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THEIR OFFER IS REFUSED

Coal Miners Refuse Terms of Settlement Proposed by Barons of Northern Coal Fields--Mother Jones Thinks Peabody "Means Well."

The largest eight-hour concession ever made in Colorado was offered the coal miners in the northern coal fields and rejected by them.

Mother Jones declares that conditions in Colorado are worse than in Pennsylvania and equal to Siberian outrages. She thinks Governor Peabody "means well" in his military policy.

Peabody did not send the troops into the coal fields, although they were called for. The reason was a factional Republican fight.

The governor of Colorado has shown himself the most pliant and contemptible tool of capitalism that ever disgraced a high office.

RADICALISM.

The Revolutionary Character of a Movement is Its Protection.

Replying to the daily papers which have repeatedly said that Milwaukee workmen are "more conservative than those of Chicago, for example," Victor L. Berger says that absence of both strikes and grafting in that city is not due to conservatism.

SHERMAN BELL OUT.

Colorado Swashbuckler and All-Round Coward Resigns.

The press dispatches report the resignation of the chief of the tin soldier contingent of Colorado. It is presumed the resignation was caused by the refusal of the governor to permit Bell to sack the towns, ravish the women and put the rest of the defenseless inhabitants to the sword.

THREE THOUSAND OUT

Chicago Street Car Men Go on Strike for 25 Per Cent Increase and Recognition of the Union--Company Says "There is Nothing to Arbitrate."

Conditions in Chicago as a result of the strike of 2,000 street car men is of a most unpromising character. The police are assisting the traction people to break the strike.

The demands of the men are for a 25 per cent increase and recognition of the union. The company has refused to listen to any terms.

A cable car was derailed on the Cottage Grove avenue line. A horsehoe had been driven in the slot by some one.

removed to a drug store and a doctor called. The physician's first inquiry on arriving on the scene was, "Have you a union button?"

The union men offered to run the mail cars, but their services were refused unless they took off their union buttons.

The demands of the men in detail are 25 cents per hour on electric cars, \$2.50 per day on cable, time said a half for overtime.

A CONSTRUCTIVE POLICY

A Correspondent in the Chicago Union Leader Explains the Plans and Purposes of the American Labor Union in That City.

I am very thankful I am a wage earner, and can take my place in the organization of the General League of the American Labor Union.

At the first meeting several hundred listened to the clear exposition of the position of the worker and wage earner today by Mr. David Coates, vice-president of the A. L. U.

The enthusiasm with which this movement has been received in Chicago almost fills me with fear. It needs a hundred men to speak and work.

"Our organization has not come here to disrupt or tear down, but to put trades unionism on an economic and political basis.

"Our principles are as follows: The A. L. U. is founded on the industrial plan. All the workers in a great industry are formed into one compact organization.

"So far every strike of the A. L. U. has been successful without calling a general strike, which the executive board has power to do.

"We find there is no need of aristocratic unions standing aloof from the common laborer, as the craftsman is fast passing away and their unions disbanding.

down through the others, thankful, perhaps, to find a resting-place with the street laborers. As example, take the locomotive engineers.

"So in light of these facts we hold the street laborers just as important as the engineer.

"Our organization is democratic. Its officers are elected by the vote of its members. We have the referendum and recall.

"All laws are made by referendum vote and all actions of the executive board must be referred to the members.

Direct Benefit.

"It has a strike benefit, but the A. L. U. recognizes that money does not win strikes, but men and women ceasing to work do.

"The boycott is ineffectual in the old organizations, but we compel our members to obey it, and it has always been successful.

"The interchange card system is another good feature. The street laborer may present his card to the machinist union, and if competent, comes under its jurisdiction without added expense.

"Then our initiation fees and dues are low; \$5 is the highest, averaging only \$1 for initiation, and 20 cents a month dues, thus doing away with the scab, whose presence is largely due to high initiation fees.

"You see our aim is not so much to help the fellow on the inside, but to help every wage worker, and if there are not enough jobs to go around we mean to find out the reason why--and change the system.

"Our plan is progressive; it will help every child and woman worker; in fact, it will solve the labor problem by capturing the government for the workers.

"No member of the A. L. U. is compelled to vote the Socialist ticket. The A. L. U. is not a political organization, but the Socialist party is the political party of the A. L. U."

"Mr. Coates goes to Boston to attend the national meeting of the A. F. of L. and will return here in a few weeks.

A permanent organization has been formed. Time and place will be given next week.

ANNAH FINSTERBACH.

WILL BE REWARDED.

Mitchell to Get a Plum--Keep Politics Out of the Union So Leaders May Win "Snaps."

According to Pittsburg reports, John Mitchell will not be a candidate for re-election as president of the United Mine Workers of America at the January convention.

STILL REACHING OUT.

It is reported from Globe, Ariz., that the sale of the Black Warrior mines, in the Globe district, to the Amalgamated Copper Company has been consummated.

The Black Warrior mines have been closed down for the past two years, owing to inability to treat the ores with the present equipment.

SALT OF THE EARTH

The St. Louis Bottlers Show Their Belief in Working Class Solidarity in an Unmistakable Manner--\$200 in Aid of Western Federation of Miners.

The Bottlers' local union No. 187, of St. Louis, have given a sterling proof of the kind of stuff they are made of by donating \$200 in aid of the Western Federation of Miners.

Resolved, That a duplicate copy of these resolutions be sent to the Western Federation of Miners and by the adoption of the following set of resolutions which have been sent to the American Labor Union Journal for publication.

St. Louis, Mo., Nov. 10, 1903.

Whereas, The members of the Western Federation of Miners have been forced out on strike in defense of human rights and industrial liberty, and

Whereas, The capitalist class of Colorado has seen fit to ignore law and order, trample human rights and liberty under foot in the most shameful and illegal manner; therefore be it Resolved, That Local Union No.

Local Advertisers in the Los Angeles Times Are "Hollering Murder."

Los Angeles, Cal., Nov. 17.--(Special Correspondence.)--The Council of Labor is certainly making effective its boycott against the leading local advertisers in the Los Angeles Times.

"We are daily asked: 'Why do you allow the mailing of those lying cards and not take action; certainly you are protected by some law?'

Yes, you are getting 'the hard knocks,' and as long as you employ child labor, denounce labor organizations and advertise in the Los Angeles Times, you can expect no other treatment from the toilers.

Union men and women can continue the good work by encouraging the work of the various anti-Times committees throughout the United States and Canada.

Have you an anti-Times committee in your organization?

The Ontario Trades and Labor congress of Canada will place a ticket in the field at the next general election.

BLOOD ON HIS HANDS

Russian General Dismissed in Disgrace for Butchering Working People--Is It Humanity or Fright That Prompts the Czar? Verily the World Doth Move.

The czar has dismissed in disgrace General Dragomiroff, who commanded at Kieff during the strike riots when several hundred persons were slaughtered.

187 condemn the actions of Governor Peabody and the militia of Colorado, and protest most emphatically against the unwarranted brutality of the bull pen.

Resolved by Local No. 187 to give all the moral and financial aid in our power to the Western Federation of Miners in their life and death struggle with the forces of organized capital.

Resolved to call on all workmen to study the relationship that they bear toward their masters both in the industrial and political realm of the nation.

Resolved, That a duplicate copy of these resolutions be sent to the Bauer-Zeitung and American Labor Union Journal and the Miners' Magazine. Yours fraternally, BEER BOTTLERS' UNION NO. 187, Chas. Albrecht, Secy.-Treas.

Resolved, That Local Union No.

Printers Are Enjoined from Interfering in Any Manner with Scab Plant.

Judge Belden, of Hamilton, Ohio, has granted one of the most sweeping injunctions ever issued by an Ohio court.

The boycott was to force the plaintiff to unionize and abandon its "open shop" policy, which policy was established by President Roosevelt's strike commission, and is now being adopted by business men's organizations all over the country.

In reply to a communication from President Gompers of the American Federation of Labor concerning the eight-hour and injunction bills which he expects the capitalists to pass at the next session of congress, the Omaha Coopers' Union has adopted a resolution stating that via the Socialist party is the only way for organized labor to go into politics.

According to the Chicago Tribune, before the end of the year more than one million of men will be idle.

ONLY ONE WAY.

Workers' Tri-City Gazette.

According to the Chicago Tribune, before the end of the year more than one million of men will be idle. Those union men who don't believe in united political action now have an opportunity to tell us how to guard against this sort of thing in the future.

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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 IX.

(Continued from Last Week.)

In order that there might always be a considerable reserve in the defense fund it is provided in section 11 that the fund shall accumulate for six months before payments shall be made therefrom. Therefore, if the new Constitution is adopted and becomes effective February 1, 1904, the defense fund will not be available until August 1st of the same year, by which time there should be a considerable sum in the fund. Section 11 reads:

"Sec. 11. No payments of any character whatsoever shall be made from the defense fund for the aid or assistance of any national, international or local union united with the American Labor Union until such union has contributed to the defense fund in accordance with the provisions in this Constitution for a period of six consecutive months, during which period said union must have remained in good standing with respect to all other departments, per capita tax, assessments, or any payments of any kind whatsoever required by the American Labor Union.

I have already noted in a preceding article that the General Secretary-Treasurer is to be bonded in a reliable surety company in the sum of \$25,000 for the faithful performance of his duties, including the responsibility for the safe-keeping of the funds of the organization. Section 12 of this article further safeguards the treasury in providing that payments for any department of the general headquarters can be made only by check, all checks to be signed by the General President. It will be remembered that the General President will also be heavily bonded. Section 13 reads:

Sec. 12. All funds in the several departments of the American Labor Union shall be deposited by the general secretary-treasurer in a reliable bank or financial institution, to be designated by the general executive board, and no funds of the American Labor Union, or any department thereof, shall be paid out of the designated depository except on checks or drafts drawn and signed by the general secretary-treasurer and countersigned by the general president; said checks or drafts shall be numbered consecutively and shall be in a form and of a safety pattern approved and adopted by the general executive board, and shall not again be changed in form or design except by order of the general executive board.

This ends Article IX. Article X, which will be considered next covers miscellaneous matters, including duties of general officers to the American Labor Union and establishment of jurisdiction of national and international unions.

ARTICLE X.

The first section of Article X is intended to protect the American Labor Union in the enjoyment of good service from officers and salaried members of the General Executive Board. It means, in a nutshell, that the A. L. U. will expect, and insist upon, full value in service for salaries paid its official servants. There can be no side grafts or double salaries for those salaried by the general organization. It is a safe law and a just one. The section follows:

"Section 1. The General President, General Vice-President, General Secretary-Treasurer, regularly salaried members of the General Executive Board and regularly salaried general officers and organizers of the American Labor Union shall not accept or retain any other office in the American Labor Union, or any national, international, state, district, city or local union united with the American Labor Union, or any other labor organization, or any political, city, county, state or federal office or position under any government, municipal, state or federal, and shall not represent any political party in any convention, and shall not accept any elective or appointive office of any character from any political party, or perform service for compensation for any other person or institution whatsoever. Members of the General Executive Board, who are not regularly salaried by the American Labor Union, shall not represent any political party in convention, and shall not accept any appointive or elective office of any character from any political party."

General officers must at least pay dues promptly, according to section 2, which reads:

"Sec. 2. Should any general officer become delinquent in fees, dues, per capita tax or assessment to the American Labor Union, or any national, international or local union in the American Labor Union with which he is united, he shall immediately forfeit his office."

I will first state section 3, which is in two paragraphs, after which I will discuss each paragraph separately:

"Sec. 3. National, international, state, district, city or local unions shall not be chartered by the American Labor Union unless they conform in construction and methods to the principles of the American Labor Union as defined in this Constitution.

"National or international unions or local unions, chartered by the American Labor Union, shall be formed on the industrial union plan, and charters shall not be granted to any national or international union claiming jurisdiction over any industry for which a charter has already been issued."

It has already been shown that the American Labor Union is radically different in all essential principles from any previous organization that has sought to organize the American working class into a central body. This difference is shown throughout the new Constitution. In the very first article it is given as the fixed policy that the principle of industrialism shall prevail, in opposition to the principle of strict craft autonomy. This principle means in effect that there shall, in the railway service, for instance, be a strong bond of union between employees, instead of the separate warring factions of engineers, switchmen, telegraphers, etc., as at present. The same principle would apply alike to all industries. Another principle distinctive of the American Labor Union is that of the pure initiative and referendum in the making of laws and the election of officers. A feature of great interest is that of the central defense fund. Another is the independent working class political program—which protects the union from being sold by grafters, and is a feature of great advantage to the membership. A splendid principle of the American Labor Union, decidedly different from the helpless A. F. of L., is the power to call the universal strike, if necessary. These are the principles of form, construction and method, and no union with principles antagonistic to these can be admitted to the A. L. U.

The second paragraph will protect the national and international unions in their jurisdiction over the industries for which their charters shall be granted.

Section 4 is so easy of understanding that a simple statement of it will be all that will be necessary:

"Sec. 4. The jurisdiction of national or international unions, formed

on the industrial union plan and chartered by the American Labor Union, is hereby defined as follows:

"All employees of any character whatsoever, irrespective of trade, craft, occupation or calling, title or compensation, employed in one industry shall be eligible to membership in and under the jurisdiction of a national or international chartered union having jurisdiction over that industry, provided that local unions on the federal union plan shall not be required to surrender the membership acquired by them over any trade, craft, occupation, calling or industry when the number of members embraced in such federal union and engaged in such industry does not exceed twenty-five, and provided further that the members of one trade or industry embraced in a federal union when in excess of twenty-five shall not withdraw from such federal union and form a local union, chartered either by the American Labor Union direct or by a national or international union, united therewith, unless two-thirds or more of the members of such trade or industry petition in favor thereof."

This ends Article X. Article XI, which will be discussed next week, will treat of nominations and elections by the initiative and referendum system. Every member ought to read it. Look for it next week.

Fraternalty yours,

Clarence Smith

General Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

HONESTY—WHAT DOES IT CONSIST IN?

Some people say that there is every possible incentive to lie, to steal and to take advantage of our fellows under the present system of business. This is true for the small business men, who have no chance to become wealthy, but not for the wage workers.

The petty storekeeper and small employer does business on the five and ten cent plan and his ideas and ambitions are all on the same order, hence his trivial stealings from every one with whom he comes in contact in a business way.

With the wage worker, however, it is different. In the majority of cases he has no opportunity to over-reach his fellows, for he has only one thing to sell, his labor, and to get the highest price for it he is forced to bargain collectively.

In this bargaining there are two things only to consider, viz., the cost of living and the competition for jobs.

The competition for jobs being keen, the wage earner is forced to sell himself for just enough to keep him while he is working—or to starve without working.

In this bargaining there is no chance for the wage worker to take a mean advantage of the other fellow, he sells himself, and he gives to the employer complete control of his actions during working hours.

The employer buys labor power, and his better paid wage slaves, who are hired as slave drivers, see to it that the wage worker is kept up to the highest possible speed and does

not shirk his part of the bargain.

The competition for jobs being low the wage earner can get a higher price for his labor, but he must still submit to be robbed of four-fifths of his labor product, for the privilege of making enough to live. But in this process he has no chance to make short change, to give short weights or to substitute shoddy for the real article, to any extent.

Hence it is among the wage working class that we must look to find honesty of purpose, cleanness of character and true manhood and womanhood.—U. B. of R. E. Journal.

A Fable.

Once upon a time a tribe of people suffered and died from thirst. There was a fine spring of pure water placed in their midst by God, but two men who disputed over ownership locked the spring up and when the men, women and children cried for water, the medicine men said, "You must not disturb those two men in their fight for possession, they were born in New Jersey and God has given unto them the water."

This was very much like two New Jersey corporations locking up the mines in Butte.—C. McH.

Co operation in Ireland.

Co-operation is making marvelous progress in Ireland. Latest reports show a membership of 60,000 in societies of this kind. There are co-operative banks, co-operative dairies, stores, cheese factories and also co-operative banks. Libraries are also being started. The credit is given to Sir Horace Plunkett.

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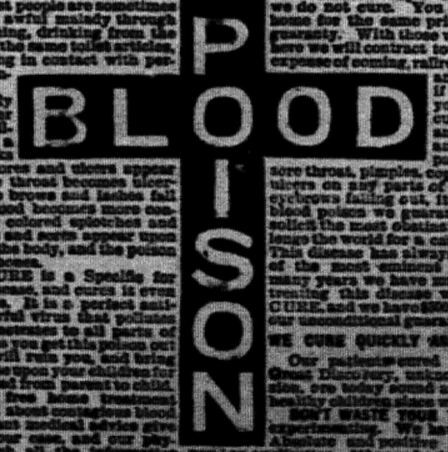
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ELECTION RETURNS

(Continued from Last Week.) Ohio. In Ohio the candidate for governor, Cowen, ran behind the remainder of the ticket and was cut nearly everywhere.

Iowa. From Iowa reports are that the vote has decreased in Dubuque, Davenport and Sioux City, but at a large number of smaller towns the vote climbs appreciably.

Nebraska. Every place heard from in Nebraska, except one, shows an increase.

THEY CONDEMN ACTION.

Omaha, Neb., Oct. 30, 1903. Ed. American Labor Union Journal. Dear Comrade--The following resolutions were indorsed by a unanimous vote of local Omaha in mass meeting assembled October 28, 1903:

"Whereas, George E. Baird, who was expelled from the Omaha local of the Socialist party of Nebraska, on being proved a corruptionist and a hoodler in the pay of the Republican party in 1900; and

"Whereas, said George E. Baird has applied for and received membership in the Jackson County Socialist club of Missouri; therefore, be it

"Resolved, That we, the members of local Omaha in mass meeting assembled, do hereby disapprove of and condemn the action of the Jackson County Socialist Club in admitting said George E. Baird to membership; and be it further

"Resolved, That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Socialist press." Fraternally yours, J. ALFRED LA BILLE, Secretary.

THOSE ARRESTS. Massachusetts Is Anxious to Know Which Division of the Movement These Men Belong To.

A correspondent in Massachusetts writes to inquire if the men arrested in Telluride were S. P. or S. L. P. men. Philip Veal, a coal miner, is an organizer for the S. L. P. A. H. Floaten and J. C. Barnes are members of the S. P. When Veal was arrested Floaten and Barnes, each in his turn mounted the box.

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Word comes from Washington that the Declaration of Independence is so badly faded that it will no more be exposed to the destroying force of light; it is to be kept in future in a dark vault. The spirit embodied in the declarations of the immortal document has not seen the light for so long that men can now be found who question whether it ever existed.

The Voting Machine. Owing to the voting machine registering eighty-three more votes than there were voters in the precinct, says the Lynn, Mass., Item, the result on the Mt. Tom reservation act is uncertain.

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