commission or salary as may be determined by the General President."

The right to appoint general and local organizers is conferred upon the President in the above section. The compensation for general organizers of one hundred dollars a month and reasonable transportation and living expenses is certainly not excessive.

For the first time the president is required to be bonded, as follows:

"Sec. 16. He shall give a bond in a suitable surety company to be approved by the General Executive Board in the sum of ten thousand dollars; said bond to be retained by the General Executive Board."

Section 17 reads:

"Sec. 17. He shall submit to each regular session of the General Convention a report setting forth all his official acts and shall recommend such legislation as he deems for the best interests of the American Labor Union."

The salary of the President is fixed by section 18, as follows:

"Sec. 18. He shall devote his entire time to the interests of the American Labor Union and shall receive as compensation for his services one hundred and seventy-five dollars per month, payable monthly, and when absent from the general headquarters in the interests of the American Labor Union, he shall receive reasonable traveling and living expenses, payable only upon submission of the regular expense account form adopted by the American Labor Union."

Inasmuch as this section was discussed thoroughly in both committee and convention and amendments to make it greater and less were both defeated, it is to be presumed that the above figure is just about correct. In connection with this it should be considered that the President is required to travel almost constantly, and with the other personal expenses incident to the position, and with a family to support at home, less than the salary above stated would provide a decent living.

Next week we will discuss Article 6, regarding the General Vice-President, and part of Article 7, regarding the General Secretary-Treasurer. Fraternally yours,

Clarence Smith,

General Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

OFFICERS ARE ELECTED.

A body of musicians met at Harvey Hall, Oakland Cal., 414 Eleventh street, for the purpose of organizing a union to be known as the Alameda County Musicians' Union No. 2. Seventy-five names were enrolled, several ladies being among the number.

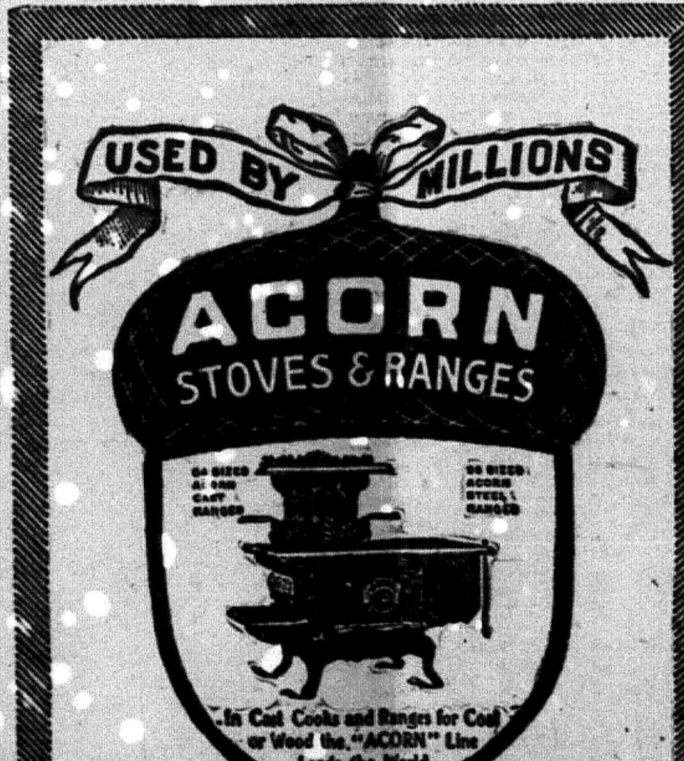
A charter has been received from the headquarters of the International Musicians' Union of the World at Cleveland, Ohio. The musicians of Alameda county have for years striven to obtain a charter from the Federation, but have been refused owing to San Francisco opposition, the union across the bay claiming jurisdiction over this county notwithstanding the fact that all other craftsmen are allowed char-

ters and the musicians are the only ones refused.

San Francisco musicians come to Oakland and carry money away that should go to local musicians who live here and spend their money in this city. The organization that has been formed proposes to be liberal and charitable in its dealings with the public and will encourage organized bands, thereby assuring a good class of music wherever engaged.

Representatives were present from the American Labor Union who made speeches, and the A. C. M. P. have applied to that body for a charter also. The meeting adjourned, each member pledging himself to give to Oakland what they have never had before in the way of music.

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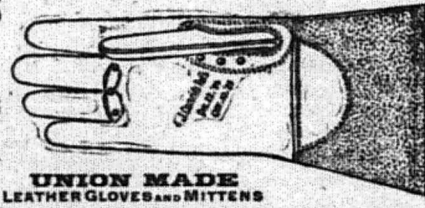
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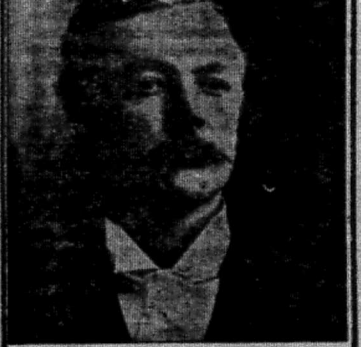
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Three members of the Federal union, one member of the Miners' union, and a coal miner, members of the Socialist Labor party, are arrested for speaking to men out of work.

Very few people outside of Colorado know that there is a strike in Telluride. Many in the state do not know why there is a strike here. The reason is that last fall the people of Colorado by a majority of over 40,000 demanded that millmen and smeltermen should work only eight hours for a day's work. The corporate influence fixed the members of both the Democrats and Republicans of the legislature so neither party would pass the law. The workers demand what the people demanded for them, and therefore the millmen here quit. In one mine here the miners were under contract until next fall, so they could not quit without breaking the agreement. The management of the mine put scabs in the mill, and were endeavoring to continue work, but the cooks and waiters of Federal Union No. 104 came promptly to the rescue, and walked out of the boarding houses, which compelled a closing of mills and mines. The tie-up here is complete—not a mine in the Telluride district has operated since the first of September.

Frank Jordan, of Victor, Colo., delivered the Labor Day address. He has been here since and has spoken to the workmen three or four times. He is a pleasing, forceful speaker, always advising that force and violence is no remedy for the wrongs labor endures.

On last Monday a coal miner by the name of Philip Veal, who is speaking for the Socialist Labor party, came to the city and spoke in the street. He was ordered to stop, as the merchant in front of whose store he was speaking had sworn out a warrant for him. The marshal refused, however, to serve the warrant. The next day Mr. Veal began

speaking one block away to a quiet, orderly crowd. He was promptly arrested, and as we saw it was a question of free speech, Mr. Jordan took Mr. Veal's place, and spoke to the crowd. He was promptly arrested. Then J. J. Wegman, J. C. Barnes and the writer were arrested in turn. We were tried in police court and fined \$35, \$50, \$60 and \$100. We appealed to the county court. Mr. Veal pleaded his own case and was discharged. The persecutors then demanded a jury for my case. I conducted my own case. The jury stayed out all night and disagreed—3 to 3. New trial next week with the other cases too.

Great interest, courthouse jammed full. Great propaganda meetings, sophistry.

The judge had to call me to time twice while addressing the jury because I was showing up the class struggle and economic determinism too plainly. Fraternally yours,

A. H. FLOATEN.

The Mill and Smeltermen's union of Butte has decided to dispose of the lot it won on Labor Day and contribute the proceeds to the eight-hour fund of the Western Federation of Miners, for the purpose of aiding the Colorado miners and smeltermen in their fight for an eight-hour day. The lot is valued at \$150, but the union expects to raise \$1,000 or \$2,000 on it by raffling it off.

John W. Carr, who is charged with having sold out the striking Gas Makers' and Yardmen's union No. 269, Spokane, and who was expelled for treachery to his union, is now located in Coeur d'Alene City, Idaho, operating as a contracting plasterer. He is a good man for union men to keep away from.

Efforts to consolidate the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners and the Amalgamated Society of Carpenters, which have been under way for some time, are now likely to result successfully.

BEN HANFORD'S TOUR,

Ben Hanford, of New York, began a long-deferred western tour, under the direction of the National Lecture Bureau of the Socialist party, in Pennsylvania last August. Since that time he has spoken in Ohio and Indiana, and is now in Illinois. Hanford is one of the most popular and best known Socialists in the eastern states and is a prominent member of the Typographical Union of New York City, better known as "Big Six."

He has been a trade unionist over twenty years and a Socialist over ten years. Three times he was chosen as Socialist candidate for governor of New York; in 1898 by the Socialist Labor party, and 1900 and 1902 by the Social Democratic party, which is the official name of the Socialist party in New York state. In 1902 the vote for Hanford for governor was increased from 12,969 to 23,400, putting the party from fifth to third place on the ballot.

When the trades unionists of Yonkers, N. Y., were looking for a man to answer the sixteen questions recently put to them by John C. Hayermeyer, the sugar trust magnate, they selected Hanford as their spokesman, and his speech at the great mass meeting held for the purpose in Yonkers, and at which Mr. Hayermeyer was present, created a profound impression and attracted wide attention.

Speaking of Ben Hanford's qualities as a speaker, Algernon Lee, editor of the Worker, New York, says: "Two qualities go to make Hanford a convincing and an inspiring speaker—a burning earnestness, as evident in his daily private life as in his appearance on the platform, and an ability to clothe his thoughts and feelings in the simplest and most direct of language, so that no hearer can fail to understand."

"More than this, he is a workman, a class-conscious workman, in every fiber of his being—living the life of the working class, thinking its thoughts and instinct with its feelings, full of its growing hope and self-reliance, hating class rule with all his soul and despising the sham and meanness and cruelty which are necessary to what is conveniently called 'success.' Thus he speaks for the working class when he speaks from his own experience, and he speaks in the sincere and unmistakable language of his class."

The Erie People speaking of Hanford's lecture in that city recently, said in part: "It is a moderate statement to make that the address was one of the most clear and powerful and convincing expositions of Socialism ever listened to by an Erie audience. No abler propagandist has ever taken the field, and as Hanford is now starting on an extended tour west, which may perhaps last six months or longer, it is not too much to say that extremely valuable results for the party movement may be confidently expected from his tour."

After his trip through Illinois, Hanford will go through Missouri, Iowa, Nebraska, Colorado, Arizona, California, Oregon, Washington and the Northwestern states. For dates, terms and other information, address the national secretary, Socialist party, Omaha, Neb.

MEDICINE AS AN ART.

The Twentieth century is the day of specialists, giving a close study to one particular form of disease.

It has sometimes been disputed whether medicine should be regarded as a science or an art, but there is no doubt that the original meaning of the term medicine in English and in other languages is the art of healing. Medicine has all the characters of an art. It depends upon experience and skill; it deals with individual cases; and the perfection it aims at is practical, not spectacular; the knowledge how to do, not the knowledge how things happen.

Thus the medical man of today who would be successful must never forget that he practices an art. He must never allow theories, however ingenious, to take the place of the one touchstone of practical medicine, observation and experience. He must never treat the disease without considering the patient, for the art of healing is the art of healing individually for besides adequate knowledge and a strenuous endeavor to do the best possible for each individual patient, there is ample room for the power of observation and insight; for the personal influence by which a strong character will secure obedience and inspire hope; for the judgment which divines what kind of remedies are suited to each patient, and for the sympathy which puts one in the patient's place, and not only meets but anticipates his wants.

Too many medical men of today forget that the practice of medicine is an art. They pursue theoretical will-o'-the-wisps flying, as it were, over the heads of their patients, to the detriment of both. Happy is the medical man and happy the patient when the former realizes that to be successful he must create a bond of sympathy between both and that until this is done no cure can be perfected. We know of no instance in which

this practice is more fully carried out than that of the Yellek Medical Institute in this city, and the result is apparent both in the prosperity that has attended its founders and in the thousands of those who have been benefited by its cures and are ready to testify to the benefits they have received from its treatment.

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To my mind, the greatest danger which confronts the Socialist movement at the present time is from the demagoguery of the "professional proletarian."

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Yet the fact is that one of the main things by which Socialists and Socialism have been distinguished from bourgeois superficiality has been in the basic studies which it has made in just these fields.

Engel's "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific," not only goes back into pre-historic times, but concerns itself with the most abstract and metaphysical questions.

TO EXCLUDE THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE

Helena, Mont., Oct. 2, 1903. Ed. American Labor Union Journal: The Helena local of the Socialist party advocates a new amendment to the state constitution, to read as follows:

"Article VI, Section 13. No person shall be admitted as a member of the Socialist party of Montana who is at the time of his application a member of a Citizens' Alliance or any organization antagonistic to labor unionism."

It is claimed by certain soothsayers that the Citizens' Alliance is not opposed to Socialism, but those who understand the fundamental principles of the Socialist party are never too sure of the "pretender."

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