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## WHIPPED THEM TO A STANDSTILL

**Colorado's Governor Is Now for Peace. Says Mine Owners Should Make Terms. Asks the Mine Owners to Extend Their Crime-Steeped Hands "In Friendship" to the Miners. The Stick-Together Policy of the Working Class Too Much for the Corruption Crowd.**

The metal mine owners of Cripple Creek, Colo., are whipped to a standstill. The corruption fund is exhausted, the soldiers are many of them unpaid and the state has a deficit of \$75,000 on the military appropriation alone. The voters of the state are pledging themselves not to support a legislator who will not bind himself not to pay the debt and vote shaving Peabody, whose soul could be caught in a mouse trap, baited with a penny, is now for "peace." Peace at any price. Peace at the cost of extending the "olive branch" to the awful men who make up the Western Federation of Miners. Peace he must have and "he won't be satisfied until he gets it." At a banquet tendered him by the Cripple Creek Republican Club where the "peace" inspiration was so strong one could cut it with a knife, Governor Peabody, the loathsome, took occasion to say:

"I think I have done my duty in bringing about law and order in the Cripple Creek district, and now I will take the burden from my shoulders and place it on yours. In doing this I would suggest that the olive branch—the hand of friendship—should be extended to the striking miners, and that harmony between the employer and the employe should be brought about."

When this agent of capitalism talks about harmony between the working and the capitalist class one may safely conclude there is nothing else left for him to do. They have hunted our men like wild beasts. They have concocted murderous plots to send leading spirits to jail for long terms of years; they have chased men out of

### A KING'S ADVICE

Listen to the advice of King Leopold of Belgium to his nephew, Albert, heir presumptive to the throne: "Never give anything in writing at all, for subjects never forget a pledge of that sort, nor can they be persuaded of any double meaning it may contain. Verbal promises, on the other hand, are mere sound and smoke, quickly forgotten and usually ill reported. At least the official press may hint that the latter is the case. Besides, the common people hate writers and thinkers, because thinking is outside their own sphere. Do not read books on philologic, economic or social problem topics—they are liable to influence you against your own interest. Newspapers and magazines dealing with these subjects are likewise to be discouraged; they teach our subjects to think."

Those whom the working class have created despite their creations. They have the right to do so. Think of abusing one's self before one's own handiwork. Leopold realizes that if the people were not incapable of thinking he would not be holding his present job.

### TO FLOOD COAST.

An attempt has been made by the packers of the Pacific coast to flood the local labor market. Letters have been sent broadcast to induce butcher workmen to come to the Pacific coast, telling them that butchers are scarce and many slaughterers, sausage makers and meat cutters have been induced to come to their sorrow. There are ten men to every position and many who came with money are now without means and do not know how to get back to the east or middle west. There are only a few packing houses on the Pacific coast and all are small, only a few of them employ over a hundred men and most of them less than ten, most of the ham and bacon used being shipped from the middle west.

### MANY WITHDRAW.

The National Union of Hoisting Engineers has ordered a referendum vote on the question of withdrawing from the A. F. of L.

the district at the bayonet's point; they have cast them into unsanitary, vermin infested prisons; they have—but why attempt to enumerate? Everything which fendish malice could prompt and tigerish ferocity sanction, has been done to break the strike, but the miners are as firm as in August. Meantime, Montana men are settling down to business. The Butte Mill and Smelters forwarded \$1,600 on Saturday night. The tickets for Bandmann's performance are going like hot cakes and it is safe to say that several thousand dollars will be taken up in Butte alone. The rest of the state can be relied on to contribute liberally. Better get another corruption fund, Governor; the working class are going to give you a run for your money.

## SHERMAN ATTACKS THE UNIONS

**Jesuit Priest Says They are a Menace to Liberty. Is Glad Fred Grant Commands in Chicago, "Where the Greatest Danger and Menace Lies." Just a Capitalistic Tool.**

Father Sherman, who has been attacking Socialism and carefully side stepping every invitation to debate, is now out with the following: "The threats of unionism in Chicago and elsewhere throughout the country are a greater menace to liberty and the foundations of the government than the Southern Confederacy ever was. There is danger around us today."

"We must reorganize labor throughout the country or we will have another conflict greater than any the American people has had to contend with," continued the speaker.

"I am glad that Fred D. Grant is military commander in Chicago—military commander in the city where the threat and danger lies for another struggle for liberty."

Consider the "holy" man who brands an organization which, as John Morley said, strives "to secure more ease for the aged and more schooling for the young" as a menace to liberty. What can be said in defense of a priest who goes about the country attempting to cajole and threaten through appeals to prejudice and superstition, through predictions of roaring hell fire for those who will not kneel and place the foot of Capitalism upon their necks like Robinson Crusoe's man Friday and prophecies of golden harps and illuminated raiment for those who do. Picture to yourself a man who has taken a vow to follow in the footsteps of him who fought the battles of the common people of his day.

### TELLURIDE SCABS.

The character of those of the strike breakers at Telluride who are not trying to make their escape, but are willing to scab, is well shown by a recent happening where a gang of these thugs became involved in a quarrel at the Bullion mine over some powder with the result that three men were shot, one perhaps fatally and a riot was barely averted by the interference of the guards whom the mine companies find it necessary to employ to keep the peace among the armed cut throats who are masquerading as miners in the San Juan hills.

Nor are the outlaw element confined to the miners. The militia has its share of men who in large cities live by second story work, with an occasional assassination. A number of these gentry were among the large body of militia men who were mustered out of the service and left to whistle for their pay. Not taking kindly to the idea of serving without recompense, they kidnapped the militia paymaster and another tin "colonel" with the intention of holding them as hostages for their wages. The colonels were afterward released.

## PUTTING HIM "UP AGAINST IT"

The following resolution was adopted at the last meeting of the Industrial Council of Kansas City, Missouri.

Whereas, At a meeting of the National Employers' Association, held at Chicago, Oct. 1, 1903, a war of extermination on the Western Federation of Miners was declared, the results of which is the most bitter struggle between organized wealth, with all the powers of government, civil and military, on the one hand, and the progressive labor organization known as the Western Federation of Miners on the other. The declaration of military law in the Cripple Creek and Telluride districts, the imprisonment and deportation, without even the pretence of a trial, of honest working men for no other crime than that of being members of the W. F. of M., can be for no other purpose than to carry out the determination of the western mine owners to crush out this young, yet powerful labor union; and,

Whereas, The open invitation extended the officers of the A. F. of L. to assist in this dastardly scheme, by the employment of organizers in the territory now covered by the western labor movement, can be accepted only as a means to foment strife and discord in organized labor ranks by every true and loyal trades unionist; and,

Whereas, The continued silence on the part of the officers of the A. F. of L. is being accepted as silent hostility toward the W. F. of M.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we request an expression of sympathy from the national officers of the A. F. of L. and an offer of assistance commensurate with the demands of the situation in the territory involved, and copies of these resolutions be presented to the officers of the A. F. of L.:

I. TAYLOR, President;  
J. J. HACKETT, Secretary,  
Industrial Council Kansas City, Mo.

Kansas City, Mo., Feb. 6, 1904.

## THAT MISSOULA MILL DIFFICULTY

**General Manager of the Missoula Lumber Co. Charged With Making a Brass-Knuckle Assault and a Gun Play. Men Ask the Directorate to Investigate Charges.**

A committee from the Woodworkers' Union No. 354 of Missoula, Mont., arrived in Butte on Feb. 18th for the purpose of interviewing the directors of the Missoula Lumber Co. (Largey estate) for the purpose of presenting a grievance against Joe Carroll, general manager of the M. L. Co. and a demand that he be discharged because of his erratic and dangerous behavior toward the employes. The union's committee asks the directorate to investigate these charges and determine for themselves whether a man who regards a pair of brass knuckles and a revolver as necessary adjuncts to the position, is a fit and proper person to handle a body of men.

"Cabe" Harmon is "shop steward" at the lumber mill. He had never exchanged a word with Joe Carroll, yet the latter on Feb. 12th walked up to Harmon and in a bullying manner exclaimed: "What in h—ll are YOU

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**Catholic Organ of Illinois Declares It Is a Pity the A. L. U. can not be Abated by Law. Deplores Its Growth in Chicago. Action of Church Paper in Line With Past Attitude Toward Every Organization Calculated to Benefit Working Class. Also Assalts Public Schools.**

Labor union men who are still in the harness remember the memorable excommunication bull hurled at the Knights of Labor by Cardinal Taschereau of Canada at a time when the grand old organization was doing glorious work in its fight to give the organized worker an honorable place in the industrial world and open the eyes of the working class to a recognition of their class interests and when it had won a right to the gratitude and affection of every lover of justice by the various successes it had achieved in making the burdens of the toiler just a little lighter. Notwithstanding its achievements, notwithstanding that its teachings were in absolute accord with every principle we are taught to rever, a lord of the Roman Catholic church saw fit to

hurl the most dreaded weapon of the hierarchy at its head—and he lost his church many communicants by his act. About the same time the single tax agitation began to assume respectable proportions. The worst that can be said concerning its principles is that they contemplate the amelioration of the lot of the great common people "whom God must have loved since he made so many of them." Yet in spite of its humanitarian purposes a Catholic priest, Dr. McGlynn, found himself in great trouble by espousing the cause. Next comes the Socialist movement, which is spreading across the country like wild fire. Lo and behold the Roman church is again out denouncing a purpose which in its fulfillment contemplates nothing more than that a man shall have the full product of his own toil. Excommunication is not yet threatened. The lesson learned from the old K. of L. still sticks, but every other weapon known to the most astute band of diplomats the world has ever known is called into play to check the rising tide of human liberty.

While engaged in "stemming" Socialism, the Typographical union, which is an industrial organization and therefore effective, attracts clerical attention and a vicious onslaught follows. Indeed, one is justified in saying that the policy of the Roman Catholic church during the past 30 years seems to be hostile to every movement which sought to pull the workingman from under the bosses' feet. The American Labor Union is

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### THEN AND NOW

The Montana Ore Purchasing Co., who operate in Butte, Mont., where 30 days' pay is the rule, has issued orders that in future pay day will be every two weeks. Some years ago a bill providing for a two week pay day was introduced in the fifth legislative assembly by Representative M. G. O'Malley of Cascade. It passed the house by a good majority, but was defeated by corporation influence in the senate, where its supporters numbered but 5 out of 23. Those who supported the bill were, according to the writer's recollection, Senators Brosman of Cascade, Ramsdell of Flathead, Watt of Meagher, Hanna of Sweet Grass and Smead of Missoula. Eggleston of Deer Lodge led the opposition, as, indeed, he did on all measures against corporation interests and many of the senators were but dough in his hands. He also succeeded in defeating the eight-hour law, which was introduced by the same representative, and which also passed the house, only to die in the senate. Both measures were regarded with horror by the "solid interests" of the state at the time they were introduced and their author was freely spoken of as "a wild eyed anarchist" and quite an unsafe man. Stress of political circumstances forced the passage of an eight-hour law. It has forced the adoption of a two week pay day. Those measures which were dangerous in '97 are perfectly proper in 1904, because the corporations in their plundering fight have found it wise to accept them. Compromise, ever compromise. The capitalist class when forced to it will offer anything in order to retain their place on our backs.

### STRIKE PROBABLE.

The coal miners who are on strike in Colorado are opening up coal mines of their own. Two mines recently started will be controlled by the strikers of the Fremont district. A number of men have succeeded in obtaining a lease on some coal land below Florence. They have a four foot vein. A large number of strikers will be employed. Another large union proposition is not yet ready for announcement.

## LABORERS HAVE A GREIVANCE

**General Officers of the International Laborers Charge A. F. of L. Officials With un-Union Like Assaults Upon Them. Their Aim Is to Reach the Unorganized, but Sammy Fights Them Just the Same. His Usual Policy.**

The well known western saying that "what Gompers cannot dominate he seeks to destroy," has been exemplified many times during the life of his organization, as more than one international union will bear witness to. The latest union to incur the displeasure of the "Physic" federation outfit is the Laborers' International Union, with headquarters at Dayton, Ohio. In a circular letter sent out by the general officers appears the following significant statements:

"Our Journal and our organization are being assailed in the capitalist press of the nation; is being lied about scandalously, and is being fought at every conceivable point by the American Federation of Labor."

"We are an organization of laborers formed on strictly industrial lines and have been organized since May 1st, 1902. During this time we have built up our organization until we now number nearly 200 local unions, representing thousands of workers that were never organized and taught the class struggle before. . . . We believe that our present success

They decline to affirm or deny this story.

Two Cripple Creek officers will shortly appear before a court of inquiry on a conflict of authority. When the 12 o'clock closing went into effect a detail of men went chasing

is due entirely to the progressiveness of the entire organization and its superior form of industrial organization. We are not affiliated with the American Labor Union, but are working in harmony with them and their organizers. . . . Negotiations are in progress looking toward affiliation, and it is possible that our membership may vote to align themselves with the western organization.

"We call these matters to your attention so that you may know the truth as against the lying statements that are being given publicly, both through the daily press and some so-called labor organizations. We are fighting for the interests of the laborer who have been neglected for years while other crafts have organized and gained better conditions at his expense, and we will always fearlessly be found fighting the battles of the working class, recognizing as we do, the independence of labor."

These statements have the signature of W. G. Crichton, president of the Laborers' International Protective Union.

around town each night to see that the rule was enforced. One night they came upon a saloon where a "colonel" was playing poker. He insisted that the place be left open. The sergeant ignored him and the saloon was closed. A court of inquiry is the result.

### THE BIG WHIST PARTY

The biggest thing in whist parties in the history was given by the Woman's Socialist Guild on Feb. 19 at the Butte Auditorium. There were as many tables as the immense hall would hold and they were all occupied. It is rumored that the guild members are thinking of engaging the pavilion at Columbia gardens for their next whist party, so they can have room to seat all their guests. The pavilion hall is the largest in the northwest, but the ladies think it not a bit too large for them. The members of the Woman's Socialist Guild have given an example of patriotic devotion to principle that might well be emulated everywhere. The immense amount of work required to carry an entertainment of the character to a successful conclusion was performed with zeal by these splendid women with no other object in view than to provide funds to carry on the economic education of the working class. In the days to come, when the words oppressor and oppressed will have become unknown, the Woman's Socialist Guild will have a high place among the list of those who have done the state some service.

### WILL KEEP LIST.

The Carpenter publishes a complete list of the names of unions which voted against the Brotherhood and advises local unions to retain the list for reference in case any of them should ever apply for aid to the carpenters unions.



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THE EXAMINER'S ADVICE.

With some of the working class, and not always those of foreign birth, by the way, there exists a feeling of reverence for wealth and position which amounts almost to a mania. Words which are filled with the emptiness of nothingness when uttered by a member of their own class, become gems of wisdom when they fall from the lips of men whose bank account runs into six figures. It is this type of working man that forms the "conservative" portion, though what they have to conserve is passed finding out. The capitalist class have told them to keep out of politics and they have taken the advice. Just when their views on this subject have become completely settled along comes a capitalist paper and advises them to go into politics and puts them at sixes and sevens by disarranging their views. Of course, this new departure on the part of a capitalist paper is prompted by a desire to use the working class in the interest of a capitalist. The advice is given, not for the purpose of getting the working class to do something for themselves, but merely to elect one man to an honorable office, regardless of the motive. The argument, portions of which are herewith given, is good and cannot be successfully gainsaid. It appears in the San Francisco Examiner of Jan. 7th, under the caption, WORKINGMEN, UNION MEN, GET INTO POLITICS. What's the Use of Passing Idle Resolutions, as You Did One Hundred Years Ago? In the article, which is a lengthy one, appears the following passages:

"The suggestion that unions of workmen should be a political force as well as an economic force is arousing the interest and the approval of those workmen and leaders who can think.

"Could anything be more stupid than general indifference on the part of any great body of men to unite in political action?

"What is the ballot for? Is it not to realize the ideas and wishes of the voters? Is there any sense in talking and "resolving" and discussing as united bodies and then going and voting as separate individuals?

"When anything comes up which ought to be changed in our government, what do the unions do?

"They pass resolutions—very fine and eloquent resolutions—saying that such and such a thing ought not to be or such and such a thing ought to be.

"But why not vote to make it so? It was all very well for workmen to pass resolutions, or hand up humble petitions, two hundred or a hundred and fifty years ago—when they had no votes.

"In those days resolutions, petitions and such things were their only hope. But now besides passing resolutions as unions, they can vote as unions. Why should they not do it?

"It is pleasing to see that the able labor leaders feel the need of united action of a political kind. Some labor leaders will be found conscientiously opposed to any united action. But as a general rule the leader who opposes union labor in politics is a man who wants to keep labor union influence for himself, and, if possible, deliver it.

"What does the average workman think about himself and politics? He knows that to gain his labor union points he and other workers must act as a unit, sticking together.

"Must he not also gain his political ends through united action?"

It is highly probable that if Mr. Hearst were not an aspirant for political honors, no such advice as the above would ever have been given by him. Like countless others he is anxious to use the working class to elevate him to the chief magistracy of the nation. Yet Mr. Hearst knows that he as president could do absolutely nothing to relieve the conditions which exist today. He knows that the capitalist class hold the country in a grip of steel. That crime, misery, suffering and want go hand in hand with private ownership of things collectively used and that his party, like the republican party, or any other party which endorses the present so called competitive system, can do nothing to relieve that condition. Notwithstanding this knowledge on his part, he is bending every energy into hoodwinking the working class to forget their own interest in support of his.

Such a man is more to be feared than an open foe, for he is not honest. But his advice in the matter quoted is good.

The man who does not vote right, will not shoot right.

The supreme test of the intelligence of a citizen is the effect the principles he votes for has on his interests.

The workman who declares, with much emphatic shaking, of his head, that he does not propose to let any one tell him how to vote, had better make arrangements for a long lay off about election time if he happens to be employed by the big corporations.

Harry H. Lee, a Denver lawyer and a prominent democrat, has joined the republican party. He is the attorney for one of the Cripple Creek mining companies and in their interest he changed his politics. Really, it was unnecessary. The democratic party stands for the same condition of things that the republicans stand for. He could serve his masters equally well in his former camp.

The United Mine Workers and the operators are likely to lock horns over the 1904 agreements. A joint conference at Indianapolis was productive of no results. A second one has been called. The miners of Ohio, Western Pennsylvania, Indiana, Illinois, Central Pennsylvania, West Virginia, Michigan, Iowa, Maryland and Kentucky are involved, making a total of 150,000 men.

A Nebraska newspaper says: "In the court that dismissed Senator Dietrich on a technicality a young man who broke into a postoffice and stole 30 pennies and \$9 worth of stamps was sentenced to three years in the penitentiary, while an employe in the Omaha postoffice who stole \$2,029 was let off with a fine of \$2,000—or \$29 less than the amount of his stealings."

Some men would like to know what a union can do for them before they put in their application. Another case of separating the union from the membership. It is not a case of "what can the union do for me?" but "what can I do for myself by combining with my fellow workmen?" The old plan of industry where every individual might go it alone, is past forever. Combination is the order of the day. Keep up with the times.

A fine example of that devotion to principle which attains to the sublime is shown by the men in charge of the Seattle Socialist. The salary of the business man ago and that of the associate editor a but \$5 per week each, while the editor-in-chief uses money obtained from a small business venture to pay printing bills. This information comes to us from San Francisco, Cal., our correspondent volunteering this comment: "Whatever his (the editor of the S. S.) faults are, he is, in my opinion, as straight as a die and deserves great credit for the stick-to-it-iveness he has shown."

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the latest body to incur priestly wrath. The New World, the organ of the ecclesiastical province of Illinois, makes a savage attack in which it declares that our principles "are highly revolutionary" and expresses the regret (which Parry and the Mine Owners' Association will say amen to) "that such organizations as the American Labor Union, cannot be abated by law."

The New World says: "Some time ago the New World cited the attempt of the so called American Labor Union, imported here from Colorado and the west to draw strength from the American Federation of Labor. \* \* It tried to get into the regular union organizations and failed; still, undiscouraged, it began organizing locals of its own, and, we are told by a reliable Catholic unionist, with considerable success.

"Now it claims to have more than 5,000 members in Chicago and has, we are informed, organized an imposing trades assembly of its own. Since we are led to understand that this particular organization is distinctly socialistic and anti-Christian, we cannot other than regard its progress as ominous.

"It is gratifying to learn that so far few Catholics have become identified with the dangerous movement. We are convinced that any workman who joins it sooner or later will find himself in trouble. Its principles are highly revolutionary and we scarcely think the American people will tolerate a reign of terror for several years yet. Such incendiary organizations actually injure the cause of conservative unionists. They give the enemies of the latter some color for the assertion that the labor unions are socialistic. Unions of such character are, but the majority are as free of it as are the Knights of Columbus or any similar society. It is a pity such organizations cannot be abated by law."

The Chicago Chronicle, the editorials of which are scattered all over the land by the Manufacturers' Association, and which is known as the most rabid anti-working class sheet in America, gives a great deal of space to the attack of the Catholic organ on the A. L. U. In the same issue of the Chronicle the New World is again quoted in an attack on the public school system, which it terms a Godless institution which operates in the interest of "socialism and anarchy." It upbraids the Protestants for not joining in a movement to crush the public schools and declares that if they continue to exist "the combination (socialism and anarchy) will succeed in accomplishing its legitimate result."

At reading stuff like the foregoing in a religious paper one is not disposed to regard with much favor the efforts of those theologians who seek to dispel the idea of a material hell in which one might set apart in one's fancy, a particularly hot and sulphurous corner for the special torture of those who prostitute a sacred calling in the interests of capitalism.

AGAINST PEABODY.

Suits for Damages for Walkouts and Imprisonments Will Be Begun Against Governor.

The executive officers of the Western Federation of Miners have decided to withdraw all suits now pending against officers of the Colorado national guard in consequence of the militiamen's acts in connection with walkouts and bring action against Governor Peabody alone. It will be alleged that the governor is responsible for the acts of the military and that his course has been in violation of law.

Orders have been issued at the state house reducing the military force at Cripple Creek to 55 men. These are all picked men, and they will remain in the field indefinitely.

UNION MEN ASSAULTED.

First Violence Since Strike Began, Is Committed by Thugs, Who Are Supposed to Keep the Peace.

William Fairley and James Mooney, members of the national board of the United Mine Workers of Alabama and Missouri, respectively, were waylaid on the road between Majestic and Bowen, dragged from their buggy by eight men armed with stones and sixshooters, and left lying in the road. They were able to later get into their buggy and drive to Bowen. They were brought to Trinidad. Mooney was seriously injured and was taken to a hospital. Fairley was able to go to his hotel.

This is the first disturbance since the strike was inaugurated in November. It is reported that the men were attacked by guards at the coal mines.

The number of idle men in Kansas City, Mo., is said to be simply appalling.

BUT THEY DON'T.

"The American Labor Union and the Western Federation of Miners must go. Both organizations have reached the point where they are dangerous to the community at large. They are lawless aggregations, teeming with socialists and anarchists. They do no good to labor and have an astounding record of murder and crime. Samuel Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor, I regard as a comparatively conservative man, and the employers of the west would be glad to see him succeed in extending the control of the American Federation throughout the west. If the A. F. of L. would put its organizers in the territory controlled by the American Labor Union today it would reap a harvest in a remarkably short time."—J. C. Craig, secretary of The Denver Citizens' Alliance.

EARNING AND GETTING.

Citizen—"How much do you earn a day, Pat, doing this kind of work?"
Pat—"Tin dollars, sor."
Citizen—"Gee whilkens! You don't tell me you get ten dollars a day for digging this ditch?"
Pat—"O! didn't say O! got tin dollars, O! sed O! earned it."
Citizen—"Oh!"

Clerk—"I want more salary; I am going to get married, sir."
Employer—"But I don't believe in unions raising the price of labor."—Puck.

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Because The Appeal to Reason has been fit to criticize the Colorado outlaws, Peabody, Chase and Bell, and because it advises the working class to stop voting for the capitalist system and vote for themselves, a little two-bit postmaster at Pueblo, Colo., has held the paper up "pending investigation." It is not yet known

what his real purpose is; whether to emulate the example of his superiors at Washington and "graft" on the Appeal or whether he desires to "make a stand in" with the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co. In any event, he has exceeded his authority and, incidentally, made a few more Socialist votes.

NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

Foeschler & Son, butchers, also the Anman (late Neaves) of Bozeman, Mont., are unfair to organized labor.

The employing class of Clarkson, Wash., are very antagonistic to unionism, but it thrives nevertheless.

Brewers' union, No. 18, of Chicago, has made a second donation to the Colorado strike fund—\$200 this time. How is that for high?

The Standard Oil Co. has been making a determined effort to get rid of union men in West Virginia, where the A. L. U. has several locals.

W. E. Cole has been appointed special organizer for the Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' Union, A. L. U., No. 275.

Omaha brewers are in line with a second donation of \$25 for the Colorado strike fund. Better union men than the brewery boys are not to be found anywhere.

The Silver Bow Trades and Labor Assembly decided to attend the funeral of Dan J. Hanniffa and appointed a committee to procure a suitable floral tribute for the body.

Wadsworth (Nevada) Division, No. 6, U. B. of R. E., has forwarded a donation to the W. F. M. fund with the best of good wishes for the success of the strike.

The Pueblo Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen's Union, A. L. U., have changed their meetings to the first and fourth Mondays of the month.

Darby Lumbermen's Union, No. 48, A. L. U., have forwarded a P. O. order for \$51.80 subscription in aid of the Western Federation of Miners. This is the second donation from this union. The first was a check for \$100.

The Brauer Zeitung, official organ of the United Brewery Workers, compliments the brewery workers on the substantial assistance given to the Colorado miners, but reminds them that the struggle is still on. "Show your solidarity, comrades," is its exhortation.

A monster mass meeting was held at the Bohemian National hall in New York city on the night of Feb. 10th, in behalf of the miners on strike in Colorado. The meeting was addressed by W. H. Wise, Geo. D. Heron, J. Sparks, Morris Hillquit and Alg. Lee.

At the San Francisco mass meeting denouncing Peabody, the Pacific Coast Musicians' A. L. U. Local No. 425 donated services, which if paid for at union rates, would have amounted to \$197.00. Their showing was splendid and much favorable comment has been made.

A. L. U., Federal No. 317 of San Francisco has changed from 2nd and 4th Mondays to every Tuesday evening. Secretary Palmer declares that 317 is destined to become a power and when one considers the enthusiasm of the members for industrial unionism, one can readily believe the time not far distant.

"We still keep on getting new members," writes Alameda county, Cal., Musicians' Union. This organization is making splendid progress and is made up of earnest, conscientious union men who are in the labor movement, not because they have to as is the case sometimes, but because they are union men at heart, every inch of them. They are entitled to success.

At a meeting of the Building Trades in New York on the 10th, Mr. Robert Reed, who delivered an address in which he declared that the Western Federation of Miners were not united with the A. L. U. This is on a par with those other statements about withdrawing unions, losing ground, etc., that have been spread by the eastern fakir, helped on by the capitalist press. It is to be regretted that Mr. Reed's cause is so rotten that he finds it necessary to bolster it with falsehood.

Among those who are active in spreading the light of industrial unionism is Brother M. Robinson, who has recently joined Workingmen's Industrial Union, No. 452, A. L. U., of Portland, Ore. He carries an A. L. U. sign upon his wagon and preached the gospel of "stand together" constantly. His address is 246 North 15th street, telephone west 1221; office, Third and Bernside; telephone, main 1929; No. of wagon, 78. This announcement is made at the request of the Journal correspondent of No. 452, A. L. U., of Portland.

MEN OR MONKEYS.

Idaho Man in Doubt About Classification of Many Members of Working Class.

Edr. American Labor Union Journal. If you can spare me space in your paper, I would like to say a few words to organized labor in general. "Are we men or monkeys?" If the former, why do we act the latter? This applies to all laborers, whether organized or unorganized. Take the laboring man in general. He will acknowledge that he does not get justice and fair treatment in the division of the products of his toil. Still he will go to the polls and vote for the party who make unjust laws governing this division. Then after election is over, and he gets the worst of the deal, he scratches his head and wonders how it happened. There is your monkey. Now, for instance, I was talking to a man about politics. He said that he had belonged to labor organizations for fifteen years and had voted the republican ticket for twenty-three years. When asked what he thought of the Socialist party, he said: "Oh, it's all a humbug." And then when I asked him why he thought it a humbug, his reply was that the Socialist would never get what they were trying for. His argument being based on the fact that the capitalists had all the money. Of course, we know that the capitalists have all the money, and what's more they are going to keep it if we lay still and say nothing "Faint heart never won fair lady," which saying is as true today as it was in Shakespeare's time. It is an evident fact that as long as we made believe that we are men and still act the monkey, why, that much longer we will be treated as monkeys. Now, I think it time to come out and show the world that we are men and that we do not intend to submit to the stealings of the capitalist class. And what's more and to the point we do not intend to be "bullied" by the sword and bayonet much longer. The time is not far distant when such men or monkeys, we might say, as Peabody, Keller and a few others that could be mentioned, will regret the work they have done. But their repentance will come too late. So wake up, comrades, and help the gold old cause of Socialism along. Let's show the world that we are men tried and true. Not the little despicable monkey they take us to be. Come now, honor bright, are you a man or a monkey? Respectfully, ANDREW F. BARNETT.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by Denver Blacksmiths and Helpers' Union on the Death of Valentine G. Wurtz. Whereas, The great and supreme ruler of the universe has in His infinite wisdom removed from among us our worthy and esteemed fellow worker, Valentine G. Wurtz; and Whereas, The long and intimate relations held with him in the faithful discharge of his duty in this union, makes it eminently fitting that we record our appreciation of him; therefore, be it Resolved, That the wisdom and ability which he exercised in the aid of our union, by service, contributions and counsel, be held in grateful remembrance; Resolved, That the sudden removal of such lives from our midst leaves a shadow that will be deeply realized by all the members and friends of this union; Resolved, That with deep sympathy with the bereaved relatives of the deceased brother, we express our hope that even so great a loss to us all, be overruled for good by Him who doeth all things well; Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of this union, a copy be printed in the official organ of the A. L. U., and a copy sent to the bereaved family, and that our charter be draped for a period of thirty days. CHARLES ADAMS, WILSON RICE, JOHN NIELSEN, Committee. Blacksmiths and Helpers' Union No. 163; Denver. In a case in a Great Falls, Mont., court a witness swore that foremen at the B. & M. smelters are in the habit of "grafting" on the men, the price of a job being any thing from a box of cigars up. One foreman, Hugh Ball by name, was particularly mentioned. We must not only give up the lions share of our production but must pay for the privilege. In order to break down the strength of the labor unions of Omaha, the contractors are pursuing the open shop policy—hiring men regardless of their connection and paying the same rate of wages as prevailed before the lockout, when they attempted to put the unions out of business.

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## THE U. B. OF R. E. CONVENTION

The second biennial convention of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees will be held on the second Monday of May next. The enthusiasm which animates the membership of this large and growing order guarantees a big attendance at this convention of progressive railroad men, which, by the way, is the only railroad union that is feared by the railroad companies, for the reason that its plan of organization does not permit them to pit one branch of the service against the other. A new division has just been opened at Galveston, Tex.; another has been established at Little Falls, Minn., while two others will follow in a few days, possibly March 1st, at Galveston, Tex., and also at New Orleans, La. With the passing of winter the number of divisions will multiply rapidly,

as the United Brotherhood has a large number of organizers in the field who are of the character that produces results.

The U. B. of R. E. is now in the most prosperous circumstances, from a standpoint of membership as compared with any previous time in its history. It has been sorely tried and not found wanting. It has successfully resisted the disruptive efforts of the officers of old hide bound, useless aristocratic orders and also the brutal attacks of railway companies. Its effectiveness, long appreciated by the railway managers who sought its destruction, is now understood by progressive railway workers. Its prospects are of a rosy character and its onward progress will be in exact ratio to the growth of intelligence and class consciousness among the working class.

## THEIR HOLY AIM.

"Blows at the western labor organizations are to be struck repeatedly and the American Federation of Labor is to be invited by the employers to step into the western field and reorganize the movement. Socialism, according to the claims of the western employers, completely controls the western labor movement, which is practically in the grip of the A. L. U. and the Western Federation of Miners."—Chicago special to the Kansas City Times regarding the intention of the Manufacturers' Association.

Members of the New York 400 have given up the practice of parading their jewels and finery in public. Conried has been requested to erect a lattice work in front of the boxes at the opera in order that society may escape the vulgar gaze. In the meantime the boxes are kept dark while the upper ten occupy them. The social unrest is beginning to alarm these lampreys of industrialism. They

foolishly imagine that the mutterings of the masses are caused by envy and they hope to allay it by ceasing to parade their magnificence before the wolfish eyes of hunger and want. Poor fools, the masses are moved not by envy, but by the prompting of an inherent sense of justice. It is not the affluence of another's lot, but the squalor and filth of their own that moves them.

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## INJURY ON ONE, CONCERN OF ALL

The Working Class Awakening. Chicago Workingmen Make Common Cause With Their Brethren in the Rocky Mountains. Moral and Financial Support of the Gathering Pledged to the Men of Colorado and Utah. Characterizes the Action of Governor and Legislature as a "Perjured Failure".

The Journal is in receipt of the resolutions adopted by the Chicago mass meeting held at Brand's hall on North Clark street on the 14th of February by the American Labor Union locals of that city to protest against bayonet rule in Colorado and Utah and which was addressed by Guy E. Miller, president of the Telluride Miners, who has had a close, personal acquaintanceship with the high blinder methods of Colorado capitalism, as personified in Peabody and Bell; Seymour Stedman of The Western Star, James Hamilton Lewis, A. M. Simons and others. The resolutions show that the working class of the Windy City are in close touch with the situation. It will be noted that the gathering pledged their moral and financial support to the Colorado brethren. It is this awakening on the part of the working class that is destined to one day perform the Christly act of scourging the money changers from the temple of American liberties.

## RESOLUTIONS.

Adopted by mass meeting held at Brand's hall, Chicago, on February 14th, 1904:

Whereas, The people of Colorado by an overwhelming majority adopted an amendment to the constitution making the enactment of an eight-hour law mandatory upon the governor and legislature; and,

Whereas, Through the corruption

practiced by the corporation and the influence used by the governor, the legislature failed to enact a law; and,

Whereas, The striking miners of Colorado have suffered every indignity and injustice that malice could suggest or military power perform, to-wit: Imprisonment without trial, the writ of habeas corpus, the militia refusing to obey the demands of the court, citizens deported from their homes, homes invaded by the militia and blown up by the corporations, men shot down on the highway by thugs under the guise of deputy sheriffs, the press, telegraph and telephone censored, that the world might not know the atrocities of corporate power and finally the governor proclaimed a refusal to go to work on the terms of the mine managers as an insurrection and hired out the militia of the state to the mine owners and managers' union to crush the Miners' union; and,

Whereas, Such conduct places the privilege of corporations above the law and the constitutional rights of the citizens and is subversive of every tradition of American institution; therefore, be it

Resolved, by the workingmen of Chicago in protest meeting assembled, that we condemn the governor and legislature of the state of Colorado for their perjured failure to enact an eight hour law in accordance with the constitution; we condemn the use of the militia to destroy the rights of a large portion of the people of a state in the interests of a privileged few, and further we pledge our fullest support, moral and financial, to the Western Federation of Miners in their battles with corporate might and extend to them our fraternal greetings.

## LABOR'S PROGRESS IN OTHER LANDS

Compiled by Agnes Wakefield, Boston, Mass.

## RUSSIA.

Unusually audacious demonstrations against the government are occurring among the Russian soldiers. In Tschakotauri, 80 recruits marched through the city with a red flag and sang the Marseillaise. A similar scene was enacted in Ozurgeti, where the people shouted "down with the czar! Down with despotism and militarism!" The authorities were much alarmed at the revolutionary spirit revealed in Batum, where the recruits gather from various Caucasian districts. More than 2,000 recruits marched in a procession following a red flag with the inscription "Down with militarism! Down with despotism! Long live the republic!"

Many students have been arrested in Kiev. It is reported from that city that the so called "Holy Leagues" which Minister of the Interior Von Plehve and the minister of education founded, with the hope of opposing Socialist and revolutionary propaganda among the students are failures. Socialist and revolutionary students entered the "Holy Leagues" and advocated Socialism. In the past year the revolutionary spirit prevailing in the universities, has invaded the technical institutes and the higher classes of colleges, and outside those academic circles Socialist propaganda makes unusual progress in nearly all industrial classes. The fact that every year from 2,000 to 30,000 highly educated young persons filled with strong indignation at present conditions go from the universities and colleges into all circles of Russian society gives reason for serious consideration on the part of the aristocracy and legislators of Russia.

A Russian general recently said to an English newspaper correspondent: "God protect us if we became involved in a long and unfortunate war with Japan! We should have to fight an internal revolt at the same time."

A Russian Socialist periodical, "Oswobozdenie," has recently published a private circular from the governor general of Irkutsk addressed to the governors. In this edict a complaint is made that political prisoners often escape from Siberia for lack of careful surveillance. The exiles mingle with the workers and influence them to become revolutionists and Socialists, so that their banishment is of no avail. The police must watch them and report daily. The houses of the exiles must be searched by the police as often as possible. All their correspondence must be inspected. This shows that Socialism is progressing in Siberia.

The tyrannical action of the Russian government in dissolving the technical students' convention in St. Petersburg, has caused much excitement. At the beginning of their third convention, the technical students voted to send Leo Tolstol and Korolenko telegrams expressive of admiration. The dispatches were sent with loud applause. Among the 300 members were two who had taken part in the Jewish massacre in Kishinef; a section voted not to continue the convention while those two persons were present. This decision, with a criticism of events in Kishinef, angered the authorities, and the convention was dissolved by the government.

The Moscow book compositors' strike of last August brought the workers of that trade into closer relations throughout Russia, and has resulted in the establishment of a special organ. The gains made by the Moscow book compositors incite those of other cities to emulation. The new paper has the purposes of uniting the various groups of book compositors and of systematically studying the conditions of that trade. Russian despotism compels the new paper to be published by a secret press.

## JAPAN.

The Japanese Socialists are trying to oppose the evils of inflaming the people to war. The Socialists of Tokio on Oct. 15th, held a meeting of protest against the nationalists war agitation, in which Comrade Abe showed the Japanese workers that the Russian workers, who are heroically struggling against czarism, are their brothers.

The Japanese government is taking severe measures to hinder the progress of Socialism. Comrade S. Katayama, editor of "The Socialist," was prosecuted in Tokio for some articles in his weekly paper which has been confiscated by the police as contrary to peace and public order. Comrade Katayama sailed for this country last month. After a visit here he will attend the international socialist convention in Amsterdam.

The children of the poor in Japan are often worked cruelly long hours for miserable wages. There are no factory laws to check the greed of Japanese employers.

## ENGLAND.

The master of the Tanner Street Workhouse, Bermondsey, Mr. W. W. Parkinson, says that in England 12,000,000 persons are on the verge of starvation. With an experience of 40 years, he says he has never witnessed such an influx of able bodied men into the workhouse.

Mr. W. R. Libby, who is secretary of a free meal fund established 13 years ago, who has been 30 years under the London school board, and is now head master of a Walworth board school, estimates that "40 per cent. of the children of his district are so poorly fed as to be physically incapable of appropriating the normal benefits of education."—London "Justice," Jan. 16th.

## WHAT'S THE USE?

(Edwin Arnold Brenholtz in The Worker.)

What's the use of trying, Comrade, to resist the rich by force? Have you got the guns and training? No? Then take the other course. Starving millions seek your places—what's the use to strike? Pray tell! For the purpose of the Masters riot-cartridges should spell. Poor upon the street annoy them; beggars pleading for a place—Just for place and pay sufficient, life to keep—spells their disgrace. So the new militia's mustered, and the regulars will shoot;—For a million less of workers, soon, the millionaire will suit.

What's the use to let them nag you?—for revolt they're well prepared; When you're dead your vote's not counted, and your vote cannot be spared.

Sword and galling guns and glory, ammunition, gold and power; What have you to set against them? This, behold, is Caesar's hour! True, the man that pays your pittance is a Master—you, a Slave; But your children won't find freedom through the passway of your grave. What's the use to be a martyrs?—men forget their martyrs, soon;—Here's to Courage casting ballots!—wresting thus sweet Freedom's boon.

What's the use to be a martyr. Well perchance, there may be use— If they take the ballot from you, you will have a clear excuse. If the freedom of the fathers is forever barred from you, You can die as should a freeman—you can do as martyrs do. You can struggle for the safety of the sons your wives have borne; You can die to save the daughters from destruction, as you've sworn. But there still remains the ballot; what's the use to throw away Single chance to solve the problem in the peaceful, nobler way.

What's the use to use the bullet when your ballot does the work, Leaves the millionaire the blood stains—places him where he can't shirk? What's the use for e'er disguising that our ballots HAVE to count— That our patience has a limit?—though we've got the full amount. What's the use for once evading what is evident to all; That we don't intend much longer to perpetuate the ball At the cost of thousand hovels, or the rich, at millions poor— That we'll vote ourselves in power, and no longer, THEN, endure.

What's the use to take the trouble this and that to once deny? Falsehoods, calumnies unfounded, need no mortal to reply. Plain our purpose has been stated; giving labor all it earns— To dispense with kings and rulers; freedom's flame still steadfast burns. What's the use to win one atom less than all that Freedom named? Equal rights and equal living—else the workers shall be shamed! What's the use? There's none in winning, if our victory leaves ONE slave—

WHAT'S THE USE? Let's ask the question when a coward fear restrains; For the sake of greater numbers, stating plainly what remains. Not a reservation's needed; work performed by all shall be. From the chains of greed and classes every mortal must be free. Should the workers be unwilling to establish here and now Equal rights and equal freedom—to majority, then, bow. For the question would be answered—and enslaved the race would live— For equality has nothing HALF WAY FREEMEN e'er to give.

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