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Robt. Randall's Scathing Expose of John Mitchell

Mr. President and fellow delegates: throw the brutal strength of dehum-I have come to speak to you as a anized corporations?

Colorado miner-one of the rank grievous wrong John Mitchell has its enemies. done us, and I am here to tell you of it.

almost unorganized in southern Col- Coal company. orado, New Mexico and Utah. The coal companies believed and boasted and 20 per cent increase in wages. that their men would never strike upon a call by the United Mine fused to give us an 8-hour day, and trayal of the southern miners is one strike, they would not get one cent winter months and coal was there- cases lost their furniture, clothes Workers. But within two days after offered us only a few more cents per of the reasons why you, Mr. Mitch- of support from the national orga- fore a large item of expense. the strike call. 10,000 men, or 95 ton at Lafayette, and only a frac- ell, have forced Mother Jones from nization. per cent of all the coal miners of tion of a cent more per ton at the the organization that she has labored Colorado, had responded to the call, other four camps in northern Colo- so faithfully to upbuild. Mr. Mitch- threat, and took such an unconsti- ruary, 1904: because they had been led to believe, and stand by them, and altogether they would go down to defeat or for- der men who had struck for an 8- laid forever in the grave, no one can that the northern field meet with November 9, 1903, the commence- 000 men, women and children cold, ward to victory. The unorganized hour day and 20 per cent increase to say that she ever betrayed, that she their operators and accept the prop- ment of the struggle in which we are hungry and dressed in gunny sacks, miners of Calorado struck because go back to work without an 8-hour ever played false, the toiling and osition of settlement offered, with, now engaged. At that time an al- while you Mr. Mitchell, discussed they had faith in John Mitchell; be- day and only a fraction of a cent in- disinherited masses who are fight- as I have reason to know, a threat lowance of \$12,000 a week was do- the labor question over the banquet cause they had faith in the United crease, when everything pointed to ing the battle for labor's emancipa- that if they did not do so, they nated to district 15 for strike pur- board with Civic Federationists and Mine Workers.

The coal companies had been Pueblo were closed, the Denver tram- torney for the Northern Coal comway ran short of coal, and within pany and the Denver citizens allitwo weeks coal went up to \$12 per ance. Messrs. Reams and Blood, down, be quiet, and within six weeks ance. the state would be paralyzed by a coal companies to make terms with their strike. Again Mr. Mitchell or- realized that unless something was the union.

of our struggles, our trials, our suf- tion whether you were influenced by southern miners. fering and bitter defeat, and the the good of the organization or by

We had struch for an 8-hour day, Why, Mr. Mitchell, did you or stilled in death. But when she is

a complete victory for the union?

A few days later the strike com-

President Howells, who through ranged between the southern and southern Colorad his long experience in the Colorado northern coal companies; after all Utah.

Let your actions after ordering a coal fields, perfectly understood the the underhanded work of the Denver You may boast of the amount of

Mother Jones told us to use our

Your representatives at the behest what was best for all, but she said of the Northern Coal company, and that the organization had led the un-At the time of the calling of the acting under your orders, called the organized miners of southern Colominers-with the exception of the together and went into a conference only quit work and strike, the union could not do. Northern Colorado district-were with the officers of the Northern miners in northern Colorado would stand by them until a victory for all

was won.

and every coal mine in the state was rado-Louisville, Erie, Marshal and ell, Mother Jones' white-haired head tutional means to force the northern of northern Colorado would strike ers for a bribe of a fraction of a ton. pathy for suffering humanity will be 17 he says:

tion.

taken entirely by surprise and were mittee was again called together by one to remain on strike. This made gument, if you may call it an argu- evidenced by the fact that it became 1904, you allowed the miners of paralyzed. A coal famine was im- Mr. Reams, Mr. Mitchell's represen- the third time, not counting Mr. ment, forced me to conced the set- necessary to call upon the national Colorado, New Mexico and Utah to minent. The great steel works at tative, and James H. Blood, the at- Reams' abortive attempt, they had tlement." refused to betray the southern miners at your orders.

We supposed that you would now ton in Denver. The miners of Col- induced the strike committee to take be satisfied with these three votes, that unless we settled in the north- our indebtedness existing at that from the strikers. orado were overjoyed; they knew back another offer to the northern Mr. Mitchell, but again you were ern field that they would get no sup- time in part, and it has been a conthat all they had to do was to sit miners and recommend its accept- determined to carry out the deal.

This offer was for a few more alliance became franctic, as they us recommend that the north go to every means which could be possibly sion gained from the coal companies. coal famine and the public would, cents per ton and an 8-hour day- saw coal up to \$12 per ton in Denas in the anthracite strike, force the provided the southern miners won ver. The Denver citizens alliance der protest."

dered us to accept this offer and re- quickly done to get the northern miners of northern Colorado were by local officials and sent in by them throughout the east to beg assistance At this critical period, when every turn to work. Again the northern miners back to work, the Colorado forced to vote upon the question of to this office, we have 10,000 men, from the eastern miners. But John thing pointed to an early settlement, miners refused to accept, and for Fuel and Iron company and the Vic- returning to work, and upon the women and children to care for out Mitchell, to crown your infamy, you

and file-who has grown up among settlement answer the question from situation, urged us not to return to citizens alliance through its attor- money spent in the Colorado-Utah orado. Michael Driscoll came inthe coal and metaliferous mines of what source you were influenced. work, saying that if we did so we ney James H. Blood, the northern strike and compare it with the structed to continue the strike; the west; one who knows the history Let your actions answer the ques- would discourage and defeat the miners still refused to betray their amount per capita spent in the an- women and children very badly in outhern brothers. But John Mitchell was determined bered that the conditions in the an-

own judgment and decide ourselves to play the only card he had left; he thracite districts are entirely differwas determined to do what his rep- ent from the conditions in the westresentatives, the Northern Coal com- ern coal fields. In the Coloradopany, the southern coal companies Utah coal fields the families were women and children, engaged in one great strike, November 9, 1903, the northern Colorado strike committee rado to believe, that if they would and the Denver citizens alliance ejected from their homes, making it of the most righteous strikes that the

> Mr. Mitchell sent to our district other houses; the prices of necessi- have ever waged, were living on \$12president and secretary that unless ties range 25 per cent higher than in 000 per week, or 63 cents per capita they used their influence to force the Pennsylvania; no other work of any a week. Out of 63 cents per week For going against your orders and northern miners to return to work kind was obtainable by the strikers; those people who had been thrown The Northern Coal company re- refusing to become a part in the be- and if we persisted in remaining on besides the strike occurred in the from their homes and had in many

closed. The unorganized miners Superior. You ordered us to ac- will soon be laid at rest; her voice miners to betray their fellow work- herewith submit to our various local on the barren hills and in the desocame out because they had been told, cept such an offer and return to so eloquent to plead the cause of the men in the south, let me quote from unions the following financial report, lated canyons of Colorado. New work, but the northern miners re- oppressed will soon be hushed; her President Howell's report to the giving as accurately as possible, the Mexico and Utah; 19,000 men, that if they struck the union miners fused to betray their southern broth- heart that beats so warmly in sym- fourth annual convention. On page amount of indebtedness.

would be cut off from support from poses. That this amount was in- the Denver citizens alliance. The mass meeting voted two to the national organization. This ar- sufficient to carry on this work is

Secretary John Simpson, in a let-

ter to myself says:

for the strikers.

Then, for the fourth time, the

ew Mexico and Pueblo, Colorado, June 20, to 23, 1904 is the following:

"Local union 2204, Majestic, Colthracite strike, but let it be remem- need of shoes and clothes, many of them going around with gunny sacks on their feet."

The fact is, and I challenge John Mitchell to deny it, that 19,000 men, necessary to provide tents or rent disinherited masses of this country and bedding, were compelled to buy Let me read a statement issued by tents or pay rent, buy food, clothes To prove that you made such a District Secretary Simpson in Feb- and coal. During all the long winter of 1903 and '04 19,000 men, "Greeting Fellow Members: We women and children were encamped women and children pitting their "It will be necessary in order to hungry stomachs against the iron "But again a demand was made make it plain to all, to go back to power of corporate despotism; 19-

From November, 1903, until July executive board for more aid at the starve, until one by one they had to meeting held in Indianapolis, Janu- a large extent been starved into subary 4, 1904, when \$6,000 additional mission. Finally, on July 1, 1904, "Yes, John Mitchell did tell us was granted. This amount only paid you withdrew support altogether

The miners, having in district port; and he did bring all the pres- tinual struggle to hold our forces, convention decided that a victory At this time, the Denver citizens sure to bear that he could to make even though we have made use of might yet be won, and some conceswork. We did recommend, but un- devised to procure shelter and food decided to fight on-to go down in defeat if it must be, but to never "According to the lists prepared surrender-and they sent solicitors when complete victory was practic- temporary gain, betray their fellow tor Fuel company, the two compa- fourth referendum, having John of \$12,000 per week, making an al- did everything possible to prevent nies controlling southern Colorado, Mitchell's threat thrown in their lowance of 63 3-19 cents per capita the eastern miners from giving asthe traitorous actions of yourself, "Other expenses were made nec-The result of this unholy conspir- essary, such as rents, tents, doctors' Mr. Mitchell, the eastern miners alliance, Peabody and the Mine ern mines began producing coal the cutting down the small amount of ponse of the cry of distress from the west. Between the rank and file of the eastern and western miners there is shown, will indicate to you that the who have fastened themselves like be united under one standard and all together will struggle forward to Let me say that the grievance the uplift the enslaved masses, and batminers of Colorado, New Mexico tle for the overthrow of industrial Let me ask you, Mr. Mitchell, "Be peaceable, be law abiding to say that a part of the enormous ries belong to you, that you must thrown away. The gievance that you why, after you had refused to

ally assured, the order was suddenly workmen in southern Colorado. sent by Mr. Mitchell to the men in charge of the strike to go into a coners in the district to return to work. pany: This order was like a thunderbolt to us. This order was against the protests of our district officers, against two exceptions, and against the protests of the rank and file of the miners of the 15th district.

Mr. Mitchell, I ask you who induced you to order the miners in northern Colorado to return to work?

I challenge you to prove that it was the miners, the district officers, or even your own national organizers that induced you to order the northern Colorado strike committee to go into a conference with the officials of the Northern Coal company.

I assert that it was the Northern Coal company, backed by the Denver citizens alliance and the Southern Coal companies that asked you

ident Howells says: "Struby and tion and not of true unionism. Blood had more influence with John and all the arguments that could be brought to bear by District 15."

ern Coal company and the Denver dent Howells and Mother Jones. citizens alliance, had more influence with you than the miners and offi- return to work, and read a telegram gallantly fighting a battle to over- advising us to go back to work.

route to Trinidad, and induced him Parryism and militaryism. to go back to the northern field and

working to defeat the settlement."

result.

been arranged and you were determined to force it upon us.

Your next step was to order Mr. induce them one at a time to go on Mitchell's policy. record as favoring a settlement-a orado to return to work. I chal- body. An act and a policy that no 15 he says: lenge you, Mr. Mitchell, to deny it! one but an autocrat can approve of;

In the Denver Post of November would be forced to surrender, faces, they agreed under protest, to per week for food were it possible to sistance to the Colorado-Utah strik-16, 1903, is the following concern- Should the coal companies of south- become a party to the betrayal of apply the full amount to that end. ers. I believe if it had not been for ference with the coal companies of ing the prominent part played by ern Colorado be forced to surrender the southern miners. northern Colorado, and upon any Mr. Reams to forch this settlement and make terms with the union it terms that were offered, get the min- upon us by the Northern Coal com- would mean a defeat for the citizens acy was that as soon as the north- fees, attorneys' fees, coal, etc., thus would have been generous in res-

"Officials of the Northern Coal Owners association. With their deand Coke company were apprised of feat it would have placed the Cripple throughout the state, the opportun- Our local unions in fields where we presence and activity of the influence Creek and Telluride miners upon the ity of forcing the southern coal com- have settlements have been very the advice of our national board Saturday morning and acted upon road to victory. It would have panies to terms was gone. The day generous in the way of loaning and no enmity, no jealousy; we have a member, Mr. Kennedy, against the the information. They at once in- meant a victory for both the coal that the northern miners returned to donating sums to help carry on the common cause, a common hope. advice, I believe, of every one of the tercepted John F. Reams, one of and metaliferous miners of the west work, the discouraged southern min- work, but the list of our creditors, The time is coming when John national organizers, with possibly Mr. Mitchell's men, who was en and the rout and ruin of Peabody, ers were defeated and the strike was and the amount of indebtedness Mitchell and leaders of his type.

> To give you an idea of how the try to offset the effect of the powers Colorado Fuel and Iron company Victor Fuel company and the Colo- sufficient to meet the demands made will be scraped off and thrown into and the Victor Fuel company and rado Fuel and Iron company, with upon us. Had we not been able to the scrap pile, and the coal miners This was twice Mr. Mitchell had the Northern Coal company were the able assistance of John Mitchell secure credit, many would have gone of the anthracite district, the central endeavored to force the northern playing the northern miners against won a victory over the miners of the cold and hungry, and what has bituminous field and the far west: miners to return to work; each time the southern miners, let me quote west that has forced them into a promised from the beginning to be a and the metaliferous miners of Britthey had refused, and we supposed from a statement made by Charles state of abject peonage, and closed winning strike, would have before ish Columbia, the Rocky Mountain that you would be satisfied with the Billington of Erie, at the last annual upon them the door of hope for now ended in confusion and certain region, Missouri and Michigan, will convention of district 15. He is no years to come.

lost.

Soon afterwards we of Colorado But you were not. The deal had friend of mine, but an admirer of John Mitchell. He was district ex- had the pleasure of a visit from John ecutive board member for northern Mitchell. On December 3, 1903, he Colorado during the strike, a mem- arrived at Trinidad-the center of

Reams to visit the different locals in ber of the strike committee and did the southern coal field. In an adnorthern Colorado, and endeavor to everything possible to carry out Mr. dress to the miners he said:

to force the miners of northern Col- thing they had refused to do in a fourth annual convention of district you win, if it takes five years."

Mr. Reams strongly urged us to feat the southern miners."

market was relieved in Denver and money alloted each person weekly.

The Denver citizens alliance, the resources at our command were not barnacles upon our organization, defeat.

"JOHN SIMPSON."

and Utah have is not because there slavery.

was not a large enough amount of money expended. In fact, I am free does the money in the local treasu-

On page 52 of the report of the and strike, strike, and strike until sum-\$437,000-was practically guard it so zealously? Let me ask The miners were peaceable, they the miners of the 15th district have give them support, you felt impelled

"I believe at the time that the were law abiding, and they struck is the manner in which the strike by an overpowering sense of duty. In a letter to myself, District Pres- and act that was the work of disrup- northern coal companies were in and struck, and struck for one long, was conducted, especially in regard to prevent the local unions from conference with us to bring about a bitter year; and you, Mr. Mitchell, to forcing the northern miners to re- contributing?

Our district president, Mr. How- settlement, they were also confering let them starve, and starve, and turn to work, and because there was Mitchell than the pressing needs of, ells, having heard of such underhand with the large companies of the starve and go cold and naked until not money enough given in the defeated miners of Colorado, Utah work, called a mass meeting at Lou- south. I have been informed that they were forced by hunger and suf- months of November, December and and New Mexico look upon you as isville. Nearly every miner of nor- they were holding these conferences fering to return to the mines, from January-the critical period. Dis-Mr. Mitchell, allow me to ask you thern field was present at the mass between our sessions, and I believe which they had been called by you trict President Howells offered Mr. why Mr. Struby, the president of the meeting, and all day we heard the the matter was fixed up so as to upon the promise of support and fair Mitchell a fair proposition: that if Northern Coal company, and Mr. question of returning to work arg- make a reasonable settlement with dealing; and finally, while you were the district be allowed to expend Blood, the attorney for the North- ued by Mr. Reams, District Presi- us, so as to put our coal upon the traveling through Europe like an \$300,000 they would be willing to trict convention, page 52:

Denver market and thus help to de- aristocrat and staying at fashionable terminate the strike one way or hotels upon money furnished by the another at the end of the time that But after all the recommendations underpaid miners of America, you amount was expended.

cials of the 15th district, who were from Mitchell, Lewis and Wilson made by Mr. Mitchell's representa- withdrew the support altogether On page 12 of the report of the tives; after all the secret deals ar- from the noble men and women of special district convention held at

Is it any wonder, then, that the a greater enemy to them than are the brutal coal companies?

District executive board member, John D. Ritchie, said at the last dis-

"In regard to John Mitchell, I denounce him as one of the greatest autocrats I have ever seen, and the time is coming when we will have to

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RANDALL VERSUS MITCHELL

In the noted speech of Robert Randall in the last U. M. W. A., convention exposing the traitorous acts of John Mitchell, and his peris scarcely necessary, but suffice to the whole matter will not be amiss. His speech as published this week will be followed by another statesubject and matter.

In brief, Comrade Randall is a true blue union man, class conscious to the interests of the class that he belongs, while Mr. Mitchell is a traitor to the class that he asaumes to represent, but which class he only mis-represents.

But Mr. Mitchell you have done some good. You in the roll of has unanimously endorsed the Heltraitor to your own brother workers have served to open the eyes of could open them so wide as the god be received through the referendum Mitchell in this case? they worshiped turning traitor. of the affiliated uinons. The proper France, while the coal diggers paid week the News will be able to give the bills and their wives bent over its readers more in regard to the the washtubs. You received diamond presents from the class that purchased your treason to betray the class that you were supposed to the illustrated lecture tour and en- president of the U. M. W. of A., we tain defeat. workers and idol worshipers were Walsh: drugdging long hours for a mere been told about you nothing would be about 13th of March. have been gained; however your exceedingly course work in the act against the southern, will, we repeat, teach the miners a lesson that could never have been taught them with the force that you have given it to them. Your infamy to the working class dates as an open book from the time that Robert Randall was expelled from that convention for telling the truth; you are a despised cur; you are not as good by half as Peabody, Adjutant General Bell, aye, you are on a par with the thugh union spy; your days are nembered among the working class, and the time will come when your picture shall hang in the gallery with Benedict Arnold and other traitors.

unorganized territory with the illus- ROBERT RANDALL'S SCATHING trated lecture and entertainment while the new enthusiasm is still on, and shortly after this lecture, which

man's movement. Without boost-

ing ourselves, it is the opinion of

in the United States.

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matter.

rades will get in and do some hustl- children have had to wear gunny- feat the southern miners.

ing, then follow with Mrs. Comrade Hazlett. Also information has much poverty in our camps. If thern miners to return to work, by been received from Wilshire asking Mitchell were doing his duty he the threat of withdrawing support, to send Comrade Wanhope through would be here leading the strike in- he violated the principles and conthe state. This might seem like stead of being in France, staying at stitution of our organization, and lots of speakers but they will be a \$12 a day hotel, while the miners proved himself to be an autocrat and several weeks apart and it will not of this district are striving. But dictator.

seem many by the time they have away back yonder in the east is a Third—That in promising the all been heard.

man who is putting his thumb on southern miners ample support in the By all means, comrades, let us you. I have not seen the time since strike call of November 9, 1903, and get our coats off and do two things the strike was first inaugurated when telling them to "strike, strike and of vital importance to the Socialist we could win out any better than we strike until you win, if it takes five movement in this state. First or- could now if we had the money. If years," and then in refusing them ganize the unorganized territory we were to win this strike it would sufficient support, and finally in and continue to spread the propo- be turning down our idol. Some of stopping it altogether, you placed a ganda. Second let us perfect a the eastern people don't want him shameful and disgraceful blot upon militant, class-conscious, working turned down." our organization, and proved your-

Scofield, Utah, Jan. 6, 1905. miners of Colorado, New Mexico and the News that we of Montana have Robert-Randall, Deitz, Wyo.

one of the best grounded movements Dear Sir and Brother: John panies themselves.

Mitchell has been a traitor against I will now prove the charge-that The comrades generally are us. John Mitchell told us at the be- in entering into an unholy deal with hustlers for the News, even though ginning of the strike of Carbon the Northern Coal company at the they may criticise it and not be- county that he would support us for behest of the Denver citizens allilieve in all its editorial utterances, three years if necessary, but we ance, to force by illegal means the which is an excellent sign of life found out that he is a traitor; and northern Colorado miners to return and interest in the movement; they also he said that he would stay with to work, and thus defeat the southare ever ready to assist the state us, but no he went to Europe in the ern miners; and in dining with the secretary, even though enough month of June, 1904, and he sold members of the Denver citizens allimoney can't be raised to pay his himself to the company, and in ance and the Peabody law and order fedy to organized labor. comment salary; and last but not least they the first part of December he sent a league at the chamber of commerce are as a rule pretty well grounded man over here to try and get us in Denver, Colorado, December 5, say that a few remarks relative to in the revolutionary, proletarian away from here by trying to give the 1905, you proved yourself a traitor fare to us. He has been telling us to the working class.

The future is bright for the move- to get support whenever we can and President Howells' statement that ment. Let us do our duty comrades that he would settle the bills, and "Struby and Blood (the president ment of facts relative to the same from now on. Make arrangements these bills are about \$10,000, but of the Northern Coal company and for speeches in the organized disno.

At the beginning of the strike the alliance) had more influence with tricts. By all means let us organize company stole our property valued John Mitchell than the pressing the unorganized districts, and when at \$50,000, and what is more the needs of, and all the arguments that the votes are counted at the next company has stopped the rent that could be brought to bear by district election they will be sufficient to we should have got from the houses, 15," and your action in forcing the make the eyes of the capitalists bug and John Mitchell has called off the

strike so that he would get \$20,000 into a conference against the profor it, so that we would move away tests of the miners and their district The Fedral Labor Union No. 199 from here. The strikers from win- officers, proves that you made an ena Socialist city ticket and platform ter quarters and Clear Creek, men, unholy deal with the northern Coal women and children, are 289 altoand requested the Trades and Labor company and its allies. many of the workers. No one else Assembly that a similar expression gether. What do you think of John convention by Charles Billington

When Louis Robertie was solicit- goes to prove what we in Colorado You dined at \$12 per day hotels in steps have been taken, and next ing for we strikers, John Mitchell all knew to be a fact-that the southand his officers tried to arrest Louis ern coal companies induced the Nor-Robertie and told the locals of the thern Coal company to make a seteast that the strike was called off in tlement and get the northern mines

Carbon county. Comrade Graham is now routing And if Charles De Molle was the southern coal companies from cer-

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thern Colorado and then forcing the bear in mind should clear something turn him down or he will turn us northern miners, against their wishes for the local, and will if the com- down. Many of our women and to return to work, and desert and de-

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EXPOSE OF JOHN MITCHELL

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WHAT SHOULD BE DONE.

According to the report from the state secretary published in our last issue there is something for the Socialist to attend to in the near future. That is getting ready for the speaking tours soon to be opened. The editor of the News is pratically ready to tour the different localities and this illustrated lecture tour should be made a meams of creating interest and raising money to put the locals in shape to receive the other speakers, who are announced in the report, will probably be in this state in the near future.

Comrade Hagerty of course, will only make a few of the larger places probably, but Comrade Hazelett should be sent into as many places as possible over the state.

It strikes the News that a good way for the conducting of this work would be to follow the organizer in

belong to and represent, while the tertainment of Comrade J. H. Eight dates have been made in Ravalli county, and the

Comrade McHugh sends in first union man. of playing the northern miners order for a number of copies of the Randall's speech.

> The Socialist movement needs organization more than propaganda right now.

The unorganized territory 0 Montana should be given attention first.

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would have won the strike long ago. John Mitchell and his officers have arrested Charles De Molle because by the fact that its attorney repreexistance. But had the workers first one at Hamilton will probably he knew we would win the strike if

Mitchell is only a bluffer and not a

John Mitchell has sent a man over special edition containing Robert here and he paid our president \$15 tion at a banquet given by the chamto try and get us away and to lose

our property. John Mitchell should have told us at the beginning of the strike that he is only a bluffer, and he is only a traitor. We ask you to

let all the brothers know that we have a big case between the strikers and John Mitchell and company.

> Yours Fraternally, JOHN MACKETA.

Seal of local union No. 188 U. M. W. of A., Scofield, Utah.

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The strikers having passed through were encamped all winter in tents on the bleak hills, and suffered from hunger and a lack of clothes, shoes and fuel. Yet, John Mitchell the lauded labor leader, the little tin labor god of the capitalist class, spent the time he should have spent at the front leading the miners to victory dining with Perry Belmont, Frank Robbins, "Scab Hero" Elliot, and Andrew Carnegie; dining and wining with the labor exploiters and labor crushers who have sold and enslaved American manhood, degraded American womanhood, cursed and and phesants on toast, while the men, women and children whose misery and suffering have made you ian striker at Scofield, Utah. For manhood." great were hungry, cold and naked, eight years that poor Italian had I have proven:

The part played by the Denver citizens alliance can be plainly seen sented the Northern Coal company Charles De Molle were free. John in its conference with the northern Colorado strike committee and by the fact that John Mitchell dined

> with the members of that organizaber of commerce in Denver, Colorado, December 5, 1903.

John Mitchell haying betrayed into the hands of their enemies, the coal miners of the west, was there to receive his reward. He dined with the members of the Denver citizens alliance and the Peabody law and order league. He fell from his high pedestal to feast with commercial brigands who have disgraced our

us from our homes. In one, though in only one way, a winter of suffering as pitiful as our have I any respect for that dehumrevolutionary forefathers passed at anized monster, Governor Peabody. Valley Forge, were in the direct want He is true to his class-the capitalist of the necessaries of life. Hundreds class-and faithfully serves his masters. But I cannot find words to express my contempt for a man, who having raised himself to power upon 2, 4 and 6 New Reade Street, and by the suffering, struggles and famous servitude.

the west.

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blighted American childhood; drank law and order league you proved and built this home. You can take for a smile from their masters. champagne, dined on terripin soup yourself a traitor to the miners of my wages for eight years, you can take my home from my wife and The story has been told of an Ital- children, but you cannot take my

Those are the people-the rank been putting his earnings into a and file-whose names are unknown, First-That the organization, house he had built upon the com- whose pictures never appear in the editon of the News to Homer Genthrough John Mitchell, played the pany's ground. When he struck, he magazines, who never discuss the

New York

misery of the working class, falls a and his family were driven from their labor question over a bottle of cham victim to the flattery of his capital- home by the brutal soldiers. One pagne; those who strike, lose their istic masters, and betrays the men day he went to the office for what homes, go cold, hungry and naked, who are fighting an heroic battle to pay he still had coming. The sup- and see their children crying in want: throw off the galling chains of in- erintendent wanted him to go back those are the people who are buildto work, telling him that unless he ing up this organization, who are John Mitchell, in the name of the did so, he would forever lose his job. fighting the battle for the uplifting miners of the west whom you have The Italian in his broken English of the human race, who are striking betrayed back into slavery, I assert said: "No, for eight years you have for labor's emancipation, and not that when you dined with the Den- stolen nearly all my wages; what lit- little tin gods who are always fawnver citizens alliance and the Peabody tle you have not stolen I have saved ing at the feet of the capitalist class

Livingston, Mont., Feb. 25, 'o5. Comrade Walsh: Find enclosed money order for \$6.00; give M. L. Baker credit for \$4 and for the other \$2 send 100 copies of the specia ereau, Livingston, for the Livingston local. JAS. D. GRAHAM.

MONTANA NEWS, HELENA, MONTANA

is always the biggest class.

I would advise two or three col-

Witnout disputing your personal

that a paper on tactics can't get sup-

port enough to live, and is it not

people? With best regards, I am,

Yours for Socialism,

Gardiner, Mont., Feb. 22, '05.

Comrade Walsh: The initiative

and referendum is certainly living a

strenuous life these days and it

would not be much of a surprise to

me to see the legislature let it rest

It can hardly be expected that a

capitalist legislature would pass any

bill that in a measure would give the

masses a voice in the government

because most of them believe in gov-

ernment without the consent of the

Most people do not know what the

bill is anyway, and I have been re-

quested to write and ask you to give

the meaning of initiative and refer-

endum in the columns of the News.

Get answer in special edition if

Yours for Socialism,

[Impossible to get an answer in

a result a great amount of corres-

Coeur d'Alene, Idaho, Feb. 20, '05.

to return the cards as I can't per-

suade the boys to take to any thing

amount of papers and magazines and

of late we have taken to W. T. Mill's

book and other dry and hard litera-

ture, and we don't read one-half the

papers we get; besides we are all

very poor. I had to cut my 19 pa-

Dear Comrade: I am compelled

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state:

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and also get the message of Sociaworks of this old capitalist system edition, I remain, are shaking and are ready to fall, Jet us unite and throw a shell into it that will knock the props from under it forever.

From every country in the world comes the glad tidings of the spreding revolution let us up and be do- noted. ing our share of the good work, now is the time to spread the doctrine of financial condition of the News, but Socialism get the message to the I hope you will be able to hold out people. The Montana News is a a little longer; it could hardly get feerless, class-conscious, clear cut any worse than at present. paper and worthy of our utmost I find it next to impossible to sell ciple, but that under present condi-

let us not tarry too long. Yours for Socialism, JOHN BRACK.

bad in Russia as they are in Colorado. It would appear that the Rus- I believe will square us again. My umns of "eye-openers" to one of sian government is almost as rotten account as far as I can remember is tactics. as ours. J. B.

Dear Comrade: Yours of the 12th to hand a few days ago. I received your 10 cards and will do the best I can to sell them. The only paper I have received since I wrote you is the issue of February 15th. Enclosed you will find \$1 for 50 copies of your special edition of Robert Randall's speech; 25 copies to Wm. Brown No. 379, Wyoming avenue, Sheridan, Wyoming, and

25 copies for myself. Brother Randall has left here and is now in Denver, Colorado. I have written to him and asked him to send Clancy, Mont., Feb. 20, 1905. you his photo. I may get some To the Comrades throughout the more orders for your special edition. I have just received a verbatim report, relative to the charges made by Robert Randall and the replies therto made at the convention. Bro. Randall writes me that they have left some of the things he said out and put some to them he did not say. Let me know if you want it and I will send it to you. Randall told us here that W. E. Jones, national

end of that time if he thinks it is rict 22 said at the convention in his speech against Randall that the Aldit, and if he is not satisfied you will ridge miners were scabs. Let the not consider him under any obliga- miners of Montana know what kind of a man Jones is; he is the most

By this means we could double abject tool, faker and spy in the lathe circulation of the News at once, bor movement today. He expects to be again elected to the same oflism to hundred who know nothing fice. Tell Alex Fairgrieve that we of it at present. Or there may be must defeat this man Jones at any some comrades who can not afford cost for he will get very few votes to do this but the majority can I here if I can help it. Hoping you think. Comrades, the rotten earth- will have success with your special

> Yours for the cause, WILLIAM DICK.

Kalispell, Mont., Feb. 20, '05. Comrade Walsh: Yours of the 13th inst., at hand and contents

It is discouraging to note the

am ready to fall in line at once but tantly trying to awaken them from tary eye-openers for the non-Socialtheir fancy dreams; but such is ig- ist and new beginner as well as scinorance and must be overcome entific arguments for the advanced through education before anything class. Remember the primary grade P. S. Say, things will soon be as can be accomplished.

Enclosed find check for \$10, which as follows:

Deitz, Wyo., Feb. 20, 1905. Letter-Heads and Envelopes 4 00 tactics worse than propaganda at 50 Copies Special Edition .. I oo the present stage, is it not evident

Total \$25 00 Former payment 15 00 Wishing you the best of success, and wear clothes the same as other am. Yours for the Social Revolution,

FRED HELM.

Boulder, Mont., Feb. 24, '05. Comrade Walsh: Herewith \$2 for two cards sold out of the five ou sent us.

Will keep pegging away and may ell the rest any time.

In regard to the Boulder amendment which you commented upon editorially, wish to say that we did not put it forward as a perfect proposition in detail. That is in respect to the amount of \$100 as being the minimum amount to which the comrade elected was personally entitled as wages.

\$75 or \$90, perhaps \$90 would be nearer correct under the Montana standard of wages.

With regard to the balance of all salary and fees over the minimum amount, we were unanimous on the proposition to divide it evenly, half and half between the man and the party.

We considered the half and half principle pretty fair, considering the this week, but the same will appear fact, that our first members elected next week. The Randall speech has to office will probably be as much about exhausted the proletarian fadue to the comrade's individual ef- cilities at this office this week and as forts and personality.

pondence has been left over for next Then considering the weakness of issue. human nature, which we claim in

answer to our opponents that Socialism does not ignore; it is more than likely we could not collect a greater proportion than one-half as Socialists are still human even if they are somewhat in advance of their old new. Well we take an immense party neighbors for as we understand it the payment of any amount whatever, would be simply a moral

proposition and not legally collectable. I do not however, claim that the

pers down to 8, and that is more 'half and half" principle is absothan I can afford. lutely correct as a theoretical prin-

To show you how poor we are, we

OUR FASHION LETTER

Chiffon Cloth Is Useful For Sep-

arate Waists.

THE CRAZE FOR DARK JACKETS.

Dainty Little Boots and Slippers For My Lady-Colored Spangled Gauze on Watteau Fans-A Fetching Costume of Bisque Cloth.

A pretty new shirt waist model is made up in deep cream satin. It has a small voke and deep cuffs of lace. A welcome change from the too often employed tucks is the rows of shirring which appear on the sleeves and waist of this model. instead of the usual plait down the center of the waist a line of shirring is substituted. In the lines of stitching are caught loops of gold ribbon. Over the shoulders is a band of shirring end ing in bowknots of gold ribbon. The sleeves have a wide puff and a deep lace cuff. The back of the waist is laid in two inverted box plaits.

Chiffon cloth makes a dressy, becom ing little separate waist when it ex actly matches the skirt worn with it. Most of the smart separate waists button in the back and have three quarter or elbow sleeves.

There is a craze abroad among some smart women for dark colored jackets



worn with a gay skirt. A black or dark colored redingote looks very well in the afternoon over a colored dress, but for morning wear the skirt of one

the insteps-are particularly comfortable for women with high insteps

Tan shoes of light weight Russian calf are being worn with some of the smart brown costumes of the season. The smart little slippers illustrated are of embroidered suede. They are built somewhat on sandal lines, laced up the center and tied just below the ankle in a natty bow.

FASHION NOVELTIES.

Colored spangled gauze in the design of a butterfly with outspread wings is one of the prettiest ideas seen on the new Watteau fans.

A stockinet for slipping over evening boots when driving represents a novelty in footwear. It has no fastening, but there is a seam down the middle front, and it is easily slipped on and off.

A curious passementerie has made its appearance lately, carried out in sev-



CHIFFON TOQUE

eral shades of yellow and orange chenille mingled with various tones of brown leather. The leather is cut into bands the same width of the chenille and the two together twisted into designs of a floral or conventional type. This trimming is used on elaborate walking gowns

Oriental satin in lovely shades is always worn, and crepe de chine should not be forgotten, on account of its lovely draping qualities.

Here is a suggestion for a most fetching calling costume of bisque cloth. It is tailorish in cut, the skirt made in three graduated parts, with rounded corners in front caught to produce a panel effect, with buttons of pale green and gold enamel. The bolero coat has long straps in front, with a cross tab in front trimmed with six enameled buttons. The belt and collar are of pale green velvet embroidered with gold thread. The sleeves areplaited at the top, taper toward the wrist and end in a smart cuff of velvet and lace.

The fetching little toque in the picture is of white chiffon, the brim becomingly evolved from white point lace. An aigret and long feather trim the toque at the side.

RUSSIAN PLAID BLOUSES. Stylish dresses for little girls are the idea of harmony in coloring which style. White shields beautifully hand embroidered in gold brighten up these costumes Foulard silks will again be in evibags of suede. These little bags are dence for dressy spring toilets, Dresrivaling the reticules of brocaded silk den designs on white satin grounds be-





CREPE DE PARIS WAIST.

ing first choice. Floral patterns scattered over a striped or dotted surface is another favorite combination.

Spring and summer gowns will be almost exact reproductions of the advanced winter modes

A smart touch of color is lent to many of the new storm coats by collar and cuffs of leather in natural color, green or scarlet

The golf girl may revel in a new jersey, a smart double breast affair finished with a tartan collar.

The newest dust coats are long and loose, button all the way down the front and are belted in the back. They have a deep cape, gauntlet cuffs and a small standing collar.

Brooches of gold elaborately jeweled are used as hatpins to hold in place dainty headgear of tulle, lace and flow-

The attractive dinner waist illustrated is of yellow crepe de paris. Over the full bloused bodice is arranged a deep collar of lace. About the shoulders are three bands of amber velvet. A chou and jabot of lace fasten the lace collar in front.

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The Socialists of Helena held a mass nominating convention Monday night at 22 Park avenue. The folticket named:

First ward-August Johnson, cigar maker.

Second ward-John Waudelt, tailor.

Third ward-Charles Nelson. Fourth ward-Fifth ward-D. A. Thetge.

Sixth ward-Herman Luehmann, carpenter.

Seventh Ward-T. P. Hughes. For school trustee-J. H. Walsh.

We, the Socialist voters of Helena new our allegiance to the principles of international Socialism, and present the voters of Helena these same principles worked out in detail, to be applied to municipal rather than

nes. Send in a few subs "

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to national issues, as our platform in and educational center for workers through the guise of an official act this campaign.

We believe that a working man should get the equivolent of all that he produces, and we demand that he should get it. As the only means of realizing this demand, we declare lowing platform was adopted and that the people who get only a samll share of what they produce (the working class) should peaceably, at

the ballot box, take possession of the government and convert this land of trusts, capitalists, oppression, tyranny, "bull-pens," child-murder, graft, starvation for the poor and extravagant luxury for the rich, into a co-operative commonwealth.

In the campaign recently closed no difference in their platforms; they were both pledged to the monied interests, or as we say, the capitalist class.

In this campaign the two old parties will stand on the same platform; the last alleged difference that existed between them has been removed the past year; they both stand for the capitalist class in this city (the are pledged to their interests, as op-

posed to the working class. As a majorty party we would put our principles as a whole into opera-

tion; but as a minority party we favor all measures of benefit to the working class as a whole, and such absolutely opposed to it. as will lead to the establishment of the co-operative commonwealth. We therefore favor the following

measures:

MUNICIPAL OWNERSHIP.

Municipal ownership of street railways, lighting plants, water works, such other industries as are necessary draw profits out of labor in other into the life of our citizens.

The establishment of a free city hospital.

The establishment of free bath and free laundries.

The establishment of public play grounds.

The erection of a Labor Temple violating the laws of the state with

connection for unemployed.

The establishment of a free labor and employment bureau.

The establishment of all useful monthly fine money. works and extension of public functions so as to give work to the unemployed.

LABOR. Abolition of contract labor on city work.

Rigid enforcement of all labor and factory inspection laws, and laws for the protection of women and minors

PUBLIC SCHOOL. The city now furnishes textbooks free to school children. It should the two old parties stood for the also furnish free clothing and free same principles; there was practically meals. Proper nourishment and

protection from the weather are as necessary to the education of our children as text books. CITIZENSHIP.

Equal civil and political rights for men and women.

The Socialist when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer manufacturers, merchants, etc.) and to this question his guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working

> class and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does, the Socialist party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist party is

WARNING.

But in advocating these measures we warn the working class against the so-called public ownership par-

ties and of such planks in old party platforms, as an attempt of the capitalist class to get a stronger hold upon the reins of government, and ice houses, coal and wood yards, and thereby to increase their power to

> dustry. CONDEMN CITY OFFICIALS. We condemn the criminal practice of the present mayor and city administration in licensing the tin-

horns and prostitutes and protest against the practice of city officials

as headquarters and meeting place impunity. All of which is done

with lodging and boarding house in in collecting this blood money from unfortunates, by the police, which court becomes a more vicious criminal than those who contribute this

> And we further condemn the present bluff of closing gambling in the face of a city election by men who are holding office at the hands o this gang who have repeatedly vio lated their oath of office.

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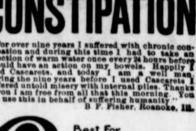


pingpong fever yet?" "No-er-but I've had appendicitis." -New York Journal.

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to the same level. The tendency of the competitive wage system is of inhering forces that will soon destroy them. We, the Socialist party, in convention assembled, make our ap- to make labor's lowest condition the measure or rule of its universal peal to the American people as the defender and preserver of the idea condition. Industry and finance are no longer national, but interna- movement comes as the only saving or conservative force. If the of liberty and self-government, in which the nation was born; as the tional in both organization and results. The chief significance of world is to be saved from chaos, from universal disorder and misery. only political movement standing for the program and principles by national boundaries, and of so-called patriotisms which the ruling it must be by the union of the workers of all nations in the Socialist which the liberty of the individual may become a fact; as the only class of each nation is seeking to revive, is the power which these movement. The Socialist party comes with the only proposition or political organization that is democratic, and that has for its purpose give to capitalism to keep the workers of the world from uniting, and program for intelligently and deliberately organizing the nation for To this idea of liberty the republican and democratic parties are capitalist interests for the control of the yet unexploited markets of of man has ever been directed toward the conscious organization of The Socialist movement, therefore, is a world movement. It knows of no conflicts between the workers of one nation and the workers of another. It stands for the freedom of the workers of all nations; and, in so standing, it makes for the full freedom of all humanity.

FAIRBAULT, MINNESOTA

Into the midst of the strain and crisis of civilization, the Socialist to throw them against each other in the struggles of contending the common good of all its citizens. It is the first time that the mind society. Socialism means that all those things upon which the people in common depend shall by the people in common be owned and administered. It means that the tools of employment shall be long to their creators and users; that all production shall be for the direct use of the producers; that the making of goods for profit shall come to an end; that we shall all be workers together, and that opportunities shall be open and equal to all men. To the end that the workers may seize every possible advantage that may strengthen them to gain complete control of the powers of government and thereby the sooner establish the co-operative commonwealth, the Socialist party pledges itself to watch and work in both the economic and the political struggle for each successive immediate interest of the working class; for shortened days of labor and increase of wages; for the insurance of the workers against accident, sickness and lack of employment; for pensions for aged and exhausted workers; for the public ownership of the means of transportation, communication and exchange; for the graduated taxation of incomes, inheritances, and of franchise and land values, the prothings which he used, economic independence was possible. But of the workers; for the equal suffrage of men and women; for the production, or the making of goods, has long ceased to be individual. prevention of the use of the military against labor in the settlement of The labors of scores or even thousands, enters into almost every strikes; for the free administration of justice; for popular governarticle produced. Production is now social or collective. Practically ment, including initiative, referendum, proportional representation, and the recall of officers by their constituents; and for every gain or seas or continents-working together for the same end. But this advantage for the workers that may be wrested from the capitalist co-operation in production is not for the direct use of the things made system, and that may relieve the suffering and strengthen the hands by the workers who make them, but for the profit of the owners; and of labor. We lay upon every man elected to any executive or legislative office the first duty of striving to procure whatever is for the workers' most immediate interest, and for whatever will lessen the economic and political powers of the capitalist and increase the like powers of the worker. But, in so doing, we are using these remedial measures as means to the one great end of the co-operative commonwealth. Such measures of relief as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry, and thus come into their rightful inheritance. To this end we pledge ourselves, as the party of the working class, to use all political power, as fast as it shall be intrusted to us The Socialist program is not a theory imposed upon society for by our fellow workers, both for their immediate interests and for destruction. It is no longer competent to organize or administer the the service of the workers in their struggle to gain their own, and to work of the world, or even to preserve itself. The captains of indus- all who will nobly and disinterestedly give their days and energies

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the democratizing of the whole of society.

utterly false. They alike struggle for power to maintain and profit by the world, or the remaining sources of profit. an industrial system which can be preserved only by the complete overthrow of such liberties as we already have, and by the still further enslavement and degradation of labor.

Our American institutions came into the world in the name of freedom. They have been seized upon by the capitalist class as the means of rooting out the idea of freedom from among the people Our state and national legislatures have become the mere agencies of great propertied interests. These interests control the appointments and decisions of the judges of our courts. They have come into what is practically a private ownership of all the functions and forces of government. They are using these to betray and conquer foreign and weaker peoples, in order to establish new markets for the surplus goods which the people make, but are too poor to buy. They are gradually so invading and restricting the right of suffrage as to take unawares the right of the worker to a vote or voice in public affairs. By enacting new and misinterpreting old laws, they are

preparing to attack the liberty of the individual even to speak or think for himself or for the common good. class is able to silence what might be the voice of protest against the passing of liberty and the coming of tyranny. It completely controls the university and public schools, the pulpit and the press, arts and literatures. By making these economically dependent upon itself, it has brought all the forms of public teaching into servile submission

to its own interests.

Our political institutions are also being used as the destroyers of that individual property upon which all liberty and opportunity depend. The promise of economic independence to each man was one of the faiths in which our institutions were founded. But under the guise of defending private property, capitalism is using our political institutions to make it impossible for the vast majority of human beings to ever become possessors of private property in the means of life.

Capitalism is the enemy and destroyer of essential private property. Its development is through the legalized confiscation of all that the labor of the working class produces, above its subsistence wage. The private ownership of the means of employment grounds society in an economic slavery which renders intellectual and political tyranny inevitable.

Socialism comes so to organize industry and society that every individual shall be secure in that private property in the means of life upon which his liberty of being, thought and action depend. It comes to rescue the people from the fast increasing and successful assault of capitalism upon the liberty of the individual.

II.

As an American Socialist party, we pledge our fidelity to the principles of international Socialism, as embodied in the united III.

The Socialist movement owes its birth and growth to that eco nomic development or world-process which is rapidly separating a working or producing class from a possessing or capitalist class. The class that produces nothing possesses labor's fruits, and the opportunities and enjoyments these fruits afford, while the class that does the world's real work has increasing economic uncertainty, and physical and intellectual misery as its portion.

The fact that these two classes have not yet become fully conscious of their distinction from each other, the fact that the lines of division and interest may not yet be clearly drawn, does not change the fact of the class conflict.

This class struggle is due to the private ownership of the means By controlling all the sources of social revenue, the possessing of employment, or the tools of production. Wherever and whenever man owned his own land and tools, and by them produced only the ceeds to be applied to public employment and bettering the condition everything is made or done by many men-sometimes separated by

to this is due the present division of society into two distinct classes; and from it has sprung all the miseries, inharmonies and contradictions of our civilization.

Between these two classes there can be no possible compromise or identity of interests, any more than there can be peace in the midst of war, or light in the midst of darkness. A society based upon this class division carries in itself the seeds of its own destruction. Such a society is founded in fundamental injustice. There can be no possible basis for social peace, for individual freedom, for mental and moral harmony, except in the conscious and complete triumph of the working class as the only class that has the right or power to be.

IV.

its acceptance or rejection. It is but the interpretation of what is, their ultimate and complete emancipation. To this end we appeal to sooner or later, inevitable. Capitalism is already struggling to its all the workers of America, and to all who will lend their lives to

try are appalled at their own inability to control or direct the rapidly unto the workers' cause to cast their lot and faith with the Socialist socializing forces of industry. The so-called trust is but a sign and party. Our appeal for the trust and suffrages of our fellow workers thought and action of the Socialists of all nations. In the industrial form of this developing socialization of the world's work. The uni- is at once an appeal for their common good and freedom, and for the development already accomplished, the interests of the world's work- versal increase of the uncertainty of employment, the universal capi- freedom and blossoming of our common humanity. In pledging ourers are separated by no national boundaries. The condition of the talist determination to break down the unity of labor in the trades selves, and those we represent, to be faithful to the appeal which we most exploited and oppressed workers in the most remote places of unions, the widespread apprehensions of impending change, reveal make, we believe that we are but preparing the soil of the economic the earth inevitably tends to drag down all the workers of the world that the institutions of capitalist society are passing under the power freedom from which will spring the freedom of the whole man.