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STRIVING FOR A PLACE BESIDE BELL

Major Hill at Trinidad Tries to Show the Mine Owners Just how Useful a Tool He Really Is. Orders the Camp of the Strikers, Who Have Rented a Park and Have Rent Paid to June 1st., to Break up Under Pain of Military Displeasure. Evicted People Are Without Means and Have Been Cared for by the Union. Go to Work or Leave the County Is the Edict.

Determined not to be outdone by the redoubtable Bell at Telluride, "Major" Hill at Trinidad has ordered the wholesale eviction of striking coal miners at that place. Hundreds of families that have been living at that place in tents since the strike began have been ordered by this promising candidate for infamy to move on. None of these people have money. They have been depending entirely on the union for their bread. Hill has full control of Las Animas county, and it is the belief of the strikers that he will forbid the establishment of a new camp within the confines of his jurisdiction, an easy plan, by the way, of forcing the strikers into the mines or into exile, without cost to the mine owners or expense to the state. If they refuse to move, however, it will spoil his little plan. The grove in which the tents are pitched was rented by the union at \$100 a month. The rent is paid up to June 1st. The sanitary conditions are good. The owners are entirely satisfied to have the tent owners as tenants. But Mr. Hill gives the order to move on and if not obeyed the strikers are warned that they will be in contempt of the military. If contempt for the Colorado militia be a crime there are millions of criminals in the United States. The Colorado situation is directly due to the working men themselves. The element that wanted "something now" swayed our brothers from the straight class conscious path of duty.

They are getting something now. The deplorable part is that numbers innocent ones are compelled to suffer with the numb skulls. The Western Federation, at its last convention, declared for the principles of international socialism. The rank and file of the organization at the behest of the wind jammers from the old political parties who "wanted something now" for themselves, repudiated this action, not in Colorado alone, but throughout the country. They did not want "politics in the union." They are now having a chance to compare politics in the union with bayonets outside the union. For actions which are akin to those of dumb driven cattle the behavior of some members of the working class certainly are entitled to the palm.

There has never been a movement that was distinctly in the interest of the working class until the Socialist movement was born. It does not trundle to or compromise with the powers of the capitalist class. In every industrial center the advocate of Socialism is under the ban of the employing class. His chances for work oftentimes depend on his power to hold a tight rein on his tongue. He is blacklisted and driven from pillar to

THEY JOIN THE W. F. M.

Northern Mineral Mine Workers Vote Unanimously to Unite With the Western Federation.

The secretary-treasurer of the Western Federation of Miners, W. D. Haywood, announces that the Northern Mineral Mine Workers, which has been in annual convention at Ishpeming, Mich., have voted unanimously to affiliate with the Western Federation of Miners. Their membership is quite large, their field of operations covering Michigan, Wisconsin, New Jersey, Alabama, Georgia, North and South Carolina.

TO SUPPORT THE STRIKE.

Hoquiam Shingle Weavers' Union of Washington (A. F. of L.) forwards \$5 in aid of the boys in Colorado and express a willingness to send a like sum each month until victory is won. They regret that they are not well posted on conditions in the Centennial state. That they are not, is of course, due to the criminal silence maintained by the "pudgey Messiah," who has been desperately striving for the mine owners to win.

post because he contends for his rights of the working class. Yet in spite of the martyrdom he is compelled to undergo at the hands of the bosses, there are unions of working men who look at a Socialist as though he ought to apologize for being what he is.

After the manifold crimes of those in positions of authority in Colorado, after the overthrow of constitutional rights in that state, after the defiance of the courts by uniformed outlaws, after the nameless crimes which have been committed against justice and decency, after the members of organized labor have been treated with less consideration than is usually shown a wild beast it is entirely within the possibilities that Peabody will be elected to succeed himself at the next election.

The mine owners of the Cour d'Alenes, we are told, have succeeded in getting together a crowd of as disgusting sycophants as ever shamed a state. The Peabody men are trying to do the same. They will succeed if the supply has not been exhausted. With such an aggregation there will be no difficulty in "keeping politics out of the unions", or any thing else which contemplates the good of the working class.

DON QUIXOTE AGAIN ON THE ROAD

Father Kress, a Catholic priest who has been extremely active in fighting the growth of Socialism, in a recent address before the missionary conference at the Catholic university, Washington, D. C., said: "Socialists try to make it appear that every one who opposes Socialism is not a friend of the working class. To expect the average Catholic to discriminate between the true and the false principle of Socialism is to invite disappointment. Contamination is sure to result. Their usual deference and submission to ecclesiastical authority soon gives way to an insolent questioning of the priest's right to say what is false or true, right or wrong." After touching on the class struggle, he continued: "The policy of standing passively by with the expectation that Socialism will wear itself out seems unwise. Socialism is not a mere fad or a passing craze. Its phenomenal growth in Germany may be duplicated here. There is only one force that can successfully cope with the question. Shortly before his death Senator Hanna said: 'The one great power that will be the safeguard of our country when such foes (confiscating Socialists and destructive anarchists) menace her existence, will be the Catholic church. I am not talking for effect. This is my deepest conviction.'"

In another portion of his address Father Kress declared that "Socialism is a religion to its followers, who devote themselves with fanatical zeal to its propagation." The sentiments credited to Mark Hanna by Father Kress would seem also to be the sentiments of the European capitalist class. In those countries where the church is in politics and regularly puts its ticket in the field, it is, according to one of its own politicians, becoming more and more to be regarded as the bulwark of capitalism. According to this authority, "the church is gaining votes, but losing souls." Vandereld of Belgium and Jaurez of France both declare that the political battles of the future in Europe will be between the church party, backed by the capitalist class regardless of their religious views, and the Socialists. If this be true it shows very clearly how true the statement is that nothing weighs with the capitalist class when the question of wiping out their vested rights is involved.

In line with the above comes the statement of F. E. Matson, a Citizens' Alliance lawyer made before

HEARTFELT THANKS

Union Men of Cripple Creek, Colorado, Express Their Appreciation of the Brotherly Spirit Shown by the Wage Workers of Montana in Supporting the Fight Against the Capitalists.

The District Trades and Labor Assembly of Cripple Creek, Colo., give expression to their appreciation of the brotherly spirit shown by union men of Montana toward the organizations of the strike and bull pen belt in the following resolutions, unanimously adopted by the assembly:

Office of the Cripple Creek District Trades and Labor Assembly, R. E. Croskey, Sec., Cripple Creek, Colo.

Edr. American Labor Union Journal: The Cripple Creek District Trades and Labor Assembly, representing all the unions (forty-one) of Teller county, Colorado, unanimously voted their thanks to the union men of Montana for their liberality in donating money to help carry on the battle of humanity against the most damnable corporation tyranny and prostitution of official power ever recorded in the history of the nation.

Recognizing as we do that without the generous help that has been so freely given us by the union people from other states, and especially so from Montana, it would be impossible for us to continue this gigantic struggle. We desire to extend to our brothers our heartfelt thanks and appreciation for their timely assistance. The Cripple Creek District Trades and Labor Assembly.

J. W. DINWIDDIE, R. E. CROSKY, President, Secretary.

MEET IN SAN FRANCISCO

United Brotherhood of Railway Employees Convention is Called for May 9th. A Large Attendance Expected. That Big Increase on The Rock Island System Has Enthused the Membership.

The second biennial convention of the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees will be held in San Francisco on May 9th. Since the splendid success which this organization achieved on the Rock Island system in New Mexico, the membership has been going forward with a jump.

Schedules were obtained for five departments and the increase was of a most substantial character, amounting in some instances to 35 per cent. The departments benefitted were the shop men, car men, clerks, bridge men and track men. By combining all these workers together the U. B. of R. E. was able to do what would have been impossible for any one of them working separately. The schedules will be published in the Railway Employees Journal of April 20th. Railway men should get a copy and learn what a live union can do for its membership.

OPPOSE SLIDING SCALE.

The national officers of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners are emphatically opposed to the sliding wage scale which has been adopted by some of the unions of that craft. Classification is usually left to the employer and he usually classifies the bulk of the men for the minimum wage.

BELL AND PEABODY DEFY COURTS

Judge Stevens Issued an Arrest Order Which Bell Says Will Only be Executed Over the Dead Bodies of the Soldiery. Attempts to Humiliate President Moyer. Barnes and Riddle Are Threatened With Death for Refusing to Clean up a Filthy Alley. Afterward put on Bread and Water Diet. Peabody Graciously Concedes to Judge Stevens the Right to Criticise Him.

Reports from Telluride are to the effect that Charles Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, is ill as a result of his confinement in a damp 4x7 cell and the further information is given that, since Judge Stevens issued a warrant for the arrest of Militia Men Bell and Wells for contempt of court, the treatment of Moyer is of a most shameful character. No opportunity to humiliate him in the eyes of the other prisoners or before the general public is overlooked. He is marched back and forth by the military guard to and from a restaurant where he is permitted to buy his own meals. On one occasion he was accompanied by Captain Wells and when Mr. Moyer did not doff his hat to the flag which floats over the jail, Captain Wells seized it and tossed it high in the air accompanying the act with an admonition to Mr. Moyer not to fail to salute the flag in future. He refuses to salute the flag, however, because, he says, it is not customary for civilians to do so. Other reasons might be given for not saluting the flag in Colorado. Where it in other states might be said to stand for the most progressive government on the globe, in Colorado it stands for the utmost

infamy as evidenced by the actions of those who have it in their charge. The flag is all right, but in Colorado it needs fumigation. A class conscious ballot will do the work.

The character of the ruffians who are denying Moyer his liberty in defiance of the courts, is illustrated by the following: A few days ago Mr. Moyer handed one of the military guards 50 cents and asked him to buy some of the daily papers for L. M. in order that he might keep posted in prison. The guard returned with five of the last issues of a rank scab publication known as "Polly Pry." He handed them through the steel bars with the remark, "Here is something you will enjoy." On another occasion he gave a soldier money to get some cigars. He was brought Pittsburgh stogies of the kind that sell three for a nickel.

Joe Barnes and George Riddell before being exiled from the town, were taken into an alley, given hoes and requested to clean up the place. They refused and the guard threatened to shoot. "Shoot away," said Barnes. They were taken back to jail and placed on a diet of bread and water.

Corbett, sheriff of Ouray county, has gone to Telluride to make the arrest of Bell and Wells, ordered by Judge Stevens, for their contempt of court for their failure to produce Moyer in court. Bell says that he can only be taken over the dead bodies of the soldiery. This statement, of course, places the militia in the light of armed insurrectionists who should be suppressed by the federal government.

When Peabody was informed that Judge Stevens had declared that Peabody and Bell were the real criminals, he replied, "Well, the judge has as much right to criticize as any one else."

Peter Calderwood of Cripple Creek, secretary of the Anaconda Miners' Union and manager of the W. F. M. store, who was arrested on a flag desecration charge in March, was discharged last week by Justice Hawkins.

General Bell, who blustered that he would arrest Judge Stevens for issuing a warrant for Bell's arrest, has changed his mind. He now says he will go "after" the judge as soon as he adjourns court.

CHILD LABOR PARADE.

The labor organizations of Chicago are preparing a monster demonstration of child laborers in that city for the purpose of counteracting the work of the National Manufacturers' Association against the unions. 20,000 little wage slaves will be in line carrying transparencies, showing the kind of work that children are doing in the shops and factories of that city.

TROUBLE BREWING.

Trouble is brewing among the coal miners. The Illinois mine owners have issued an ultimatum calling for a 3 per cent. reduction. In Pennsylvania a similar ultimatum on the pick mining rate was unanimously rejected by the union and in Kentucky it has been impossible for the parties to come to terms. The coal miners and operators of the state of Iowa have failed to reach an agreement and as a result 13,000 are on strike and every mine in the state is closed. Arbitration was rejected by the operators.

DIXIE UNIONS WAKE UP.

The labor unions of the south are at last to take a stand against the manufacturers, on the other hand, declare that child labor is "beneficial to the south" The children get about 40 cents a day and adults anywhere from 75 cents to \$2 a day.

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WONDERFUL GROWTH OF A UNION

During the past month the secretary of the Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' Union has received no less than 50 applications for membership. One year ago the sheep shearers was one of the smallest unions. Today it is rapidly forging to a front place in the ranks of western unionism. This is not surprising when it is remembered that the wool industry is one of the most important in the west. At different times and different places shearers' unions have sprung into existence, lasted for a season and were entirely successful so far as they extended, but never, until the present union was born, had there been a systematic attempt to put this prominent industry on its feet, in a union sense.

The financial end of union affairs is now in the hands of a capable accountant who acts as secretary-treasurer and who is heavily bonded with a surety company. To his credit he it said that he has given his best services to the organization without regard to the matter of recompense, until the organization got upon its feet. The organizers have been actuated by a similar spirit. It has been a constant striving for the greatest good to the union with every man connected with it. As is to be expected, such efforts are now bearing fruit.

BISHOP FAVORS ARBITRATION LAW

Bishop Spaulding of Peoria, in urging the plan of arbitration outlined in the Foss bill, before the house committee on labor, declared that "strikes were hell!" Good, then lets abolish hell. Can we do it by arbitration? The unions of New York state have grown sick of their arbitration board and say it answered no purpose but to provide jobs for the camp followers of political rings. Spaulding makes the blunders common to the like theorists who regard the interest of the contending classes as identical and who, therefore, conclude that the straight road to industrial peace lies in the employer and the employed getting together and understanding one another.

Nothing is further from the truth. There is a premium on corruption; there is also a premium on fighting the unions or at any rate the employer thinks there is. Can one arbitrate a full stomach into a working-man without reducing the dividends of the employer? If not, where does the identity of interest come in?

It is to be presumed that the bishop is acting from an honest desire to help the working class and is therefore not anxious to fasten an additional fetter on their hands. It would, therefore, not be amiss to remind him that a justice of the United States Supreme court changed his mind on the question of the income tax law after he had a chance to sleep on it. This is not said so much in criticism of the justice as of the system which makes it profitable for justices to change their minds.

The working class of the nation have by the Dick bill been made members of the national guard, thus enabling the employers to call out the union men to shoot down their brothers for the crime of asking for more of their own production. Does the reverend bishop desire that the capitalist class shall have another weapon with which to beat the working class into submission through the decisions of an arbitration board?

The Foss bill is not at hand and its exact scope can, therefore, not be stated, but it is worthy of note that before the birth of western unionism or rather industrial unionism any number of the measures that are now holding the boards was unthought of. The effectiveness of the industrial plan brought into the light of public action a Manufacturers' Association and a Parry. Their purpose has been announced by themselves. They aim to crush industrial unionism. So little do they fear the trade autonomy plan that they have invited the Gompers wing to help them to fight industrial unionism. They are especially active at the national capital.

The United States senate of a short time ago demonstrated the capitalistic character of its membership when 26 of its members took their orders from Rockefeller and voted in accordance with his instructions on an important measure. The working class expect nothing but kicks from an aggregation of this sort. There is a deadly poison lurking in every bouquet given us from such hands. We desire no legislation from the servants of our masters. Most particularly do we not desire arbitration legislation. It is not for our good. If it were all the argument in the world would not secure its passage.

If the statement were made that there is not a single law on the statute books of the states or the nation that has benefited the working class, a cry of dissent would go up from

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MATERIAL INTERESTS.

A drummer for a coffee house is accused by a Colorado merchant of having slipped moth ball into coffee bins for the purpose of injuring the goods of a competing firm. There we have a display of the "incentive" that our capitalistic friends love to tell about. The "incentive" in this case was a desire to knock out a competitor.

"This is good weather for me," said a druggist, "so many people get sick," he explained. The undertaker depends on the deaths of the populace for his livelihood. The coal man prays for freezing cold, regardless of the suffering it may cause to thousands who have not money to buy fuel. He must sell coal to live. The ice man is another whose business, whose living depends on a condition which brings suffering to countless numbers of poverty stricken. He is sorry for them, of course, but he must sell ice and would, therefore, not have conditions otherwise.

There is an "incentive" for the grocer to short weight his customer and for the customer to beat the bill. There is an incentive for the chemist to adulterate drugs; for the dealers in the various things which enter into the economy of the home to lie, substitute and defraud even though human life shall pay the penalty. There is but one thing for which there is not an incentive and that is what may be broadly summed up as justice between man and man. We live in this age in a condition of veneered barbarism as relentless, as soulless in its operation, character and customs as are the conditions to be found among the head hunters of the southern seas.

Yet institutions which are the most ardent upholders and most zealous apologists for this condition of things profess to be engaged in the task of teaching us to love our neighbors as ourself. They see no inconsistency in attempting to inculcate an idea which is entirely foreign to the system, nor do they appear to understand the inconsistency of supporting that which is contra to their declared purpose. They do not realize that the operations of our so-called competitive plan cause the individual units of society to maintain a state of constant hostility toward each other. If a business man were to attempt to make a practical application of the injunction of Jesus, he would be out of business in a month.

There is one consolation for weary souls. It lies in the knowledge that the farce will soon be played to an end.

HELP THE SHOE WORKERS.

The American Labor Union shoe workers at Lynn, Mass., are involved in a strike over the adoption of a trade agreement for the coming year. The shoe trade is good at this time and men are in demand. With support from other organizations the shoe workers will have no difficulty in winning the fight. Under the new constitution the strike defense fund is not available before August. The shoe workers must be supported either by voluntary contributions or by an assessment. It is believed that the locals of the American Labor Union will respond at once with money for the aid of our brothers in Massachusetts and score another victory for the plan of unionism that wins strikes. Since its birth the American Labor Union has had a record of almost uninterrupted success in the strike field. The record is too good a one to spoil. Contributions in aid of the striking shoe workers may be sent to A. W. Foster, organizer, 52 Friend street, Lynn, Mass. The situation requires immediate action on the part of all locals who believe in the grand A. L. U. principle, "The Injury of One is The Concern of All."

Official Department

Table listing various unions and their members, including Beer Drivers and Bottlers' Union, Federal Labor Union, Teamsters and Drivers' Union, etc.



The eloquent New Englander who began a lecture tour of Montana April 13th. He is speaking under the direction of the national committee of the Socialist party. He is a member of the Carpenters and Joiners.

Table listing various unions and their members, including Confectioners' Association, Bartenders' Union, Teamsters' Union, etc.

The amendment is therefore adopted by a vote of 2,696 to 61. Following is Section 2 of Article IX as amended: "Sec. 2. Male members of local and federal unions, united with the American Labor Union, shall pay into the treasury of the American Labor Union 20 cents per member per month, to be segregated and applied as follows:

A daily paper laments on the fact that Peabody, the wealthy Englishman who gave away a great deal of money, was treated as a very great lion by the people of New York when he came to this country, while Carnegie, who has given away nearly a hundred millions of dollars, receives no particular attention. It thinks this is due to the public having become so accustomed to philanthropists that Carnegie's donations are taken as a matter of course. Perhaps, and then, too, perhaps, the indifference to Mr. Carnegie as compared to Mr. Peabody may arise through the people having just a little clearer insight into where these "philanthropists" get their money from.

The world wide character of the class struggle is illustrated by the following excerpt from a letter written by a Canadian member of the A. L. U.: "Our Employers' Association is made up of business men and they boycott union men from getting provisions, so we have a hard time getting men to join. Even the daily papers are against the workingman. Reads like conditions at home does it not? The employers own the papers, then, should they not use them against the working class? And if we vote into the hands of the employers, the army and the navy and the policeman's club and all the rest of the powers of government would be not be foolish if he did not use them in his struggle with us?"

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Chicago clergymen have called a mass meeting of union men for the purpose of discussing the idea of admitting clergymen to the Chicago Federation of Labor as fraternal delegates. One local union receiving the call adopted resolutions rejecting the plan and suggesting if the ministers are not paid wages enough to keep them, that they form a union and make application in the regular way.

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NEWS NOTES FROM THE FIELD OF LABOR

SHEARIN' IN IDAHO.

Less Work Than Last Year—Two-Mile Limit and Bad Weather the Main Causes.

Special Organizer A. L. Tilford of the Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers' Union, who is now in Idaho, sends in a very interesting report on conditions in the sheep industry. He says: Relative to sheep shearing along the O. R. & N. R. R. from Pocatello to Weiser, there has been a small portion of the work done up to date; in fact, shearing has commenced only at Shoshone and Bliss, but the outlook is that work will be generally under headway between the 16th and 20th of this month. The work has been held back on account of late storms and the poor condition of the range. Sheep at some points are dying with the wool on, and considering the large sales of sheep last season by the more extensive growers, on account of the shortage of range caused by the adoption of the two-mile limit law in timbered sections, the outlook is that there will be a large per cent. less sheep to be shorn in Southern Idaho than last year. The wool growers in the majority of the

sections feel that the shearers are not asking too much in adopting the scale formed at their convention in Butte last season. Of course, there are some instances where the wool growers hold that there is too much being asked for shearing, but in most instances that is where they have been led by individuals to believe they could get the work done for less, and as the industry of wool growing represents considerable capital, the capitalistic instinct is bound to crop out. But as the shearers are prepared to meet those emergencies there is no doubt about the union price being established in that locality.

All of the members of the organization are very enthusiastic over the forming of a general organization throughout the northwest and that it will be one of the many organizations that the members will be proud of and wool growers will find it a protection instead of a menace to their interests there is no doubt, as they would have already found out had they taken a little more trouble to investigate instead as some have done started out to crush it, which they will never be able to do.
A. L. TILFORD, Special Organizer.

NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

Anaconda Barbers' Protective Union has combined the offices of recording and financial secretaries. J. Hicks was elected to the position.

Richard Bray, hack and livery barn, Victoria, B. C., has been placed on the unfair list by the Victoria Hack Drivers' Union, A. L. U., No. 415.

Omaha Federal will meet every week after April 12. This union has experienced a steady growth since its establishment. At its last meeting there were initiations as usual.

No. 362 of Carson City, Nev., reports a general picking up in the membership line. They expect to have an unusually prosperous union by the time autumn rolls around.

The employees of the Butte City, Mont., Water Company, through the efforts of the Butte Workingmen's union, will only work eight hours a day in the future.

Sheep shearers will take notice of the fact that Gooding Bros. and O. P. Johnson of Shoshone, Idaho, are unfair to the Hand and Machine Sheep Shearers Union. These two firms have made special efforts to break the union scale and the shearers in their employ are now on strike. Other large flock masters in that locality are also endeavoring to beat the union scale. The country is, therefore, a good one to stay away from.

Joint executive board No. 1 of the United Shoe Workers, A. L. U., of St. Louis, gave a masquerade ball on March 26th at West St. Louis Turner hall. A splendid crowd was in attendance. On the front page of the programme, which advertised the Acorn stamp, in large type appeared the words, "No More Tobinism for Us," and together with it an announcement of the purpose of the unions to increase wages and better conditions.

The bakers of the east are making an effort to abolish night work. It is generally conceded that there is no excuse for this hardship which has been imposed on this craft. It is generally conceded that hot bread in the mornings is productive of stomach

disorders. This is admitted even by those who use hot bread, but while realizing its injurious effects, they cannot resist the temptation. To such as these the stoppage of night work in bake shops would be a real blessing. Why not put an end to night work in Butte, also? It is a matter that can easily be arranged.

ITALIAN NOTICE.

Street Laborers and Excavators' Union No. 423, A. L. U., struzione Italiane per le costruzioni del lavoro strale per la nava stagione calungione lavoratore si trova nella scavazione dei selli avranno il deritto il lavorare 9 ora. Al giorno, dal primo, Maggio, 1904, \$2.25 al giorno e non dipu di 9 ora e qualche dune che lavora piu 9 ora senza dipu di 9 ora essere pagate reverra a provato vera moltipato d \$5. (Einnove menper che sono stato aproavato alla cassa di amessione per \$1.50 dall primo, Marzo, 1904. Per fino a 30 Aprile, 1904.) Dal 3 al 15, \$3; dal 15 di May, Antaravanto, \$5. la cassa damessione per i nuove menpere. E cincunata il mensile per 6 mese poi in quanto alla vernata dopo il meso di ottobre rive,erto una trol carta che costa 25 solde e quelle sora tutto la vernata e broverto il disparte die \$2. Allanno fareto il conto a di 25 sold almese per tutto damo da sel mese che paghelame sold 50 almese di stagione. E per la compagnia del cassa imempere che vogliono far port al nostro unione, A. L. U., saranno considerato con la cassa damessione per \$1.50. Così possiamo averle tutto nella nostra unione. Tucase di strache avereme il deritto di \$5 all settimana quelli affamegiato, solo alle deritte di \$3. Sempompe pero dopo una settimana fatto strache odera anca in case di disgrazia anca \$5 alla settimana una disgrazia mortale alle deritto \$50 per il funebere e acompagnato fratrecaments da tutti i fratelli. E vine prego di intervenire a tutti i seduti. Specialmanto ora che si dichiara le firme tutti i contratti per la nuova stagione e se non intervenito non sapeto it resto di nulla cioche si discovre degli affare propria interesate.
T. S. MAHONEY,
II Presidente.
MICHAEL PARGO, Agne Beaulis D.

DON QUIXOTE AGAIN TAKES THE ROAD

(Continued From Page One.)

ism may pass under the eye of every member of the church in the United States.

The Million, a rabid anti-Socialist paper, published at Haverhill, Mass., in a recent editorial on the appointment of a democrat by a republican city council, reminds its readers that the democrats, by combining with the republicans, have made it possible to defeat the Socialists. Continuing it says:

"The political make-up in Haverhill is such that the conservative men of all parties must stand together in municipal elections if we are to hope for a continuance of an anti-Socialist mayor. This will also apply to the 4th representative district, where Socialism is too strong to brook a genuine three-cornered contest."

The republican capitalist, the democratic capitalist, the prohibition capitalist, all lay aside their differences; the Jewish capitalist, the Catholic capitalist, the Presbyterian, the Methodist, the Quaker, the hundred and one religious divisions, ordinarily very antagonistic to each other, are ready to forget their differ-

ences of creed and of nationality to combine against the Socialist movement.

Why? Because capitalism has no religion and no politics. It has nothing but a stomach which is called variously profit, interest, rent, commission, etc., and it considers nothing but its stomach. Religious differences are a good thing to keep the workers divided. So are differences of nationality. So well do the employers understand this that many of them make it a point to employ as many different kinds as possible. They, themselves, are not fooled by such things, however. They are capitalists, first and are ready to join hands with any one in defense of capital. There are countless object lessons on this point, but it seems to make no impression on the working class. They are as clay in the hands of the potter. Were it not for the fact that the present system is destroying itself rapidly, there would be much discouragement in the indifference which the working class show to their rights as men and the readiness with which they yield to the wiles of those who sit upon their backs.

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By the vote at its last election, Chicago has declared against the further granting of street railway franchises to private corporations. Municipal ownership is to be ushered in. When this system gets into working order it will make the office of alderman in Chicago more profitable than a seat in the city council of Butte is said to have been for certain easy going persons who have held the position. While there is a profit in wrong doing, wrong doing will exist. Therefore we have boodling in the public service. While the wage system continues the worker is robbed. Municipal ownership does not abolish the wage system. It is a matter of indifference to the worker whether he is robbed by a private employer or by a gang of city officials. The important point with him is to have the robbery cease. Even under conditions where the good in man has risen superior to temptation

and public officials have administered affairs in strict conformity to their oath, no relief has come to the worker. He is still the plundered one. Reduce his car fare and other incidentals and a reduction of wages follows as a matter of course. It is the unwritten law of the capitalistic system that the working class shall have only enough to keep the "machine" in working order. The city of Glasgow, Scotland, is municipal ownership from the dog houses up, and there is as much misery, as much crime, as much suffering as can be found in any city in America. It takes as much energy to make a municipal ownership convert as it does to make a full fledged Socialist. Municipal ownership offers no relief. Socialism does. Let those well intentioned souls who are at present wasting their time chasing this city capitalism Jack o' Lantern turn their attention to SOMETHING PERMANENT.

RESULTS OF THE CLASS STRUGGLE

The United States marines, it seems, are to be used to suppress a strike on the isthmus of Panama. The railroad switchmen have joined the strike of the railroad laborers and the marines are now patrolling the wharves, etc. It is not stated whether a bull pen has yet been erected, but it is entirely probable that one will be.

The Franklin Press Feeders of Chicago have been enjoined again. The American Colortype is the complainant. This union has been enjoined by the state courts, fined for contempt,

both individually and collectively, it has been forced into a receivership and its members have been indicted for assault and conspiracy and punished repeatedly in the police courts. It is still in the ring, however.

Pennsylvania coal miners have accepted a reduction in wages of 6.08 per cent. In the meantime the cost of living has advanced nearly 35 per cent.

Difficulty over wage scales has thrown 1,000 members of the building trades out of work in New England.

RESOLUTIONS

Adopted by the Pacific Coast S. L. B. on the Colorado Struggle. No Capitalistic Parties Dare to Express Their Sympathy. It Might Cut Off Contributions to the Campaign Fund.

At a regular meeting of the Pacific Coast Socialist Lecture Bureau, the following resolutions were unanimously adopted:

Whereas, It has come to the knowledge of this bureau that a press censorship exists by order of military rule in the state of Colorado, which is as barbarous in its violation of the constitution of the United States as it is distasteful to the sense of justice of the American people; and,

Whereas, The civil law and the constitution of the state of Colorado declare military rule to be subordinate to the civil law, except in case of insurrection or rebellion, neither of which exist in that state; and,

Whereas, One Mother Jones, a woman of advanced years, was arrested at Trinidad and deported without cause, notwithstanding the fact that she was counselling peace and obedience to the law and so preventing acts of violence by the striking miners; and,

Whereas, A man named A. H. Floaten of Telluride, well known to most of the members of this bureau as a peaceful and law abiding citizen, advocating the use of the ballot in preference to violence; and,

Whereas, Deputies did wreck the door of his residence at night without warrant or legal procedure, arrest him and beat him on the head with revolvers and otherwise subject him to gross insults and brutalities; and,

Whereas, The said Floaten was instrumental in keeping the striking miners in a peaceful attitude toward their employers and the authorities of the state, but was nevertheless deported on the pretext of brewing lawlessness among them; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we express our indignation and register a protest against all censorship of the press as a glaring violation of one of the most sacred and natural rights of our constitution and we point to it as the most meanly, odious manner of a certain class to accomplish unlawful ends by secrecy and stealth; and, be it further

Resolved, That we emphatically condemn the substitution of military rule for the civil law in time of peace as unjust and wilfully precipitating a state of ruffianism, distasteful and un-American; and be it further

Resolved, That we protest against that body of men known as the Citizens' Alliance maintaining a militia with private funds for their private use, to accomplish their private ends, and we declare it to be in violation of the constitution of the United States which gives congress the sole power to raise and maintain an army; and be it further

Resolved, That we heartily commend the peaceful and law-abiding attitude maintained by the miners and their sympathizers in the face of the outrages perpetrated.

By order of the Pacific Coast Socialist Lecture Bureau.

THE "LABOR LEADER" WHO ADVOCATED A WAGE REDUCTION

Debs Discusses the Pitiably Back Down of the United Mine Workers. An Obscure but Prophetic Telegram. "Don't Accept a Reduction in Wages," Said the A. F. of L. Leaders, After Which Declaration Mr. Mitchell Used all the Weight of His Official Position to Induce Miners to Stand for a Cut.

Now that the threatened coal strike has ended in a tame surrender of a two years' scale at a reduction of wages virtually forced upon the miners by a coalition of their leaders with the operators, a certain small and obscure press dispatch—a mere word to the wise, yet sufficient at the time—takes on immense interest in its prophetic significance.

The delegates to the late Indianapolis convention of miners whom I had occasion to address will no doubt remember my words, and those who were angered because I told them in plain terms what has since come true almost to the letter will perhaps be willing to forgive me.

But to the dispatch. Here it is just as it was sent out by the Associated Press from Pittsburgh under date of March 6 and just as it appeared in the morning dailies of March 6:

Pittsburg, Pa., March 6.—The Post tomorrow will say:

There was by no means a hopeless spirit among the returning coal operators from the Indianapolis convention with the miners which closed Saturday with a disagreement.

From the best of authority the Post was informed yesterday that the break in the negotiations between the two interest is not a permanent one and that by March 21, another meeting of joint sub-committees will be held quietly. The whole matter will again be discussed among them and a solution to the present difficulty sought. It was further stated that there was every reason for believing that the ultimate end of the whole matter would be the acceptance of the lower rate by the miners, or the 85 cents a ton base for pick mining, for the next two years.

Here we have it that the operators knew in advance that there would be no strike and that the miners would accept the reduction and this they knew notwithstanding the fact that the convention, by a solid vote of the state, had refused to accept the reduction and virtually declared a strike.

Let us examine the situation a moment. The joint convention of miners and operators adjourned sine die March 5. No agreement had been reached. All negotiations were ended. A strike, so the papers declared, was inevitable. Only a miracle could prevent it.

The miners and operators returned to their homes. Preparations began for war. It was at this juncture that the above dispatch went out from Pittsburg. It was doubtless intended as a "tip" to the capitalists and stock gamblers of the country, and was issued immediately upon the return of the Pennsylvania operators from the Indianapolis convention.

Pittsburg, be it remembered, is the home of President Robbins of the Pittsburg Coal Co. and floor leader and spokesman of the operators in all joint conventions with the miners. It is quite evident, therefore,

that "the best of authority" quoted in the above dispatch was none other than Robbins, and it is equally evident that he knew what he was talking about, for his prediction of surrender, made in face of the fact that the national convention had virtually declared for war, was fulfilled to the letter.

The question is, did Robbins, chief of the operators, have an understanding with Mitchell, president of the miners? It must be admitted that it looks that way. Proof may be lacking, but the circumstances combine to make that conclusion almost inevitable.

When the miners first met in convention President Mitchell and the other leaders were quite aggressive. They were going to sweep all opposition before them and get what they wanted, for they had an organization that could and would carry the day.

A set of demands, including increased wages, was at once formulated and the performance began. Mitchell, taking the floor for the miners, proved by the facts and figures that they were asking only what was reasonable, that the financial reports of the coal companies showed large increases in profits over the preceding years, that the operators could well afford to make the concessions and that they, the miners, were "terribly in earnest" and that the United Mine Workers of America would under no possible circumstances "take a backward step."

As the fight progressed the leaders of the miners made one concession after another until they had finally surrendered everything. But the operators were not satisfied. They had come with love in their hearts and a made-to-order, warranted-to-fit reduction of wages in their grips, just because they were in the same economic class and their interests were therefore identical, and to prove it they permitted their own leaders to scale down the bulging wages of the opulent coal diggers.

But the delegates, having given up everything, balked at last. Even

Mitchell's "masterful effort" in behalf of the operators fell flat.

The reduction would not go down. The convention voted to fight and the delegates went home to prepare for hostilities.

Now read the dispatch again in the light of what followed.

As soon as the convention adjourned, the leaders of the miners began to work upon the rank and file, very many of whom are so pitifully ignorant that they look upon a union official as a Chinaman does upon his Joss.

President Mitchell, from being "terribly in earnest" in behalf of the miners, became the special pleader of the operators.

Oh, what a transformation! Mitchell, the labor leader, and Robbins, the labor exploiter, pooling issues and joining hands to force down the wages of the mine slaves!

Oh, what a spectacle! With all possible haste the national and state leaders made their rounds among the faithful. The "dangerous" locals and districts were all visited and mass meetings held to save the operators.

The slaves had instinctively rebelled against the wage cut and the rebellion must be put down by their own leaders if they expected the plaudits of the capitalist exploiters and the "well-to-do" of the pulpit, press and "public."

Alternate pleas, warnings and threats were turned on until the fires were put out and the day was saved for the operators.

Only a little while ago Gompers warned the capitalists that reductions of wages would not be tolerated and solemnly enjoined his followers to resist them to the last.

Mitchell, Shaffer and other lieutenants are the active allies of the capitalists in enforcing reductions.

Watch the developments! To conclude: The United Mine Workers of America has been struck by lightning.

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AWAKENING OF THE WORKING CLASS

The well known lecturer, Frank P. O'Hare, who is touring the middle west in the interest of the working class movement, contributes to the columns of the Journal a sketch of the town of Colgate, Indian Territory, and of the people who live there. At the last election the revolutionary Socialist party made a clean sweep, electing almost every official. Had it not been that many of the union men lived outside the city limits, the capitalist parties would have been completely snowed under. In the Indian Territory the boys vote as they strike—against capitalism. O'Hare says:

"Colgate has six thousand inhabitants, but not a public school. It is unlighted, unwatered, unpaved, uncouth—a great sprawling village of tollers. No mansions, just little cottages and shacks; no saloons and few churches.

"But Colgate has a working class that knows classes exist; that knows a class war exists; that knows which side of the fight it is on; that knows how to win the fight.

"The miners (and this is exclu-

sively a coal mining town) do not ask, 'How are we to get possession of the mines?' They know who did the prospecting; they know who opened every shaft; they know who are the makers of the world's wealth. They are dehypnotized. They know to whom the government of the United States is giving the mining lands of this unorganized state, this territory, formerly the undivided means of life of Indians, now the divided and monopolized spoil of Goulds and Vanderbilts, 'by act of congress!'

"The tollers of Colgate know how to produce coal. They have found out how to prevent the idle, parasite, owning, ruling class from getting it. They are telling the world that they know this by electing a Socialist administration in Colgate.

"The workmen of Colgate have stormed and carried the works at Colgate. They have put the bugle to their lips. Its call is the hope of all of the oppressed everywhere. Its music thrills the heart of the millions, for it says, workers of all lands unite to win a world."

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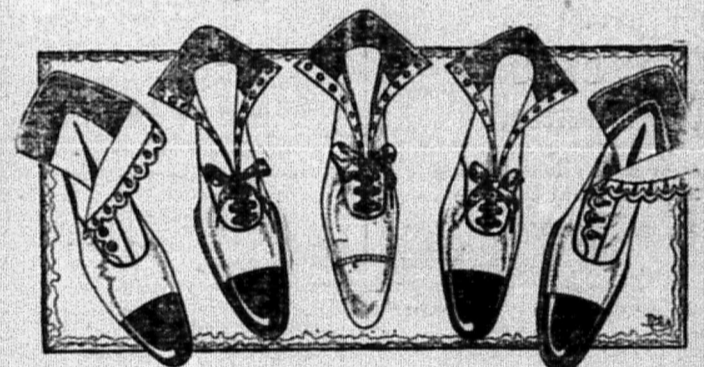
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many quarters. Eight hour laws, factory inspection laws, employers' liability laws, etc., would be cited to show the futility of the claim. The fact is lost sight of that in spite of all these things, in spite of the marvelously increased production of ma-

man labor through the application of machinery, in spite of the greatly increased wages of the few who operate the machine, THE CONDITION OF THE WORKING CLASS IS WORSE TODAY THAN AT ANY TIME BEFORE IN THE HISTORY OF THE LAST FORTY YEARS, while the condition of the ruling class is infinitely better than at any time in the history of the world.

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