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"MENACE TO UNIONS"

He Condemns While Trying to Up-Hold—Hanna Says Right and Justice are Against One Man Taking Fruit of Another's Toil, Yet That is Exactly what Capitalism Makes Possible

The Associated Press sends out a lengthy report of an article by Senator Hanna in the National Magazine on Socialism and Trades Unions. Senator Hanna makes some remarkable statements. One of them which we quote indicates one of two things, either that Mark is foolish or else he thinks the public are and no one has ever accused Mr. Hanna of foolishness. After declaring that the present day menace to labor organizations was Socialism (Lord, how interested these plutocratic statesmen and newspapers have become in the affairs of unions since Socialism began to spread among the working class), he makes this extraordinary statement:

"Fairness and justice will never agree to the confiscation of the products of one man's toil in order to insure comfort to the idle and worthless. No 'ism' is wanted by the American people that will take from any American citizen the just and equitable reward of his labor."

If "fairness and justice" will not agree to the things he here mentions then there is no fairness and justice in our present industrial system and Mark has by his own words denounced that which he is striving to uphold. Society today is built upon "confiscation," or the taking by the idle of the earnings of the toiler. Every gallon of oil sold by the Standard Oil represents the exploitation of both the producer and the purchaser. The wealth of the world has been produced by labor, by useful labor applied to the natural resources of the earth. Why has the working class not got this wealth if they produced? It is because of the very thing which Mark professes to contemn—because of the system of exploitation made possible by capitalistic owner-

ship of the earth. It would be gross flattery to term this plundering, this legalized piracy, as confiscation. It is protected highway robbery, legalized theft. The butterflies of the upper crust, the fashionable set of civilized society, are living on the proceeds of crime as black and damnable as any which has ever disgraced human relationship. The diamonds, the costly raiment, the sabbatic luxury of the man of fashion, have been obtained at the expense of the blood and tears and suffering of the multitude, by the stunting of childish intellects, the strangling of genius, by the debauchery of morality by the propagation of crime, of suicide, of the misery, filth and squalor of a multitude. Yet Mark, as though these things are not already here, says "no 'ism' is wanted by the American people that will take from any American citizen the just and equitable reward of his labor." If that were true, capitalism would have perished long since. The wealth of the capitalist represents the difference between the workers' wages and the value of his labor. And the worker stands for it. Great God, what will they not stand for? While the workers of the nation are engaged in a hand to hand conflict with the wolf of hunger, when every little one born into the home brings with it a feeling of dread in the almost sinking heart of the bread winner, the sleek, oily and well fed representatives of a class whom the unions are organized against, smilingly tell them that a programme which aims to throw the lampreys, the vampires, the parasites of capitalism from the back of the workers, is injurious to the union and the pity of it all is that many of the workers will believe him.

AGAINST THE SCHOOLS

Quigly of Chicago Puts His Foot in it Again—Is Against Compulsory Attendance—Gets an Emphatic Answer from the Organ of Chicago Hibernians

Archbishop Quigly, formerly of Buffalo, but who was transferred to Chicago for the purpose of stamping out Socialism, has come out flat-footedly against the public school system of the United States. He declares them to be schools "which Catholics cannot use," and further that eternal vigilance is required on the part of Catholics lest the obligation be forced on them to send their children to the state schools. Replying to the reverend gentleman, The Chicago Citizen, an official organ of The Ancient Order of Hibernians and edited by a prominent Roman Catholic, says in the most pointed manner that it favors the present school system rather than any other. "We believe in the American non-sectarian school systems," says The Citizen, "and we believe in educating the youth of all races side by side, so that they may grow up as friends, trusting one another, not as enemies,

suspicious of one another. We believe it would be a fatal mistake to have the American public schools run or controlled by ecclesiastics of any creed." Issue is taken with other of the archbishop's statements by this paper, which in addition to representing the Hibernians, is also the official organ of the United Irish Societies of Chicago. Thousands of Catholics who were influenced by Quigley's opposition to Socialism will endorse the stand taken by the Chicago Catholic Citizen. Possibly, it may occur to them that since his reverence is mistaken on the educational question, he may also have been mistaken on the economic question. Time was when the clergy held an important place in medicine and in agriculture, but they have been supplanted in those fields. The indications are that their interference in school matters and political questions will also shortly cease.

"GET A FRIEND"

The Business Woman's Magazine, a paper published in Denver in the interest of girls who work for a livelihood, in the December number devotes much space to what it terms The Masher Mania. After enumerating many of the annoyances to which girls are subjected, it says:

"Another form is displayed when a woman seeks employment and is told that 'she is too good looking to have to work in Denver'; and yet another, from which, perhaps, the greatest suffering is caused, is found in the big

dry goods houses, for often when a girl complains that she cannot live upon so small a salary, the 'boss' tells her 'to get a friend.'"

A few years ago when attention was called to the fact Chicago girl clerks were paid starvation wages and were told, on making complaint, to "get a friend," the story was scouted, in many quarters, as untrue. It was true then; it is true now. Thus does the competitive system, which the press and the church uphold, continue its debasement of the mothers of the race.

The steel trust has reduced the wages of 25,000 men from 20 to 40 per cent.

Thirty thousand tin plate workers are on strike in Wales.

"FOR GOD'S SAKE, HELP US"

"For God's sake, help us! This place is worse than Siberia! Only a few of us have a roof to cover us at night. About forty of us have to sleep in one room, upon the floor, and it is so crowded that all of us cannot lie at full length at one time. No covering is provided for us. All the rest sleep in small tents on the bare ground, except for brush and leaves which we pick up as we are marched back and forth from the mines. The men in the tents have a thin blanket apiece and in the morning they are so cramped and stiff with the cold that they cannot hold their tools.

"Many of us are sick, but there is no doctor here. Arthur White died yesterday, and I don't think Tom Harding will last much longer. Let their folks know.

"Take this letter to 100 East Van Buren street every day and show it to keep everybody else from coming out here. The men are almost starving and what little food we do get is not fit for dogs.

"There must be some way you can help us. We have no money, and when we asked when we would get paid we were told there would be nothing coming to us until we had paid back our fares out here. That was promised to us, but they say now that we must pay it."

The foregoing letter was written by Clarence Moore, a Telluride scab who succeeded in smuggling it through the lines. Over two hundred men are held in a condition of forced servitude by means of the militia of the state. It is a splendid application of the contention of the Citizen's Alliance that the employer alone shall say "how long men shall work, how hard they shall work, and what they shall get."

That a land, whose proud boast it has been that it offered a haven for the downtrodden and oppressed of every clime, should harbor such infamy is almost past belief. That a nation which unflinchingly sent its best to the slaughter of the civil war to wipe out black slavery, should, less than a half century afterward, tolerate beastly, revolting white slavery, is the most extraordinary fact of modern times.

NOTES OF AMERICAN LABOR UNION

The per capita tax receipts of the American Labor Union show a gain of 26 per cent. for 1903, as compared with the preceding year. The number of unions chartered during the year just closed is over 50 per cent. greater than in 1902.

The Miners' Union of Hinwood, Ill., has unanimously voted to assess themselves \$1 per month in aid of the Cripple Creek strike. There are 350 members.

Many Chicago telegraphers are joining the A. L. U.

Carriage and Hack Drivers' Union of Denver are preparing to give a grand ball in the near future.

H. J. Linsett, secretary of Cranbrook Labor Union, has tendered his resignation as financial secretary.

Helena Barbers' Union has elected I. F. Davis as secretary and F. A. Newton as vice-president.

Alameda County, Cal., musicians, A. L. U., have appointed a committee to make arrangements for a benefit ball for the striking Colorado miners.

CAN COMPEL OBEDIENCE.

Right of Union to Enforce Its Laws is Upheld by New York Courts. Assent When Admitted.

In New York recently two members of the Stereotypers' union were expelled for malicious persecution of a fellow member. They made application for an injunction restraining the union from bringing about their discharge. The judge, in rendering his opinion, declared that every union had a perfect right to enforce its constitution and by-law provisions; that each member when admitted to membership assented to those provisions and was bound by them. He further held that the refusal of union men to work with non-union men was lawful and refused the writ.

THE CRY OF "STOP THIEF."

Convention Packing Was Practiced, But by Those Who Insisted Some One Else Had Done So.

Brauer Zeitung, the official organ of the United Brewery Workers, in its issue of Jan. 9th, calls attention to the charge made by Vice-President Duncan of the A. F. of L. that Socialists had attempted to pack the convention of that body in the interest of their principles, and then quotes the January Federationist to prove that numerous unions were allowed to seat their delegates, although they were in bad standing.

They cite the Blacksmiths as an instance. This union cast 80 votes against all progressive measures, says Brauer Zeitung, although they had not paid up the balance for October, 1902, and September, 1903, at the time the convention adjourned. It complains further of what it properly terms the inexcusable defiance of the will of the rank and file of the Machinists' union, as shown by their referendum vote, which was manifested by the Machinists' delegates and which has, it seems, caused considerable indignation.

The Brewers' organ complains bitterly against the American Federationist "which has been made the outspoken organ for malicious attacks and slanders against all those who are fighting for progress on all lines for truth and right; the January issue is proof positive, but before attacks are hurled at the Socialists and industrialists with false and unprovable accusations the accuser has to make himself sure that his own hands are clean. Passive resistance is a

tactical error, and silence to such outrages would give consent, and here's another point: The public press is announcing it widely and loudly that one of the organizations mentioned herein, the Blast Furnace Workers and Smelters, will now go westward to push the organizing work. Of course, they don't seem to know that the Western Federation of Miners have the western smelters in their organization and are controlling the industry there. Is that another plan hatched out which would bring, if executed, great satisfaction and rejoicing to the capitalists' camp? After the recent experiences the workers will draw their own conclusions, and may prepare themselves for more of this sort."

This shows conclusively that at least one of the large organizations has grown tired of watching tactics which rebound to the interests of capitalism.

APPOINTS RECEIVER.

Holdom of Chicago Holds Franklin Press Feeders Guilty of Contempt of Court.

Judge Holdom of Chicago has appointed a receiver for the Franklin Press Feeders' Union because they failed to satisfy a thousand dollar fine for contempt of court. The judge enjoined the union from doing certain things. The union obeyed the injunction, but some of the individual members did not. What they did, it should be remembered, was in opposition to the wishes of the union, yet Holdom holds the organization responsible. After this, we should not be surprised at an action for slander against some manufacturing corporation because of the indiscreet utterances of some stockholder's wife.

MILL BURNED.

Metallic Mill at Florence, Colo., Goes Up in Smoke—Largest Cyanide Plant in the World.

The Metallic mill owned by the United States Reduction and Refining Company was burned to the ground last week. It was the largest cyanide plant in the world. The loss will be, possibly, \$125,000. The plant had been idle, but some men were employed. The origin of the fire is unknown.

A San Francisco boss blacksmith has begun suit against the union for \$100,000 damages for a boycott.

THEY FIGHT FOR JOBS

Resumption of Steel Plant at Reduced Wages Almost Causes Riot Among Working Men Who Struggle for Preference at the Gates—Plant has Only Partially Resumed

Bogus employment agents have been swindling the workers in Chicago. They represent themselves as agents for the steel works at South Chicago, which is reopening after a long shut-down. Three of the furnaces have been started with wages reduced from 10 to 28 per cent. Because of the long shut-down, says the Chicago Daily News, the competition of the men to obtain employment, even on these terms, was so great that serious trouble was only averted by the assurance that the entire plant would open in a few days. Think of it, brother workmen! The wages paid by the Illinois Steel company has never been high. Men at Joliet have labored for \$1.40. Different departments have different scales, but in none of them is the wages high enough to enable the worker to take a two months' vacation without running into debt. They receive enough to keep them in working order and that is all. Hence we have the spectacle of starving men fighting for a chance to work for the steel trust for wages that is only sufficient to provide indifferent bread and shoddy clothing. Ever hear of black slaves fighting for a chance to work? Yet they were better provided for than many of the working class. They had food, clothing and shelter and medical attendance. They were not threatened with the fear of want. Our only freedom as compared with their lies in our not being tied to the soil. And there is one other. We have the franchise, the ballot. It is up to us to say whether the present damnable conditions shall or shall not continue. We are the majority. We can decide and

we will decide a right when we earn that the interests of every working man is one with the interests of every other working man. It is cheaper today to hire men than to own them. The owner of a slave was compelled to provide for him or suffer financial loss, regardless of whether he had work for the slave or not, because the slave represented capital. Under the wage system the employer of labor gives back to the worker a small fraction of what he produces while he is employed. When the employer no longer needs his labor he is turned out to starve. The employer knows he will get many to take his place. They do not treat their mules thus. We are of less consequence than the smallest piece of machinery, because it takes money to replace it, while we, as is shown in South Chicago, are ready to fly at each other's throats for a chance to serve them for the bare cost of life—for less than "sinking fund" allowance. The golden hours, the precious fabric of our lives surrendered to another for the bare privilege of eking out an unlovely existence upon the planet. The beasts of the field have time for recreation and enjoyment. There is none for the wage slave. He must toil on and on with the fear of want ever before his eyes until death brings release and even at that last moment when the spirit prepares to wing its flight, it is tortured by the agony of the thought that wife and little ones, whose main stay he has been, are cast into the icy lap of social charity. Lashed through life and tortured at death is the lot of the working class of the world. A blind giant encompassing his own destruction.

CALIFORNIA, TOO

Mine Owners Association Seeks Disruption of Labor Unions—Suit for \$50,000 Instituted—Judicial Prejudice a Factor to be Reckoned With

The Colorado miners are not the only ones who have a desperate fight on their hands. All along the line the proof is shown that a concerted attack is being made to crush the labor unions. The Mine Owners' association is as active in California as in the Centennial state. There are about 150 men on strike at the Royal mine at Hodson, Cal., and the Mine Owners' association is leaving no stone unturned to defeat and disrupt Independence Union No. 166, located at that place. The owners brought suit against the union and against the individual members thereof for \$50,000 damages and secured a temporary restraining order on the broadest kind of allegations in their complaint. The California State Miners' Union promptly met the matter and placed the matter in the hands of Judge James G. Ma-

quire and Herman G. Walker to defend them. The complainants have filed pretty strong affidavits showing threatened destruction of their property and threats against scabs and officials of the company. The miners have also some convincing affidavits, but the hostility of the courts has to be reckoned with there, as well as in other states. Walker spent several days at Hodson with the miners of that place securing evidence and affidavits and found them well provided for, staunch and determined.

United attacks must be met by a united resistance. If the working class do not stand solidly together, the labor union, the workman's forum, will be a thing of the past; the employer alone will fix the hours of labor and the wages to be paid and the measure of political liberty we now enjoy will be swept away.

TREASON TO JOHN

Albion W. Small of the Chicago university has given utterance to the following treasonable declaration against King John, who has subsidized that institution of learning:

"The only thing that deserves financial reward is labor. Capital as such deserves none. The present legal right that capital enjoys is all machinery that manufactured sewing thread. A weaver named Hatton invented a little tread mill arrangement by means of which a mouse could wind and twist 120 threads a day. To do this the mouse had to run 10 miles and needed no more than a cent's worth of oatmeal every five weeks. The yearly profit for each mouse was \$1.50. These mice were, without doubt, the cheapest factory workers in the world.

wrong. Capital has this legal right simply because our statutes give the right. There is nothing morally right about it."

The professor will find his employment gone if he does not watch out. Of what use is a college anyway, if it does not each respect for capitalists.

MOUSE POWER.

Factory in Scotland Once Manufactured Sewing Thread by This Means.

The New York Journal says that a Scotch paper has discovered an old book which gives an account of a curious experiment that was tried in Scotland 50 years ago, before the invention of steam power. It appears that common mice were used to run

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A STRANGE CIRCULAR.

"Trades unions must not enter politics," says the Coast Seamen's Journal of recent date in a lengthy article which it frankly concedes does not contain a single argument.

Man is said to be a reasoning animal. By reason has he been lifted above the brute. Let us therefore handle a question of such vital importance in keeping with that intelligence which is our boast.

If unions should not take political action as a body, why should they not do so. In the circular mentioned the statement is made that unions may not take political action and yet remain trades unions. Why not?

Labor organizations are formed for the purpose of bettering the condition of the workers. Is this a just purpose? They have, apart from political action, but two weapons to further the purpose they are formed to serve.

Have the working class who suffer so much from our unjust plan of government no interest in government as a class? And if they have a class interest, why should they divide at the polls?

IS THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE FAVORABLE TO UNIONS? Do they wish unions to live and prosper? IF THEY ARE NOT FRIENDLY AND POLITICAL ACTION IS HURTFUL TO THE UNIONS, WHY ARE THEY SENDING OUT TONS OF LITERATURE IN OPPOSITION TO UNITED POLITICAL ACTION ON THE PART OF THE WORKING CLASS?

Are the interests of the laborers and the capitalist class identical? If so, why are unions formed and "why is not the conditions of the workers and the capitalists identical?"

Why do these things exist? Why were union men hounded out of Idaho? Why were they shot at Lattimer? Why were they enjoined from striking in Missouri?

Why should political action set back the unions? Because they prefer striking for their rights to voting for them? Untiedly what have the working class to fear? Are they not in the majority?

To the labor press who receive a copy of the circular sent out by the Coast Seamen's Journal and also to that paper itself, we would point out the fact that up to this time the only interests which have gone to the trouble and expense of sending out literature of this kind, have been capitalist interests.

Let the honest but uninformed labor editor, the conservative labor official, the capitalistic lick spittle, the hired political tool and the puffed up plutocratic despot, bear this fact in mind: THE WORKING CLASS ARE GOING INTO POLITICS REGARDLESS OF WHETHER THE UNIONS DO OR NOT.

UNFAIR SHOE FACTORIES. Members of the American Labor Union are requested to take notice that the following shops are unfair to our brothers of St. Louis Boot and Shoe Workers.

- The Wertheimer Swartz Shoe Co.'s Clover Leaf brand shoes. The La Prelle Shoe Co.'s Heart and Arrow brand shoes. The John Meire Shoe Co.'s shoes. The Hamilton Brown Shoe Co.'s shoes. The Johansen Brothers' shoes. The Southern Shoe Co.'s shoes.

There is one labor magazine which thus far has not uttered one word against the throttling of the working class of Colorado. The editor of that magazine made a personal fight against giving financial aid to the Colorado strikers.

The Tennessee state labor convention has asked congress to pass a pension law for aged workers. Of course, they will do it.

The National Manufacturers' Association announces it has 3,000 factories and shops which will pay \$5

thought and action of the minority in opposition to the efforts of the conservative.

The workingman who defends the "Rights of Capital" does so in the fond belief that he may one day be a capitalist also. Well, Mr. Workingman, hunt up your family tree and learn how many of your ancestors were capitalists, and remember, their chance for becoming such was much greater than yours are.

Messrs. W. Robbins and C. W. Barzer have established the Real Issue at Grants Pass, Ore. Get the paper and learn what the real issue is. It is not very large, but it will grow—unless the Oregon boys are too busy supporting capitalistic papers, to assist them.

BAD TACTICS.

Labor Magazine's Distortion of Facts to Possible Injury of a Labor Organization.

A laughable example of bizarre judgment is given in a recent issue of the Railway Trainmen's Journal, where the attempt was made to impress its readers with the belief that the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees had ceased to exist.

But however amusing the efforts of the Trainmen's Journal may appear to the general public, humor was not thought of by them. Their animating impulse was malice. Distortion of known facts was brazenly carried out to lend color to the falsehoods. The U. B. of R. E. Journal changed from a weekly four-page paper to a handsome monthly magazine.

During the electrical workers' strike in Los Angeles last spring, one-third of the strike breakers were killed by taking hold of live wires. These men were incompetent. The company knew it; it was also known that it was dangerous to life for green men to engage in this work.

The Public, Chicago, commenting on the frightful disaster where over half a thousand lives were snuffed out, says it is impossible to make an auditorium safe when the builders are forced to wedge in among other buildings, as is now the case.

Comrade Chas. E. Dobbs, S. P. national committeeman from Kentucky, has resigned his position as assistant managing editor on the Louisville Times to associate himself with Comrade Gaylord Wilshire in the management of Wilshire's Magazine.

The sheriff has been placed in charge of the "Million" office at Hav- erhill pending trial of a suit for libel brought by Mayor Coulter of Brockton, Mass.

The Baptist church missions have decided not to accept any further donations for mite trusts because the money had been made by crushing the poor.

QUESTIONS AND ANSWERS.

A. M. F., Anaconda, Mont.: What is capital? It has been defined as that portion of surplus production which is used in the reproduction of values through exploitation.

J. M., San Francisco, Cal.: That question was answered last week. No one but the local union itself has any right to the funds in the local treasury.

W. H., Vancouver, B. C.: The opposition of the daily papers to Socialism is due to its being a working class movement which they cannot bend to the interest of capitalism.

J. F. C., Pittsburg, Pa.: That is an absolute lie. The A. L. U. has never organized a dual union.

L. L. P., St. Louis, Mo.: The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees is an industrial organization, as is the A. L. U., W. F. M. and A. S. E., all of which are united, have a mutual strike fund and are pledged to each other's support.

M. R. W., Denver, Colo.: The Express Auxillary has been chartered as an international by the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, whose home office is in the Parrott building, San Francisco.

WHERE'S TEDDY?

Section men at Florence, Wis., have struck against a reduction to \$1.25 per day, saying that they could not support their families on such low wages.

WHAT REMEDY FOR THIS?

Half Million People Idle Every Day in the Year, According to Census Reports.

The United States census reports are credited with the following figures on the number of idle men. There are untold numbers which census takers never get, yet an idea can be obtained from the returns of the magnitude of the army of unemployed.

- 22,000 cigar makers are out of work every day in the year. 51,000 brick and tile workers are out of work every day in the year. 10,000 silk workers are out of work every day in the year. 10,000 bicycle makers are out of work every day in the year. 14,000 makers of agricultural implements are out of work every day in the year. 13,000 millers and mill workers are out of work every day in the year. 17,000 boot and shoe workers are out of work every day in the year. 10,000 leather workers are out of work every day in the year. 268,000 lumber workers are out of work every day in the year. 108,000 workers in the industries controlled by 183 industrial combinations are out of work every day in the year. 17,000 printers are out of work every day in the year. 4,000 textile workers are out of work every day in the year. 4,000 artificial ice makers are out of work every day in the year. 4,000 flax and hemp workers are out of work every day in the year. 2,000 zinc smelter men are out of work every day in the year. 2,000 shipbuilders are out of work every day in the year. 2,000 makers of salt are out of work every day in the year. 3,000 leather mitten and glove makers are out of work every day in the year. 2,000 button makers are out of work every day in the year. This makes a grand total of 563,000 idle men.

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Advertisement for Hunter's Hot Springs. Includes text: "It is not necessary for residents of the Northwest to go to the south and east for hot water, pleasure and curative baths."

Advertisement for San Francisco painters. Includes text: "San Francisco painters have inaugurated a Saturday half holiday."

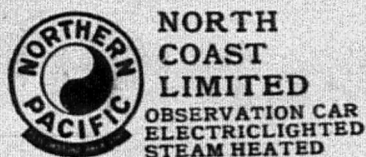


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IN THE STRIKE REGION Mrs. Maily Tells of Conditions--A Scab Herding Priest--Mother Jones Better--Conditions Worse than East--Wife's Dishonor Price of a Job--Cash Payments not Dispised

Not much news of the strike of several thousand coal miners in Southern Colorado has reached the outside world. Mrs. Bertha Howell Malley, wife of the National Secretary of the Socialist party, went to that district from Omaha last week to be with Mother Jones, who was dangerously ill at Trinidad, but who is now happily recovering.

The miners' strike of Southern California has for its relief center, Trinidad, a town set in a ring of coal mines at Starkville, Ingolville, Sopris, Terceo, Segundu, Primero and other places. Here is the headquarters for the officials of the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co., which is the chief master and owner of this mining region.

The main "tent town" is in Trinidad, and at headquarters is a commissary department which is fast being systemized. Here are heaped quantities of provisions, bags of potatoes, of sugar, of carrots, boxes of macaroni, of canned goods, of tea and coffee and great sides of beef.

The strike began on Nov. 9th, and not only the mines closed, but the coke ovens, smelters and blacksmith shops, whose workers were called out. One man traveled 150 miles to be sure that his nephew, who works in the blacksmith shop at Starkville, came out. The start and conduct of the strike have so far been splendid, and no name receives such high honor as that of Mother Jones, whose untiring work in the cause has exhausted her vitality, and who now lies ill in a hospital here, having narrowly escaped the fatal pneumonia.

There was a lengthy discussion on the new schedule of wages and hours that will be presented to the proprietors of the factories where the members of the organization are employed about April 1, when the present schedule of agreement will expire.

The report of the officers for the past six months was to the effect that the union had a membership of some 400 at present, with a surplus of about \$1,000 in the treasury. The question of increasing the grievance committee from three to five members was also discussed, but action on the subject was deferred to a future meeting.

CENTRAL HALL. The Butte Hotel and Restaurant Employees' Union No. 2 have rechristened their hall over the Red Boot, naming it Central hall.

MAY VICTORY BE THEIRS. Warm Expressions of Intelligent Sympathy From the Boys That Are Across the Line. Ben A. Baker, the secretary of the Civic Employees Federal Union of Vancouver, B. C., in sending the assessment in aid of the W. F. M., which was unanimously voted from the treasury, the financial secretary being instructed to collect from the members afterward, says: "I was instructed to convey to the W. F. of M., through you, the heartfelt sympathy of the Civic Employees with them in their struggle against a soulless corporation. While words are but of small value in the fight they are engaging, still it may be of some comfort to the weary soldier in labor's battle to know that our hearts are with them, for we realize that their victory will be our victory--their defeat will be our defeat. We realize fully that they are fight-

ing our battle as well as their own and our prayer is, may victory be theirs. And then--VOTE their own emancipation from the conditions they are now fighting against."

FOR THE MINERS. Kalispell Unions Forward Substantial Sum to Aid Fight for Freedom in Colorado. The following sums have been collected by the unions of Kalispell to aid the Colorado strikers: Carpenters and Joiners of America Local No. 211, \$10; Cooks and Waiters' International Alliance No. 732, \$9; Federal Labor Union No. 175 of A. L. U., \$7.50; collected by member of the Brotherhood of Painters, Decorators and Paper Hangers of America Local No. 745 from Stockholm Concert Hall, \$5; Jesse McGee, \$1; Andrew Anderson, \$1; E. B. Emery, \$1; D. O. Shammop, \$1; S. Swanson, \$1; Wm. Parent, \$1; J. Pennington, \$1; J. M. Clance, \$1; F. W. Rira, 50 cents; John McCarthy, \$1; S. Arlow, \$1; Lee Woodward, \$1; Mike Stahl, \$1; C. H. Smith, \$1; John Miller, \$1; total, \$46.

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en who lovingly call her "Mother." These days men in Trinidad are asking on every hand, "How is Mother Jones?" or from the poor Italian, "Mr. Modder Jones, she well?" At every turn one hears stories that show the unflinching loyalty of both men and women to their class in the present struggle. One story is worth telling. A Catholic priest who was accustomed to hold mass in Segundu and Primero, camps owned by the C. F. & I. Co., and surrounded by armed deputies, had received strong assistance from the C. F. & I. Co. in building a beautiful church in Primero. This priest was said to be urging Italians to go to work. He would write recommendations for the men to the company. The strikers found it out and sent two men to get their recommendations. The men brought them direct to the union. It was further ascertained that at confession he would refuse absolution to the men unless they would promise to go to work for the company. One day he took two such poor intimidated Italians in his carriage across the "dead line" of the camp at Primero. The woman in Segundu who boarded these two men was informed of it and told to watch for the father. Finally she saw him enter a Mexican's house opposite. She left her house and with a light whistle and a snap of her fingers she summoned two or three of her country women. "The blackbird's in there," she said. They waited until he appeared. She strode up to him, a tall, handsome, muscular woman of forty, and seizing his neckcloth wrenched it from his neck and cried: "You are unworthy to wear this."

Then, quite unaided, she treated the priest's face anything but gently. It is said she left him with two black eyes, minus three teeth and with a sadly scratched cheek. He made his way to the train and it is said was sent to Mexico for an indefinite vacation. The conditions obtaining here are summed up in the words of one miner: "Yes, it was slavery in the east, but nothing like this. It's the script and the unfair weighing, the terrible hours, the pluck-the stores and worst of all, our honor. The men who can pay the superintendent \$10 or \$15 can get a good job. The men, especially the Italians, who has a handsome wife, can get a good job, too."

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WORKING CLASS INTEGRITY

Even under the worst conditions, the heroism and inherent honesty and guilelessness of the working class is seen.

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Trace the majority of murders, hold-ups, burglaries, financial smooth deals, extortion, lying and cheating of all kinds, to their original source, and you will find they started, not in inherent wickedness of heart, but in the false moral standards of the present ruling class. "Do others or they will do you." Get ease and plenty, honestly you can, but get them," etc.

When we work co-operatively to produce the necessities and comforts of life for ourselves, and not for idlers, when it becomes a disgrace to be a parasite, when all men shall have the right to work and reap the full return from their own labor, lying and cheating and crime will largely disappear, for the necessity for same will have vanished.

It is the historic mission of the working class to be mainly instrumental in bringing about the change from private to public ownership of the means of life, which will in turn produce the change in morals of which we speak.—Railway Employees' Journal.

ECHOES OF MASS MEETING.

Colorado Comrades Are Active—Advanced Thought Wins cheers—Able Addresses.

A monster mass meeting was held in the Coliseum, Denver, Sunday evening, Jan. 3, to protest against the military despotism now prevailing in Colorado. Fully 5,000 people were present and many went away who were unable to get into the hall.

The idea of the meeting originated with Denver local. The labor organizations were invited to participate, which they did, and in the end it was decided to make it a great people's demonstration. The Socialists, however, being under the movement.

Nearly all the labor leaders in the city are Socialists and co-operated the closing address, and read the resolutions which were adopted with but two dissenting votes.

The resolutions were unique, being in the main a transcript of the declaration of independence, with the name of James H. Peabody, governor of Colorado, substituted for that of King George III., and some resolutions added demanding the impeachment of the governor. While all the speakers were greeted with generous applause, it was noticeable that those who announced the most advanced thoughts on the line of the Socialist propaganda, were the most enthusiastically cheered. The great audience seemed in perfect sympathy with our revolutionary programme.

The general opinion is that while all the addresses were excellent, that of Mrs. Haylett was, par excellence, the address of the meeting.

The daily papers of Monday gave large space to reports of the meeting and the addresses and published the resolutions in full. It is said by every one that it was one of the largest and most orderly mass meetings ever held in this city.

While 5,000 citizens of Colorado were protesting against military despotism, the governor was issuing a proclamation, putting San Miguel county under martial law, his proclamation being printed in the same issue of the daily papers containing the demand for his impeachment.

Two other mass meetings are being planned for the near future, one to be a distinctively Socialist demonstration, in charge of Local Denver, the other to be under the direction of the labor unions and to be a dem-

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and worked splendidly with the Socialist committee.

Hon. J. Warner Mills, the attorney who so ably conducted our side of the fight with the police authorities last summer for free speech, was chairman, and in his speech on taking the chair made a splendid appeal for the maintenance of the constitutional rights of the citizens. Frank Hanks, attorney for the Western Federation of Miners, who has had charge of the defense of the "bull pen" prisoners at Cripple Creek, made a stirring address. Wm. Ward Jo, a coal miner from Trinidad, gave a brief sketch of the great coal strike in Colorado. Mrs. Ida Crouch Haylette, state organizer of the Socialist party, made a magnificent address, in which she gave special emphasis to the fundamental principles of the Socialist philosophy, dwelling in particular upon the class struggle and the inevitable exploitation of labor under the capitalist system, and Judge Owens of Leadville gave

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stration of organized labor. It is safe to say, however, that both will be splendid examples of Socialist propaganda. J. H. MARTIN, State Secretary.
Denver, Colo., Jan. 4, 1903.

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This little machine prints as fast as a typewriter can operate, uses no type, movable or immovable, but instead a polished plate of metal from which the impression may be erased as from a slate. It counts and measures the spaces in every line and justifies it with mathematical accuracy. When the printing is done and the plate erased, it leaves a little paper scroll, which, started through the machine again like a hurdy-gurdy roll, may be locked up alone in the building and it will of itself print the whole matter over again, absolutely without human direction.

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The inventor is W. S. Thomas, a small, dark, keen-eyed man of about 35, who tells enthusiastically of his product, but says nothing of himself. He has christened his machine the lithotype. He has none for sale; he is using the only one in existence, and has printed volumes with it. As might be inferred from the etymology of the word lithotype, the process used is akin to lithography, but it is equally related to typewriting and the use of piano playing devices.

The miners of Butler county, Pennsylvania, who are employed by the U. S. Steel Trust, are preparing for a strike on Feb. 15th. A \$2 assessment has been levied to raise a fund.

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