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THE MINERS OF JOPLIN

Repudiate the Coeur de Alene Scabs---Send Money to Help the Colorado Strikers---The Employment Office Dodge Worked by Mine Owners

The miners of Joplin, Mo., have forwarded a donation of \$164.50 to the Telluride and Cripple Creek strikers. The communication from the Central Labor Union which accompanied the money, says: "No longer will the inhuman, lying deceivers of men work their 'graft' in herding miners in this district, to act as strike breakers in the west. This infamy has been a disgrace to Joplin in the past, and, thank God, the miners here have come at last to an understanding of what it means. Permit me to say that it was not viciousness of heart or of purpose which prompted the Joplin miners to act the part of strike breakers. It was ignorance of facts, and the deception practiced by the employment agencies acting as 'heelers' for your enemies. The Mine Owners' association even now advertises, 'No trouble in Telluride or Cripple Creek; union wages, \$3.50 and \$4, for eight hours' work.'

To the unthinking miner these inducements were too tempting to resist, but let it be understood Joplin has been held accountable for men who never say this district. One method used by your enemies has been to have employment agencies to send men into this district, with the understanding that there was work in the mines and on fictitious railroads for them, thus placing them here in a stranded, helpless condition, driving them, through lack of material necessities to ship west and 'scab' in order to escape starvation. I do not endeavor to excuse those who would wilfully 'scab,' but want it understood that there is just as good material here to make union men out of as anywhere else in the world, and we will demonstrate it in the future. The Labor Union of Joplin received the representative of the Western Federation of Miners with open arms, and I believe we have aided insofar as we could the work of organization.

COLORADO FEDERATION

Appoint a Committee to Wait Upon Governor Peabody and Make Demands---Are Given a "Pacific" Answer---Resolutions Adopted

The convention of the Colorado State Federation of Labor carried the war into Africa when it appointed a committee to call on Governor Peabody with a list of demands, says a Denver paper. The committee visited the governor and by direction of the convention demanded the following: First, that the militia be withdrawn from San Miguel and Teller counties; second, that any deported citizens of a community shall be allowed to return to their homes and be permitted to enjoy the same rights as any other citizen of the state who is not a member of organized labor and that no vag order shall be enforced against self-supporting citizens simply because they are out of work; third, the committee is directed to inform the governor that in the event he refuses to allow deported citizens to return to their homes and exercise their lawful rights this convention will carry the cases of these citizens to the highest court in the land and will support their rights to the full extent of the resources of organized labor of the state; fourth, the committee shall submit its demands in writing and request a written reply from the governor as soon as practicable. Peabody gave a pacific reply to the demands. During the deliberations of the body telegrams of endorsement and sympathy were received from the Washington State Federation and also from the Missouri body. The latter in addition to its moral support tendered financial aid. The resolutions adopted by the Federation condemn the state administration and the corporation and associations involved in the present labor war; declares the fight is for the right to organize; charges Peabody with conspiracy; denounces the vag. military act, and in conclusion says: "Whereas, Free speech has been strangled, the press muzzled and the writ of habeas corpus suspended by military imperialism, backed by bristling bayonets; and, "Whereas, The presence of an armed soldiery in Teller and San Miguel counties was for the sole use and benefit of the Mine Owners' association in their warfare against organized labor, and not to preserve law and order as neither were being violated; now, therefore, be it "Resolved, That the delegates and representatives of organized labor in convention assembled, condemn and denounce the assaults of the state administration upon the rights and lib-

erties of citizenship, by trampling under the iron heel of military despotism every principle of the organic law of the state; "Resolved, That we are unalterably opposed in placing upon the shoulders of the taxpayers, the expense incurred by the state militia while quartered in the strike regions during the years of 1903 and 1904; "Resolved, That the membership of this convention, representing 50,000 members of organized labor in Colorado, will vote for no candidate for the fifteenth general assembly who will not pledge himself in the event of his election, to use his vote and influence against any and every measure looking to the payment of a single dollar of the expense referred to; "Resolved, That when the reign of military anarchy is at an end in this state, we urge the membership of organized labor throughout Colorado to come to the aid of the martyrs of 'bull pen' imprisonment, so that the wrongs and outrages from which they have suffered may be righted in the courts; "Resolved, That we commend and admire the gallant and unflinching battle of the Western Federation of Miners and the United Mine Workers of America, who have bared their breasts to corporate power, and who are now forcing greed to hoist the white flag; "Resolved, That we urge the membership of organized labor to establish co-operative stores wherever possible that unionism may successfully measure steel with that band of brigands and pirates who have registered their names upon the roll of the Citizens' alliance; "Resolved, That we call upon the membership of organized labor in every city, town and hamlet and every liberty loving citizen of the state, to march to the polls in November, 1904, and bury the present administration so deep beneath an avalanche of ballots that a million blasts from Gabriel's trumpet will not be able, to awaken it from political oblivion. An assessment of 25 cents a week was ordered levied upon every member of the Colorado State Federation of Labor for the purpose of rendering aid to such of the strikers as needed it. This revenue will be used largely to swell the strike fund of the Western Federation of Miners. The resolutions make this assessment operative until such time as the officials of the federation should deem it no longer necessary.

UNION MEN ACQUITTED

After a Thirty-Six Days Trial, in which Citizens Alliance Put on all the Evidence, Idaho Springs Men Found Not Guilty

The defense in the Sun and Moon case of Idaho Springs, Colo., which has been tried at Georgetown, Colo., have thoroughly riddled the case of the prosecution and this without offering any testimony of their own, but relying entirely on the testimony of the Citizens' alliance witnesses. It was shown by their own testimony that the transformer was blown up the hill, whereas if Fire and his companions had rolled the keg against the house from the point where Fire was found the force of the explosion would have driven the building down the hill. Again, it was shown that the hung hole of the keg was very

much smaller than the sticks of powder, which would have necessitated a long time in improvising the bomb, since it would have been necessary to pour the powder in. Another point made was that had the keg rolled down the hill it would have struck the shaft house, rather than the transformer. It was shown that Bate, the union member whose testimony was given against his brothers, was arrested with others, but was bailed out by Citizens' alliance members, after which he was coached in his evidence by the prosecution lawyers. The miners were acquitted, the trial lasting thirty-six days.

BY MACHINERY.

The Court Reporter Can Take a Vacation By and Bye While a Cynic Holds Their Jobs. Thomas A. Edison has perfected his commercial phonograph and made it practicable for taking court testimony. The record is capable of taking several "letters;" it can be shaved 175 times, making it as cheap as letter paper. It is said with one pair of machines one typewriter can do the work of eight under the present system.

THE UNION CO-OPERATIVE CO.

The Union Co-Operative Co., of Pueblo, which was launched by some of the union members of that city, is meeting with much success, according to the Labor Advocate. Over 5,000 shares of stock have already been sold and the balance is selling at the par value of \$1. The store is a headquarters for union men. It is proposed to place a portion of the receipts of the business in a sinking fund to assist local unions. When the New Castle miners were burned out, says The Advocate, the co-operative store sent them clothing, shoes, underwear, etc. It is proposed to erect a labor temple on the same plan. While not familiar

with modus operandi in detail of this company, The Journal feels confident the purposes are noble and wishes the promoters success.

THE DANCE OF DEATH.

Competition Was Not "the Life of Trade," but It Was the death of His Wife, However.

A jobber in candies of New York has brought suit against the candy trust. He charges the latter with having destroyed his business and thereby not alone ruined his existence, but driven the partner of his life, his wife, insane and into death.

IT WAS NOT MENTIONED.

Monster Gathering of Working class at Chicago Was Ignored by the Press.

The Socialists of Chicago held a meeting recently in the largest public building in the city—the Coliseum—with an attendance of over 12,000 people. Eugene V. Debs was the speaker. Twenty-four Chicago trades unions took part in the ceremonies. The gathering was the largest and most impressive ever held in the west under the auspices of the Socialist party, but, as usual, the capitalist press had not a word to say about it.

A CAPITALISTIC VIEW

Mine Owners Plan of Campaign---Have a Legislation Fund---All Owners Assessed on Mine Output---Thinks They Might Fight Differently

The Mine Owners' association of Colorado, says the Great Falls Tribune, have adopted for themselves a far-reaching programme. In their fight against the Miners' union, they have determined to not only down that organization, but to bring about legislative and political conditions which will make them compete masters of the state in the future—as they seem to be at present. The chances are that they have undertaken an impossible task, but time will show. This association is said to include practically all the mine owners of Colorado. They have divided the mines into four classes, according to the producing power of each mine. These are to be assessed in ratio of production so as to provide an annual fighting fund of \$30,000. There will be special assessments if necessary. The uses to which this money is to be put are stated, briefly, as follows: First—For the detection and punishment of ore thieves. Second—To permanently maintain the results of the fight they have been waging since the strike with the Western Federation of Miners. Third—To control elections. Fourth—To pay the necessary lobby and other expenses to secure a law from the coming legislature reimbursing them for the money they have advanced for the payment of the troops sent and kept and that are yet in the field at their demand. So far as the first purpose is concerned, there can be nothing but approval. The mine owners have probably a legal right to fight the Miners' union, if they see fit, but a good many people will question both their judgment and their sense of fairness in

determining to do so. The Miners' union has surely as much right to exist and to fight as the Mine Owners' association has. A spirit of conciliation would be much better for both sides in the long run. It will probably be news to most people that the mine owners are paying for keeping troops in the field; and if such is the case it is a very unwise policy on the part of the state to permit that to be done. If the troops are really needed to protect life and property the state should provide them at its expense. If they are not so needed that the state can rightfully pay them they should not be in the field. It is the third proposal, however, that will awaken energetic opposition. When any class organization announces a purpose to try to control elections it invites the opposition of most of the other classes and generally assures defeat for itself. That will probably be the result of the political efforts of the Colorado Mine Owners' association, and it should be the result. The Tribune forgets that the mine owners are capitalists; that the legislation which they desire will be legislation in the interest of capital; that all present legislation which runs the gauntlet of the Supreme court is in the interest of capital and, therefore, we already have class legislation and will continue to have it. The chief point to be settled in Colorado is, in the interest of which class shall legislation be enacted? So long as the workers divide at the polls capitalism will reign supreme, and it is the aim of the mine owners to so divide them. When they unite politically the mine owners' corruption fund will fall short of its purpose.

A SCAB SHOE HOUSE

The Wertheimer Schwartz Shoe Co.'s representative is now trying to place its goods in Montana and an agent is now touring the state. This house has locked out the A. L. U. shoemakers of St. Louis and is working incompetent scabs and ex-convicts. They use the scab label of the Tobin Boot and Shoe Workers, which

they perhaps bought from the odorous executive board. Merchants should be warned that the clean union labor of Montana will not stand for the patronage of the unfair Wertheimer-Schwartz Shoe Co. Send a communication or a committee. Montana has already organized two of the biggest cigar factories of the east. They can do as much for a shoe firm.

THIRTY-FIVE THOUSAND

Carpenters Ordered to Surrender Big Bunch to the Amalgamated Wood Workers.

The A. F. of L. convention recently ruled that the Carpenters and Joiners should surrender 35,000 men to the Amalgamated Wood Workers. The officers of the two bodies after a conference failed to agree. Another meeting for the same purpose will be held shortly.

HE WAS RATTLED.

Parry Slipped a Cog in His Omaha Address, But the Papers Cut it Out.

An Omaha member of the A. L. U. writes us that D. M. Parry, in his address to the Business Men's Union of that city, became rattled and made the remarkable (for him) statement that if he "were a workman" he would choose between the labor union

and "the peaceful ballot box brand of Socialism" and would take the latter. The daily papers, however, did not report him thus and he probably edited his speech for them. Well, Mr. Parry we will take both. We will build up our unions on as nearly perfect principles of effectiveness as possible, because we need them while the present capitalistic system endures, and meanwhile we will use the "peaceful ballot box brand" to change the system.

WHILE DOCTORS "PRACTICE."

Mortality Tables Will Hump Themselves While Medicos Acquire Some Knowledge.

A Philadelphia scientist thinks he has discovered a chemical which will serve as a substitute for radium and yet so cheap that it will be within reach of every physician for experimental purposes. The mortality tables will please prepare to go upward.

DEFINATION OF CRIME

Grafting Legislative Pot House Politicians Determine for the Multitude---Big Thieves versus Little Thieves ---Christianized while We Wait

Mrs. R. F. Orr, one of the pioneers of the organized labor movement, who is now a member of the Chicago Federal Labor Union, A. L. U., has this to say regarding a movement which is attracting much attention in that city, which she terms "Christianizing Chicago While We Wait." "At present there is a great sensational revival of hunting out and delivering over 'criminals' in our city. It is almost needless to say it is a capitalist raid against our poor, helpless victims of the system of traffic which the lawmakers have always kept in force. When a trust promoter or a great dividend holder in any of our wealthy corporations gets enthusiastic and warmed up over the subject of our 'great criminal class,' he invariably asserts that a threat against the private ownership of the necessities of life is now the greatest crime on the calendar, and the basic reason for the existence of a 'criminal class.' Are vagrants who are now hunted down by our 'flying police squadrons,' and who constitute one of the largest fractions of the imprisoned, a class that threatens the existence of society?" These vagrants are non-union men on strike for more jobs and more pay; they want more capitalists and more wages, and are we to believe that if more exploiters and more men were exploited, the world would be better off? Well do we know that the capitalist would have all strikers in or out of unions proved as criminals, who do not work night and day to increase the private ownership of wealth—hence their law, prisons, courts, etc. The would-be

purifiers of Chicago have "chipped in" and got up a purse of \$50,000 to hunt out and punish their criminals. If we ask them "what is a criminal?" they tell us a man who has been convicted of crime. What is crime? Something that capitalist legislators say is wrong. Think of it, something that a mob of pot house politicians in our various legislature halls declare to be an act they want some men punished for, and all know they are big thieves trying to punish little thieves. Undoubtedly, there are brutalized men in jail and the greedy trust combines have many more that ought to be there, but why does the "common jail bird" alone stand as an object of society which the moneyed men are hunting down? While the corporations are discharging men by the hundreds and thousands and sending them out to hunt for another job, the stockholders and "leading citizens" are putting up money to send out detectives and police to search our cheap lodging houses and all whom they find are not working are to be punished as vagrants. And these rich men belong to our churches, call themselves Christians and parade as the protectors and saviors of our city. Will the workers wake up? Will the men who by their labor feed and clothe and house these rich men, see who are the real criminals? Will the voters get on and vote the old party tickets and again place in power the 1 per cent. of the people that the 99 per cent. of the working class have crushed and ground by the heel of America's aristocracy?

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INTER-DEPENDENCE OF WORKERS Collective Production and Individual Appropriation--A Plain Statement of the Workings of the Wage System

Collective Effort. Adam Smith says in his "Wealth of Nations" that one man making pins could scarcely make 10 pins a day, whereas 10 men working together, each performing a single operation, could make 48,000 pins in a day.

Wage System. If we extend the above example and include every industry of the nation, where the millions of toilers work together in mine, on farm and in factory, each receiving his quota of the wealth produced by the combined efforts of all, we have Socialism.

Then and Now. Adam Smith says in the eighth chapter of "Wealth of Nations": "In that original state of things, which precedes both the appropriation of land and the accumulation of stock, the whole product of labor belongs to the laborer."

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a labor certificate, which would be given in exchange for services, and the same certificate would be accepted at the community store in payment for the comforts and luxuries of life.

NEWS NOTES FROM THE FIELD OF LABOR

THE DISCREDITED TOOLS. (Continued From Page Three.)

bor Union and study carefully its recommendations, then hasten to ally themselves with the only body of organized labor that fearlessly advocates the ballot to secure to labor its just reward of toil--the full products of all they create.

THE OLD GUARD.

ORGANIZED TO STICK. Those Things Which Are Caesar's, Render Unto Caesar--A New Emancipation Struggle.

The Journal correspondent of the Workingmen's Union No. 452 of Portland, Ore., in the course of a newsy letter, says:

Our local is progressing very nicely, considering the dull times which winter brings everywhere. We initiate a fellow occasionally--sometimes five or six at once, and we have initiated as many as fifteen and occasionally twenty at one meeting.

These hearts we keep in a treasury known as the "treasury of friendship." We treat them with kindness wherever and whenever we meet them, and in the near future we expect to have them and thousands of others bound to us with a bond of love and friendship that no enemy on earth can sever.

They are going to work and vote with us for the purpose of bettering the condition of themselves, their fellow workers and for the benefit of our posterity. We do not want what does not rightly belong to us. What we create by our labor, we want ourselves and it shows a spirit of injustice and dishonesty in any one who says that we are not entitled to it.

We are tired of seeing our fellow workmen moping, creeping around like a lot of cringing cowards afraid to demand what is their own for fear of losing a job at which they are making barely enough wages to pay rent and support their families.

We are trying to throw from our shoulders this burden known as wage slavery. We want to be free men, and we want the present industrial system buried so deep in oblivion that it can never be resurrected by the generations to come.

We want our children to enjoy true American freedom. We do not believe in "mock" freedom--we want nothing artificial--we simply want what is ours and we are going to have it. We are going to do our fighting, our striking, at the ballot box.

I am a southerner. I was raised among colored slaves, but in many instances the colored people were free when we compare their condition with the condition of the white laborer of today, and there is but one way by which we can better our condition and that is to "get together and vote together." Organize and organize to stick.

The Flour Flour Mill Operatives of Minneapolis have declared the Washburn-Crosby flour unfair.

Story County, Nevada, Labor Union reports the death of the secretary of that organization. His name is not given. The directory of the A. L. U. gives the name of J. W. Klunk as secretary of 329. John C. Dewars has been elected in his stead.