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ECONOMIC PINKERTONS.

Murray & Ready Form a California Corporations' Auxiliary Company---U. S. Senator Clark, Sugar Magnate Spreckles, the Hearst Estate and Many of the Clergy of San Francisco Numbered Among Their Patrons.

The following letter from Murray & Ready to Muir Brothers of San Francisco ought to open wide the eyes of those pure and simple trades unionists who believe, with Gompers and Mitchell, that the interests of the workers and the shirkers can be harmonized:

"Murray & Ready, the Leading Male Employment and Labor Agents on the Pacific Coast. 634 and 636 Clay Street.

"San Francisco, Cal., July 30, 1904.

"Muir Bros., City:

"Gentlemen--To-day we herewith inclose for you our Mr. Herbert V. Ready's book, 'The Labor Problem' (copyrighted), and published by us at great expense. Any man who is not with you is against you. We are against any man or men who refuses to allow a man to run his business to suit himself. We are people of action, not of talk. We give everybody our ear, but few our voice. When compelled to talk it is short and decisive. Early this spring we were compelled to openly declare ourselves on the labor question. We took the best method by publishing the above-named book. We, like President Roosevelt, have spared no one who was wrong, nor forgotten to praise where praise was due. Amongst them, the Citizens' Alliance, Southern Pacific R. R., United R. R.'s, Gov. Pardee, Mayor Schmitz, Chief of Police Wittman, presidents of the labor unions, and those 'moral lepers,' the walking delegates, etc., the future labor troubles, etc. No business man will go looking for strikes, neither will he run away when one is declared on him. There is something worse than death, that is dishonor. Few, probably you, are not aware that the strikes this spring were only the preliminary skirmishes of the opposing forces; the heavy engagements are yet to come. Probably before the election, absolutely after. If it were diplomatic on our part, which it is not, to acquaint the public with the future labor troubles, you would be appalled. We never show our hand.

"We will be as well prepared to fight their strikes in the future as we have in the past. Sitting up all night declaring strikes Sunday morning 2:30 a. m., so as to block up with newspaper advertisements, cuts no figure. Carriages can be sent to our residence in future as in the past at 3 a. m. Our own printing plant combats them with newspapers. We can publish a newspaper. We do not look for trouble, neither do we run away from it.

"Listen to the following questions we put to some we engage: 'Young man, if we engage you as a watchman or special police, and we put two guns in your hip pockets, two in your hands and fill every chamber with lead, will you allow the mob to destroy the company's property until every chamber is empty? If he quivers an eyelash, we do not hire him. To be prepared is sure success, which we attain every time. We thank each and every one of our patrons (the names of many appear on back of this letter) for all favors shown us, and trust you will carefully read the inclosed book, and continue to do in future as you have in the past and present, send us your orders for help. We will carefully select suitable help for each position. You can always depend upon us in times of labor, peace and war.

"Very respectfully yours,

"MURRAY & READY."

It will be noted in this letter that Murray & Ready state that they have "spared no one who was wrong, nor forgotten to praise where praise was due." Mention is then made in one sentence of the Citizens' Alliance, the railroads, the governor, the mayor, etc. But they wisely leave the reader to pick out which of these received the praise and which the blame.

The enemies of labor are industrially organizing in their fight against the unions; the workers must follow their example, otherwise they will soon find themselves battling with bow and arrows against hydite shells.

AMALGAMATED SOCIETY ENGINEERS.

Their Progress in Canada---The Class Struggle in British Columbia---A New Taff Vale Decision Against the Rossland Miners' Union---A Modern Benedict Arnold in the Industrial Revolution.

Canadian believers in industrial unionism were not surprised to learn that Isaac Cowan of the Amalgamated Society of Engineers and James O'Connell of the International Association of Machinists had entered into an agreement allowing members of these organizations to work side by side without interference from officials of the Machinists' Union. It was only a question of time before the A. F. of L. organization had to cast aside its distinctive tactics, which were acting as a boomerang and destroying itself.

It is a peculiar spectacle to see James O'Connell, an A. F. of L. executive officer, and Isaac Cowan of the A. L. U. executive committee making terms to carry on the labor war together against the common enemy--the capitalist class--rather than spending their energy fighting each other. Gompers may adopt De Leon tactics and excommunicate O'Connell when he learns that Cowan drew up the agreement along industrial lines.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers made a fine showing in Toronto on Labor Day, about 250 being in line to represent the A. L. U. and industrial unionism. Two years ago there were only a handful of "Mals" and over 200 machinists. Last year the two organizations were about equally represented and this year the machinists left the field clear for the A. S. of E. by running an excursion out of town.

Arthur Holmes, first vice president of the I. A. of M., has accepted a political job as factory inspector for the province of Ontario, being well qualified for the job, both as a working machinist and as a capitalist labor politician. He it was who traveled to Revelstoke, B. C. (on a railway pass, it is said), a year ago and ordered the machinists to go back to work in the Canadian Pacific Railway shops and scab on the U. R. of R. E. strikers. While the C. P. R. handed out wine to Holmes of the Machinists' Union its political tools were arresting President Estes of the U. B. of R. E. The former stood for trade autonomy and the latter for industrial unionism; and the corporation knew which to coddle.

The Rossland (B. C.) Miners' Union has been "Taff-Valed" and a receiver appointed to force it to cash up \$12,500 to a mining company, whose strike-breakers were induced to quit work by the union men in a strike several years ago. This union is a branch of the W. F. of M., but it is only a year ago since it sent delegates to a mine owners' convention to "harmonize the interests" of labor and capital. These same representatives soon after sold out the strike of the Fernie coal miners and drove the Crow's Nest Pass coal miners out of the W. F. of M. into the United Mine Workers.

It is hard to make some workmen conscious of their class interests, but if this Taff Vale decision of the British Columbia judges does not wake

up the Rossland miners and dispel their dreams of harmony between the exploited workers and the coupon-clipping capitalists, it will need a diamond drill to puncture their craniums and uncover the worked-out gray streaks in their upper stopes.

In contradistinction to the Rossland miners may be cited the class-conscious action of the W. F. of M. miners in the Boundary and Vancouver Island districts in British Columbia, where Socialist candidates have been nominated for the Canadian Parliamentary elections, in spite of the fact of the \$200 fine imposed on working class candidates (as a forfeit in case they do not poll a certain percentage of the vote). The Socialist movement in British Columbia is on a sound revolutionary basis and their paper, the Western Clarion, of Vancouver, is one of the best in America.

WESTON WRIGLEY, 30 Ulster Street, Toronto.

TO THE DEFEATED STRIKER.

Brother: Just a word with you. Organized labor has been defeated in your particular strike. Why? You were loyal to your union. Your union was loyal to the strike. Your union was affiliated with the American Federation of Labor, which boasts of two million members.

And yet you and your union and the other unions in the stock yards, for example, in a contest with a few packing house corporations have suffered the most crushing defeat in the history of organized labor.

WHY? You men who are the actual workers, you men who constitute the mass of union membership, you men who furnish the union funds, fight the union battles and who endure the greatest sacrifices for unionism--you men ask yourselves the question--Why? You have a right to know the answer. You MUST learn the answer, for the answer means to you

PURITY OR CORRUPTION;
STRENGTH OR WEAKNESS;
SUCCESS OR FAILURE;

INDEPENDENCE OR FAILURE.

Do not ask your so-called "leaders," and do not depend upon your salaried officers. Study for yourselves and answer for yourselves.

The members of the American Labor Union, through bitter experience, have learned the lesson and KNOW the answer to the question they are now asking you. They know you have failed because--

YOU HAVE NEVER BEEN PROPERLY ORGANIZED;
YOU ARE NOT NOW PROPERLY ORGANIZED;
YOUR UNIONS ARE DIVIDED AGAINST THEMSELVES;

EACH CRAFT IS INDEPENDENT OF OTHER CRAFTS;
EACH INTERNATIONAL IS INDEPENDENT OF OTHER INTERNATIONALS.

The whole mass is loosely connected in an American Federation of Labor which is absolutely powerless to make a united successful fight against anything, and whose "leaders" hobnob with your enemies in a Civic Federation.

Study for yourselves the American Labor Union plan of organization, and you will find

INDUSTRIALISM INSTEAD OF CRAFT DIVISION;
MEN ORGANIZED SENSIBLY IN LOCAL UNIONS;
LOCALS UNITED FIRMLY IN INDUSTRIAL ORGANIZATIONS;

Industrial organizations bound together like bands of steel in the American Labor Union general organization of all industries. Financial protection for distressed members; Absolute protection against graft and corruption; Unity of purpose and action throughout the whole system.

This is a new movement, born of the terrible struggles and bitter experiences of the Western working people.

It has already united together more than sixty thousand of the best fighters of the American labor movement.

It has more than one hundred and fifty unions in Montana alone. It is now organized in Chicago with fourteen locals, an active Central Council, and is rapidly increasing.

It is the ONLY organization that paid CASH WEEKLY BENEFITS to its members during the stock yards strike.

ITS MEMBERS NEVER REMAIN AT WORK WHEN OTHER MEN STRIKE. They are consistent union men to the very core.

There is no "boss" rule. The supreme authority is vested in the collective membership, and is expressed through the referendum vote thereof. Investigate it; unite with it; give it your help; make it supreme; it is your duty.

BREWERY WORKERS' CONVENTION.

Digest of Report of International Secretaries and Editor---New Emphasis Laid on the Need of Industrial Unionism.

Brothers, Delegates and Comrades of the International Union:

Again a period of seventeen months has elapsed since representatives of our local unions, the delegates to the fourteenth convention, assembled in Cincinnati to hear the report of their International Officers, to exchange mutually their views, and to consider in common council the best ways and means of preserving and promoting in future the interests of the International Union. * * * Progress and sound progress on the whole line again, as at the past three or four conventions, can be reported at this time, and a healthy growth of the International Union during the past seventeen months can be recorded also, as will be learned from later parts of the report.

* * * From the delegates assembled in this convention we may certainly expect that they will bend all their endeavors and their wisdom toward the end of strengthening this organization still more from within and without.

* * * Not alone the question which at present concerns workmen directly and foremost, the economic side, should be thoroughly discussed in all its phases, but the political should as well have consideration. The occurrences within the past year, as the gigantic struggles during this period, most pronouncedly the heroic struggle of the miners of Colorado, the growing animosity of the capitalist-controlled government and legislative authorities, the augmenting strength and aggressive spirit of the manufacturers' associations, the evermore widening chasm between the possessing class and the class of toilers, should have taught us the lesson again that the workmen must organize politically if they wish to better their condition permanently.

Our International Union has considerably increased in membership since the last convention at Philadelphia, and, taking an estimate, there are approximately 85 per cent of all employes within the beer-brewing industry of this country organized. A number of new unions and branches have been organized. * * * On February 1, 1903, the International Union comprised a membership of 31,200, including about 650 members out of employment, and this membership was distributed over 316 local unions and 144 branches. To-day the organization has within its fold approximately 33,000, with about the same number of members out of employment as recorded seventeen months ago, and this membership is distributed in 364 local unions and 157 branches.

The international organization has good reasons to be contented with the results of our struggles in this period, far more when consideration is

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SCATHING INDICTMENTS.

The Miners' Magazine States the Case of the W. F. of M. Against the Citizens' Alliance and the Colorado Mine Operators' Association---An Appalling Category of Crime and Fiendish Brutality.

The following specific charges have been overwhelmingly proven against the capitalist cutthroats of Colorado by the Western Federation of Miners:

1. That a large number of ex-convicts, gamblers, desperadoes and other criminals have been and now are knowingly employed and paid by the Colorado Mine Operators' Association and the Citizens' Alliance in Cripple Creek, Telluride and elsewhere in the State as deputy sheriffs, guards, detectives, etc.

2. That the officers of these organizations and a large number of their members have not only committed crimes themselves, for which they could and should be prosecuted and punished, but the organizations as such have directly and openly aided and abetted the same, and their members have boasted and approved of such crimes.

3. That the association and alliance, while shouting hypocritically for "law and order," have openly defied the courts, destroyed the liberty of the press, invaded the sanctity of the home, caused arrests without warrant, imprisoned men without charges of crime, driven men from the county after first robbing them, and while declaring such men to be criminals of the deepest dye, have, without compunction, dumped them on neighboring communities. They have tortured men and intimidated women and children in order to obtain confessions, and openly and publicly boasted and approved of such crimes, as organizations, by adopting and publishing resolutions commendatory of them.

4. That wherever the association or alliance have not had their members in public office, they have, whenever deemed necessary, compelled by violence and intimidation the resignation of duly elected public officials and the appointment of their own creatures to the so-called vacancies. Wherever their members or tools are in office, or where they have had the power to influence peace officers and courts in this State, the law, as established since Magna Charta, has been subverted by decisions which have made the State a subject of derision to the entire country, the hand of justice has been paralyzed and it has been futile to attempt conviction of their members, although caught in the act of committing crime and openly confessing and boasting of it.

This charge is supported and proven by the decisions themselves and by the following facts: The informations for riot and conspiracy which a court compelled an unwilling district attorney to file at Idaho Springs against some eighty members of those organizations, charging them as participants in a mob which had driven miners from their homes, were at the earliest possible moment dismissed by the same district attorney, and the criminals allowed to escape trial and punishment, though the whole community could have testified to their identity. At the same time, the same district attorney, aided by the attorneys of those organizations and backed by all the money needed, made two attempts by two separate trials, to convict miners of the crimes of arson and conspiracy for which the same mob had pretended to expel them. They were each and all triumphantly acquitted without introducing evidence in their defense.

Not one of the mob of "best citizens" who called miners from Telluride has been prosecuted. When Judge Stevens issued his injunction to aid the exiles in returning home, the mob appealed to the governor of the State for force to defy the courts, and he ordered out the militia, placed the leader of the mob in command, and the court stands denied and helpless to this day.

At Cripple Creek a mob in brass and blue invaded a court room with armed men and defied the court in open session. While this mob of soldiers was in the district, it aided and abetted the members of the alliance and association in compelling, by force and threats, the resignations of the duly elected sheriff and coroner and other officers of Teller county, and the appointment of their own creatures to the so-called vacancies.

Ever since this lawless governor recalled his mob of soldiers from Cripple Creek the reign of terror continues. Stores belonging to a foreign corporation have been looted in broad daylight by a mob led by A. E. Casito, president First National Bank; Nelson Franklin, former mayor, and Cliff Newcomb, cashier First National Bank, and other "law-abiding citizens." Not one of these criminals fears arrest or punishment, and daily outrages are committed with impunity by mobs composed of members of the alliance and association, or acting under orders from them, and acting with the approval of the peace officers of the county, whom they forcibly installed in office. These crimes are committed with the consent and approval of the governor, who refuses to enforce the law and restore order on the pitiful pretense that he has "not been officially notified."

5. That these organizations have formally and officially espoused the cause of the so-called deep sleepers, which they pretend to be still the party of Lincoln. That each of them is opposed to our present form of government, and aiming at its overthrow. To this end they have destroyed and confiscated property, destroyed the freedom of the press, defied the courts, nullified the writ of habeas corpus, exercised the right of search without warrant, denied the right of citizens to keep and bear arms, and trampled upon every other guaranty of personal liberty made by the constitution of the State and of the United States. Besides these and other violations of the constitutional rights of citizens, they are seeking to abrogate the constitution and install a plutocracy, and to that end have adopted as their rallying cry a phrase, classic in its terseness and aptly descriptive of the men and their purpose--to-wit: "To hell with the constitution."

6. That the organizations mentioned teach their members that the sole aim and end of existence is to acquire wealth without producing it, and that therefore the methods of trusts, stock watering, stealing ore from neighbors under the guise of trespass, buying the interests of widows and orphans in adjoining property without informing them of its value, and other similar methods used by predatory wealth, are respectable, when compared to the economic theory that wealth should belong to him who produces it, or to Lincoln's assertions in his message to Congress in 1864, that "to secure to each laborer the whole product of his labor is a worthy object of any government," and that "labor is superior to capital and deserves much the higher consideration."

The facts which support and prove these charges made by the federation are within the knowledge of every citizen of Colorado.

THE CHALLENGE STILL STANDS.

Three months ago Gompers' Chicago henchman, John J. Fitzpatrick, led about the American Labor Union in a signed newspaper article. We called upon him at the time to prove his assertions before an audience of union men. We hereby repeat the challenge. The gauntlet is thrown down to him again. Failure to take it up stamps him as one to whom the open and simple ways of truth are untrodden paths.

