

# AMALGAMATED COPPER COMPANY

## Alias Helena Light & Railway Company, Alias Standard Oil, Alias John D. Rockefeller Fights Municipal Ownership in Helena Through the Court

### SYSTEM BLOCKS PEOPLE'S WILL

### Cohorts of Profit, Dividend and Greed Make Democracy a farce and Popular Government a Reproach

There is no state more opportunely situated for the progressive application of a constructive, practical, socialist program, than the state of Montana at the present time. Franchises are expiring to be let and disposed of all over the state. It is from these public franchises and the public service that the most enormous profits are extracted known to modern commercialism. The profit seeker seeks them as a vulture seeks the carrion. Our modern government is admirably fitted for the production of the profit skinner under the guise of representatives of the public guarding all the transactions by which the public allows these profit takers to operate the industries that are essential to our health and comfort.

All the skimmers have to do then, is to take a part of their enormous profits and buy up the representatives, control the press so that the public never learns the facts of the matter, and their plunder and individual enrichment goes on, with the people as helpless as though an absolute despot were forcing them to pay tribute to him.

#### Helena Light Franchise.

The various franchises of the semi-public corporations of Helena are about to expire. The water franchise expires in February and the light franchise expires in May. The progressive element wants the city to own its own water and light system. The corporations are lined up against them. Reform Mayor, Frank Edwards, is opposing the corporation interests in the republican party. Against him are lined up the Amalgamated and all the subsidiary corporations. These have called to their aid their chief politician, Senator Tom Carter, who at this critical time, when great corporation profits are at stake, is in the city.

All of his lieutenants are slandering and maligning the reform republican mayor who has jumped over the corporation traces in his party.

#### Advocates City Ownership.

Edwards has, for many years, advocated municipal ownership of light and water. The exorbitant prices gouged out of the public for light have awakened the eyes of the intelligent as to the way they are being robbed. The council called for bids for a new city electric light plant, these to be submitted from the various construction companies of the country with specifications and certified checks as evidence of good faith.

On the 18th of October the bids were to be opened. The electric light company had its flunkies all lined up to bulldoze, overawe, and control the action of the council. An automobile had been sent out to Blackfoot after Alderman Fisk, the man who is trying to please the corporations so as to get the nomination for mayor, and the Amalgamated paid the bill.

Headed by Alderman Riefenrath, a

move was made in the council to oppose the opening of the bids. The electric light company, alias Amalgamated, alias Standard Oil, alias John D. Rockefeller, was not even going to let the people see whether they could get their lights cheaper or not. Lawyer Wallace, the corporation attorney, was walking around in reach of call, and a deputy sheriff was on hand to put an injunction on the council if it got out of leath.

**Corporation Aldermen Bluff Bidders.**  
It developed during the meeting that Alderman Riefenrath and others had had a private audience with the representatives of various electric construction companies, who had come to town to represent their bids before the council, and got them to leave town so as to make the bidding a failure.

The bids were opened and read, when Bob Fisk moved that they be laid over for a month. When he was asked what was his reason for such action he was silent, as he had not heard his masters voice giving him instruction on that point. But it was evident that the delay was to give the corporations time to smash all action towards city-owned light in Helena. The investigation of the bids was laid over until the next meeting.

#### Injunction Served.

The next day Harry Palmer, another one of the tools the corporation has around town, under the name of a taxpayer had an injunction put on the entire council to restrain them from putting in an electric light plant and the Amalgamated pays the expense. The grounds of the injunction are that it will be a heavy expense on the taxpayers to put in a new plant. This brings the matter into court.

The corporation tools, so anxious to save the taxpayers a few dollars at the expense of the great mass of the citizens in the town, say nothing of the blood money that goes to keep up the nabobs of New York from the people of Helena. Under corporation ownership and control lights are so dear that hundreds of the working class in Helena cannot afford to have lights; and the money extorted from the citizens goes to give monkey dinners and dog funerals among the degenerate capitalists who batten off their profits.

This bunch of leeches who are supporting the light company will never be any good to the community or state at large. It is largely composed of adventurers who used to be knights of the road, and descendants of horse thieves—people who want to get a living on a few shares of stock in a subsidiary company to the Amalgamated. These vampires stand around, watching every move towards progress, and opposing the interests of the community, for the sake of their parasitic profits.

However, there is a power behind the throne in Montana. Regardless of the subsidized corporation alder-

men or Amalgamated injunctions, the initiative and referendum holds good in this case, and the power-grasping corporation and its subsidiary corporations, the corporation element, will be whipped into line by the votes of the people.

#### Swedish Strike Delegate.

Comrade John Sandgren, the representative of the great Swedish strike, arrived in Helena Oct. 5th. It had been his wish to hold a meeting in behalf of the Swedish workmen, whose noble stand against the tyranny of the employers in exciting the admiration and cooperation of the laborers of the world. The crowds that have rallied to his support have been exceedingly large throughout the country.

Helena had to maintain his usual poor labor record by refusing to assist the Swedish strikers. The request from New York for a meeting were handed to Jake Werner, President of the Trades Assembly, with the suggestion that the Assembly take action. The Assembly refused to do anything, Werner objecting that the matter had come through the socialist party instead of the A. F. of L. As Mr. Jake Werner is a representative for a capitalist party (republican) in the legislature of Montana, it would hardly be expected that he would take any interest in the strike of the entire working class of a nation, where every working man is a socialist. Howard Smith, of W. A. Clark democratic fame, socialist paper smasher, is the secretary of the Trades Assembly. Working slaves lined up on the politics of their masters can hardly be expected to take any interest in workmen lined up solidly in a party against their capitalist employers.

But Comrade Sandgren was not idle although he had no meeting in Helena. He went to see several prominent Swedish men in the city, who are in sympathy with the stand the Swedish unions are making, and a movement was started for action in the state that will probably bring in about \$400 for the strikers' cause. He also saw several union officials who said they thought their unions would make a generous contribution to the strike fund.

In the afternoon Comrade Sandgren sat down in the News office and wrote up an account of the strike situation which has already appeared in

the News. He expressed himself as well pleased with what he had accomplished in Helena and left on the evening train for Butte. The comrade is an engineer by trade, working for ten years at his trade in San Francisco. He left Sweden six weeks ago, and said at that time there was no work being done in the country whatever, except on small farms.

He says the strikers are bound to win. The stand taken virtually amounts to a revolution. They will not yield or work till they win the concession from the employers that they be taken back on the same terms as before they went into the fight, and that there be no interference by employers with their right to organize.

Comrade Sandgren had an interesting exhibit in his pocketbook in the shape of two of the largest capitalist papers of Sweden, one from North Sweden and one from South Sweden. They were about twelve by eight inches, and were mimeographed. That is the best the capitalists can do when the workers won't work, and they have put a perpetual boycott on the capitalist papers; so that pretty nearly means that the workers are no longer put out capitalist papers. That comes pretty nearly looking like a revolution. When the capitalists are deprived of the power of publicity it means they can no longer work their schemes to oppress labor.

The position of the Swedish workers is the most advanced yet taken in the world. It is the first successful, thorough general strike. It has aroused the enthusiasm of the working class of the nations of the world and funds are flowing in from every country to aid the strike. It is setting the pace for the workers of all nations.

Comrade Sandgren stated that all union men were socialists in Sweden. To be a union man was to be a socialist, and the party has received such a powerful impetus from the strike that it is expected that the next election, or at most the one of 1912, will give the workers the majority in the rigsdag. The unions are rebuilding their organizations, and rebuilding them on the industrial plan instead of the craft plan. It is expected that it will require about four years to complete their reconstruction.

Comrade Sandgren is of the opin-

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## CORPORATION TRIUMPHANT

### Electric Light Injunction Granted---City Government No Longer Run By Aldermen

An injunction was granted in District Court No. 2 restraining the city of Helena from taking steps to put in a municipal lighting plant. The case was brought by one Harry Palmer in the capacity of a taxpayer, and amounts to a story of proceedings in the attempt of Helena to do its own lighting, and not be simply a milch cow to Amalgamated dividends.

Although Palmer is named as the petitioner, the Helena Light and Water company was the only interested party visible in the courtroom. Wallace, the attorney for the company, was fighting for the injunction. Sibley, the head mogul of the company, was present directing his lieutenant, and even taking the witness chair against the city. He was sending his

messengers to the attorney to direct the case. He was in constant conference with Riefenrath, the alderman heading the Amalgamated fight in the council against the municipal ownership proposition, and who voted for the original intention to ask for bids on a plant.

This was certainly a delicious spectacle in Montana city government, to see a city alderman hobnobbing in the courtroom, in a closely fought case against the city, with the big corporation that is fighting all attempts of the city to attend to its own business, in its own way, in the interest of the people.

The court rulings were all favorable to the corporation counsel, which is usually the case.

## MONTANA CONTEST OF THE GIANTS

### Who is to Gobble Us Up? War of Big Capitalistic Interests Draws Heavy Artillery to Political Field

There is a great struggle going on in Montana at the present time between the big interests in the state, and it has been raging for some time, although not apparent to the general public.

The Amalgamated is endeavoring to secure a monopoly of the water power of the state, and they have attempted to secure control of the three great power dams on the Missouri river near Helena, namely, Canyon Ferry, Hauser Lake and Wolf Creek.

Ex-Governor Hauser, pioneer and empire builder of Montana, is the man who is promoter of the power companies that own the dams near Helena, and the Amalgamated endeavored to freeze ex-Governor Hauser out. Hauser squealed, and ex-Senator W. A. Clark hurried to his assistance and a battle royal ensued. It is said that Clark spent one and a half million dollars in beating off the Amalgamated. The Amalgamated is about to retaliate on Clark and has charges drawn up and is about to serve same on Clark and take him into court on the charge of stealing ore from the Amalgamated Copper company veins in Butte. This is the same game that they tried to play on Heinze.

Senator Clark is in Montana and is mixing medicine, and it is predicted that a great corporation war is to take place along the same lines as that of some six and ten years ago in his state.

In some quarters it is predicted that the Amalgamated will offer Clark the United States senatorship as successor to Tom Carter, who will be shelved, provided that Clark throws Ex-Gov. Hauser down and allows the Amalgamated to get control of the Missouri river dams near Helena.

The use of the water power of the state gives the Standard Oil people a great opportunity to get a monopoly on the light and power used in Montana. At one time it was considered impracticable and expensive to carry power more than five or six miles from the place of generating to the place of use, but this idea has been exploded and it has been demonstrated that it pays to concentrate the power generating plants to thousands

of horse power capacity and to carry the power over the wires a few hundred miles to the place of distribution and use.

This gives a new and easy opportunity for exploiting the people. The Standard Oil has already a few monopolies and understands the business of exploitation thoroughly. The last session of the Montana legislature was a thoroughly Amalgamated Copper one, and a bill was introduced, known as House Bill No. 160, which passed both houses and received the governor's signature, thereby becoming law. This bill makes a trust legal in Montana as it gives any domestic corporation power to hold, acquire by purchase or otherwise any or all shares of the capital stock or the securities of any other corporation and may mortgage, sell, pledge, or otherwise dispose of same. House Bill 160, introduced and passed at the request and bidding of the Standard Oil forces, gives the trusts the power to secure control of every industry in Montana.

The Amalgamated is now building large power dams at Great Falls; in fact all the places in the state suitable for dam sites are being bought up by the great trust and a giant monopoly is being built up. In this way the Amalgamated will be able to own or control every electric light plant in the state, as well as every electric railway or street car system; hence the struggle between the big interests and financial giants.

Standard Oil, alias Amalgamated, wants it all. Ex-Senator Clark and his friends want a share in the exploitation of the people. It would never do to let the people through municipal ownership own their own street car and electric light systems, and then own the large generating power plants, thereby conserving for the whole people the national water power of the state. By the people owning and operating all these industries for themselves it would stop the source of revenue that goes to give monkey dinners, dog marriages and funerals for the entertainment of the degenerate trust magnates of the country.

## Jim Hill Controlling Public Opinion

The Great Northern railroad ran on excursion through northern Montana to the Billings Irrigation congress. All the editors of eastern, northern and western Montana along with the chief business men and promoters of interests were the invited guests on this excursion.

Jim Hill is laying his plans well for the controlling of Montana interests. Railroad domination has never been popular in Montana, and it has been almost impossible in any court for the

railroads to get a decision. Now Jim Hill wants to develop Montana—more business, more profits. He must be able to handle the courts. To do this he must control public opinion, through the press and otherwise. This is why every paper in the state representing capitalistic interests has Jim Hill's favors showered upon it.

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**INDUSTRIAL RISE OF SPAIN.**

Conditions in Spain are very interesting at present. Spain led the world in splendor, enterprise and learning after the Renaissance and came to its downfall through the power of the clergy and the uprising of England, after a struggle on the high seas of 200 years, practically beginning with the defeat of the Spanish Armada and ending with the victory of Nelson at Trafalgar.

With the overthrow of the church in France three years ago the priests retreated into Spain. There these exiles engaged in the manufacture of wines as well as exploiting the people from a religious standpoint, thus entering into industrial competition with them. The wine industry in Spain is a big industry for the workers. Consequently there was a great hostility of the masses against the church with an economic cause.

There has been a strong anti-military sentiment going on in Spain for the last 50 years. This recent uprising in Barcelona, of the province of Catalonia was practically an expression of the anti-military and anti-clerical prejudice, instead of a revolt for the emancipation of labor. Catalonia was one of the ancient provinces where occurred the most powerful rebellion of the slaves against the Roman armies. The peasants held out against Rome for many years. It has been one of the points of revolt from time immemorial.

A look at the future shows that a new Spain is awakening—an industrial Spain. Spain is about to become one of the foremost industrial nations in southern Europe and promises to be a dangerous rival to German commerce.

For the past twenty years the Spanish maritime trade has been increasing and the Spanish flag is seen more frequently in the seaports of the world than at any time in the past century.

This year the Spanish government decided to rebuild its navy that was destroyed in the Hispano-American war. An important factor arose as the government called for bids for the contracts of rebuilding the navy. The shipbuilding firms of America, Britain and Germany entered bids for the contracts. But besides this the British shipbuilding firms pooled their interests and made a special offer to the Spanish government that they would build a fleet in Spain, and establish shipyards in Spain, thereby creating a new industry, that of iron shipbuilding and engineering. And this is the first time since the advent of steam engineering, and the displacing of the old three-deckers, that modern battle-ships or modern vessels have been built in Spain.

And these same companies are going to establish big gun works in Spain that will turn out guns equal in capacity to the Armstrong guns of England and Italy and Krupp of Germany and the gun factories of France. The Spanish government accepted the offer of the British shipbuilders, and these are now at work floating a company to start the shipbuilding industry in Spain. The British builders are practically a trust, and these works are a Spanish branch of a British trust.

This will also bring the Spanish workers into competition with the shipbuilding industry of the world as they will also build merchantmen as well as battleships and torpedo boats. With the large iron ore deposits and coal deposits in Spain these companies will be able to compete with the rest of the world, as the raw material can be turned into the finished product right at the mine's mouth, and the low wages of Spanish workers enable them to carry on a cutthroat competition.

The British capitalists are the oldest capitalists in the world—shrewder, keener,—their skill came down from father to son. In this latest move they foresee that if the British workers get refractory they can transfer their activities to Spain.

The growth of the socialist movement in Britain has alarmed the capitalists, and they wish to be able to transfer their exploitation across the channel if necessary.

Regardless of what British capitalists may do in removing to Spain, the Spanish coal workers recently passed a resolution to the effect that if the British coal workers went on strike and coal was being shipped from Spain to Britain, the Spanish miners would strike, thus cutting off a source of supply that could be used to defeat the British miner. While they say that capital knows no boundary yet the solidarity of labor is international.

To the socialist there is a most interesting interpretation of his trouble in Morocco. Instead of gloating over the defeat of the Spanish forces by the Moors the socialists should feel that it is historically advantageous that Spain should obtain possession of the rich mineral deposits in the Rif district, as it thereby hastens the industrial development of southern Europe, wipes out the remnants of feudalism, and with it clericalism, and contracts the markets of the world for the big industrial nations by putting another competitor in the field.

It is becoming apparent now as to the motive of the great satisfaction to King Eddie and the British capitalists in the matrimonial alliance of the young English queen Victoria of Spain to Alphonse of Castile. England has long viewed with alarm the rise of German commerce; and some means had to be taken to get a new field close at hand to aid the English capitalists in their conquests of the markets of the world. So this royal economic marriage had its roots deep down in the further exploitation of the Spanish peasantry. Under the capitalist expedition of the evolutionary process Spain will advance more in the next twenty years than in the last four or five centuries.

Thus is formed an alliance which is an effectual obstacle to the Prussianization of Europe, and helps to check militarism, whose reactionary forces threaten to engulf the rise of the international proletariat, and turn backward the advancing tide of the Social Democracy for a hundred years.

**LITTLE SOCIALIST MAGAZINE.**

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Warren Foster, one of the oldest and most sincere socialists of Salt Lake, is dead. The world knows it because the Associated Press dispatches heralded it abroad that he would have no rent or expense kept up for his dead body. Warren Foster was a natural radical, protester, revolutionist. He was a brilliant man, a figure in the professional and business life of Salt Lake—a man who longed for an active and virile socialist movement—one of the great army of pioneers who are making the bridge with their bodies over which the race will walk to redemption.

Women and children must be socialists to have socialism succeed.

There has come to the desk of the News a booklet entitled "Index to Periodical Literature on Socialism." The compiler is Edward Silvain of Santa Barbara, California. The Index affords a guide to persons wishing to search through libraries for articles on socialism. The price is 25 cents a copy. The work is handsomely gotten up and well worth the money to persons desirous of making a study of socialism.

A new socialist monthly magazine, "The World's Referee," has been started at Seattle, Wash. Edwin J. Brown is editor and our old comrade D. Burgess is the associate editor and general manager. The paper is in the interest of the state organization as formed by the National Committee. The first issue starts off well. We hope it may continue and be prosperous. It is another one of the frantic and strenuous efforts being made in America to establish a strong working class press along correct political lines. May the Referee have power.

"As the twig is bent the tree's inclined." If you want to turn this system inside out, train up your children as socialists.

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**MONTANA NEWS AGAIN IN THE FIELD.**

After several weeks of suspension, the Montana News, formerly the state organ of the Socialist party, has reappeared, brighter and more virile than ever, and that's going some.

Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett remains editor, though the News will hereafter be published under private ownership. The News has been of very great value to the socialist cause wherever its influence has extended, and we trust that the present management and editor will receive the loyal support of all comrades who have the best interests of the cause at heart.—Oakland World.

**IN MEMORIAM.**

Whereas, the inexorable laws of nature have once again exercised their prerogative, and have called by death from our midst our companion and fellow workman, Brother William Selby, who, on Oct. 29th, 1909, heard the untimely summons from labor and was hurled into that great beyond from which no traveler has ever returned, and

Whereas, Local Union 2866, United Mine Workers of America, has lost an active worker, the community a good citizen, his mother a kind and loving son,

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His letters smuggled from the prison, where he was held incommunicado with the barbarism of centuries ago, are pathetic evidence of the wilful and illegal murder, on trumped up charges, so ridiculous that one marvels that any species of authority could tolerate the farce in these days. He had only the semblance of a trial, he had no just judge, there was no proof, he was allowed no witnesses.

A scholar working for education—yet despotism and greed and craft do not want education. It is of all things just what they do not want. They thrive on ignorance.

Would that Ferrer could see what his death has already done. The king that murdered him is distracted and cowering for fear he loses his throne. His minister that consummated the deed has been dragged from power, and is already a babbling lunatic. A new ministry has been called, and is shivering as to its existence. The death knell of clericalism is already proclaimed in Spain as a government power.

Ferrer and Bruno and Jesus and the long list of the martyred immortals, though dead yet live.

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And snarling Superstition's evil leer  
Mock at the world of Light in sorrow bowed,  
The poet, statesman, scholar, at his bier.

Francisco Ferrer lived that truth might grow  
And liberty enlighten human thought;  
He died by savage king and priest laid low—  
Shot, murdered, mangled for the truth he taught.

He joins the long procession who have laid  
Their lives upon the altar of the years;  
The laurels on his brow shall never fade,  
Whose leaves are watered with the race's tears.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

IN LEAGUE WITH TYRANTS.

This is the position the American government is taking upon itself, though it still goes by the name of a republic and a refuge for the oppressed. It leagued itself with the bloody czar in the case of the Russian refugees, and only the socialists forming a defense league thwarted its intents.

Of such a nature is the meeting of Taft with Diaz of Mexico. Taft should have been ashamed to fraternize with the tyrant of Mexico, whose method employed on all who are seeking political freedom are equally as bloody as the czars. He has helpless strikers shot; he assassinates political prisoners, throws them into dungeons without trial, hounds and persecutes their families.

But Taft represents the United States government, which is assisting Diaz catch and punish those who are working for a free Mexico. Taft also represents millions of American capital which is making profits off the slavery of Mexican peons. So the two oppressors of labor wink and chuckle to each other and plan for future visits. And now De Lara, Mexican attorney and writer, has been rearrested by the Los Angeles officials in order to assist the dogs of Diaz.

The order for arrest came from the department of commerce and labor at Washington. De Lara was one of those arrested for opposition to Taft and his government, that has marked the entire progress of "Injunction Bill."

These are all evidences of the "freedom" of the republic.

It is not intended that De Lara shall be tried by court process, but before His Excellency, one A. C. Ridgeway, an inspector. He said De Lara was charged with being undesirable and not believing in government. In case the honorable gentlemen of the United States government think it wise he will be deported back to Mexico.

The fact is De Lara is a socialist fighting for Mexican freedom, and Diaz is trying to get him back. He has published a book on Mexican affairs which has incurred the hatred of the officials and has helped American writers to facts about Mexico. The Mexican government tried to get him at the time of the arrest of Ricardo Flores Magon, Antonio Villareal and Liberada Rivera, the liberal Mexican leaders, who, to the lasting disgrace of America, are now in an Arizona prison, sentenced on a flimsy charge, to aid Diaz.

Thank God, the socialists have established a refugees' defense league, so there is some force in the country to oppose the brutality of rulers that defy every principle for the sake of their capitalists.

Why Corporations Desire To Disrupt The Socialists.

By James D. Graham.

After the surrender of Helms to the Copper trust, the word was given to the press of the state that the Amalgamated had quit politics in Montana. However, much as this was believed, it was not a truth. The Standard Oil never quits politics. It is the control of governments, municipal, state and national, that give the system, with its interests, the power that it has acquired. The Amalgamated only retired from the stage of politics as an actor to write drama, stage and direct the play of the tragedy—exploiting and befuddling the people of the state.

The Amalgamated controls both old parties today and has for a number of years. Men are willing to be nominated to be slaughtered at the polls in order that the man desired by the trust may get elected. The Amalgamated is safe politically. Controlling both old parties, its interest are safe, and no radical legislation can be enacted. With Helms retired from politics, the labor party dissolved and the socialist party is the only political opponent of the copper trust left in the field to uphold the interests of the workers in Montana.

It is well to look over the entire situation and see if there are any reasons why the Amalgamated should fear the growth of the socialist party and endeavor to throttle it in its infancy. It is well to remember that the copper trust killed the socialist movement in Anaconda and Deer Lodge and Ravalli counties by discharging every man in its employ who was supposed to be a socialist and further, when it could not control the people at the polls, that a mandate was sent across the wire from 23 Broadway, New York, to Manager Scallon in Butte to lock out the workers in the employ of the trust in all parts of the state. In October, 1903, the mines of Butte, the smelters of Butte, Anaconda and Great Falls were closed. The coal and coke industries of the state were stopped, the lumbermen of western Montana were made idle, railroad crews and shopmen discharged until it was estimated that there were 20,000 men locked out by the industrial interdict of the Standard Oil, and they remained idle until the people of the great state of Montana got down on their knees and begged for mercy. It is doubtful if such a state of affairs will ever be enacted again, as the trust is in the saddle and don't intend to allow things to go to such a pitch that it is necessary to take such drastic measures. The Standard Oil through the Amalgamated, is endeavoring to get a death grip on Montana. Its grip is on the lumber industry of western Montana. It is buying up immense tracts of coal lands, it controls the copper industry, and the big scheme on foot now is to get control of the water power of Montana, then by controlling the electric light and power of the state. The trust has a monopoly on oil, and it is now after a monopoly on the electric juice.

Complete monopoly of the water power of the state is of no commercial value whatever unless long term franchises for electric light and power can be secured from the cities of the state; and here is where the socialist party comes in conflict with the immediate interests of the great trust.

During the past few years there has been a regular craze among the aldermen of both old parties to grant franchises to every person who desires the same, although both old parties have municipal ownership in their platforms. The great trust does not come outright and ask for these franchises but has its tools apply for the franchises, and the corporation buzzards then proceed to buy the right to fill the franchise contract from the power trust, or else the franchise outright. Socialists everywhere have opposed the granting of these franchises and have organized the solid opposition of the voters against this franchise grabbing.

City councils cannot give away franchises without submitting same to a vote of the people at a special election, and it is here that the socialist sentiment is felt. While people will not vote a socialist ticket they will listen to the socialist argument against franchise grabbing and vote against granting the franchise. Everywhere and every time in this state that the socialist party took an active part against the encroachments of the corporations by fighting against granting of franchises, the corporations have been beaten at the special elections held for the purpose of voting on the franchise questions.

In one city in particular has this been true. An attempt has been made over and over again to obtain

a light and power franchise both on long and short terms; but every time the question of granting the franchise has been voted down by a vote of four and five to one, although vast sums of money were spent to carry the election in favor of granting the franchise. One election in particular is called to mind, when the postmaster of the town received \$500 to work for the grab, and the chief saloon-keeper, who was the democratic boss, also received \$500. The democratic paper was bought outright to advocate granting the franchise, and the republican paper subsidized to keep mum.

The mayor and all the aldermen were in favor of giving the franchise, although they had all been elected on a municipal ownership ticket, and both papers had printed long articles at various times in favor of municipal ownership. There were no socialists in the city council but there was a militant socialist local in the town and it proceeded to fight against the granting of the franchise. Public meetings were held by the socialists and the Montana News was directed to fire hot shot on the franchise grabbers. Large quantities of special editions of the Montana News were ordered, and a systematic distribution of the same was made, a copy being placed in each house for four successive weeks. The special election was held and the franchise grant was defeated by a vote of four to one. A few days later the regular city election for aldermen was held and resulted in the socialists carrying one ward by a substantial majority, and in another ward both the old parties combined against the socialists and only prevented the socialist from winning by a few votes.

About eighteen months ago the Madison River Power company endeavored to get a franchise from the city of Livingston. A special election was held which resulted in the corporation being defeated. A few days later a representative of the corporation was in the Finlen hotel in Butte and on being asked for his opinion of the special election said: "It was those G—d—socialists and that G—d—paper of theirs, the Montana News, that was the cause of us losing the franchise. They are so fanatical on the franchise question that nothing can be done with them and it is impossible to get a franchise where they have any following, and they should all be killed off." Shortly after this incident discussion in the socialist party of Montana became apparent.

For some years past it has been common talk that great land frauds had been carried on in Montana, and at the last session of the legislature a special joint committee of the house and senate was appointed to make an investigation of the state land sales. There was quite a time in securing a committee to carry on the investigation, the honorable members of the legislature not being very anxious to serve on the committee. Being with a friend who can get inside information, I asked the reason of so many refusing to serve on the investigating committee. He replied: "Ain't you on to the deal? The whitewash brush has to be used and the members are afraid that their constituents may find out that they have done whitewashing if they clear the people under suspicion, and on the other hand they do not want to bring in a report of guilty as it would be all against the subsidiary companies of the Amalgamated and they are afraid of incurring the enmity of the corporation."

Senator Long of Kalispell spoke for one whole hour in the state senate against allowing the committee power to hire a lawyer to assist them in the legal work of investigation. Senator Long was democratic candidate for congress at the last election.

The investigation of the Montana land sales was a complete whitewash, and if the truth was publicly known and justice done someone would go the road that Senator Mitchell of Oregon went.

It was the intention to have a representative of the News at the last session of the legislature and a full investigation and exposition of the land frauds and other corporate activities written up. Just on the eve of the opening of the legislature the Montana News was attached and put into the hands of the sheriff and litigation.

Virtuous Hypocrites

The city of Helena is making an effort to move the red light district off of one of its main thoroughfares. The society scavenger, better known as the Treasure State, owned by one Raftery, who jumps whenever the Amalgamated string is pulled by Tom Carter, has been making a vicious attack on the mayor because of this effort, and goes into all sorts of horrified quivers and quavers and shrieks, because, by moving the district of fallen men and women from Park avenue to Wood street, where the human traffic may be congregated into one space, the male and female prostitutes will be brought nearer the location of the Catholic schools. Raftery makes a most virtuous and strenuous point of this. His virtuous concern is very distressing, and beautiful to behold. It is enough to bring tears to the eyes of the angels to see Raftery in such dire trouble over the preservation of the morals of the community. And what a lost and degraded creature beside him is Mayor Edwards, who is made responsible for the attempt to at least give the city a decent appearance whether it is so in reality or not.

The fact of the matter is that the proposed site, Wood street, will be no nearer the Catholic schools when all of the prostitute business is moved there than it is now when only part of it is there.

Moreover it was a Catholic on the council who first proposed, and is now pushing the plan of concentration in this special industry.

Raftery and his kind bring up the argument that if the white slave traffic is moved off of Park avenue why not move it off of Wood street also. That is a good idea—an especially good one for Raftery. Move it off of Wood street, move it up the gulch. Move it out to Fort Harrison. Keep moving it. Move it off the earth. But in that alternative we anticipate the pious Raftery's distress would overwhelmingly obliterate his concern for a few Catholic school children some four or five blocks away.

But whatever conserving qualities Raftery wishes to exert on existing institutions, let us at least get this evidence of lust and body-vending off of the city's central thoroughfares. It is eloquent testimony to the venality of personal interests in this case that the real reason of Raftery's hysterics is something far removed from the morals of the community. A big fight for business, indecent business, has been carried on between the Maurice Weiss saloon and the Capital music hall. The woman features of the Capital music hall were finally removed through pressure brought to bear on the city council. The mayor stated that the Weiss saloon was equally violating the wine-room law through its cafe, and it should be cleaned up also.

It is said that Maurice Weiss is Raftery's backer in the Treasure State enterprise. Were the scarlet women removed from Park avenue to Wood street they would be out of Maurice Weiss's range, could not sneak down Park avenue and into his back door. So the greed for profits at the expense of everything else moves in a vicious circle.

Raftery's cry is that of "Stop Thief!"—trying to throw mud on the progressive element while the subsidizers of blood money get away with the goods.

If there was ever a time when a few socialists were needed in the city council it is at the present.

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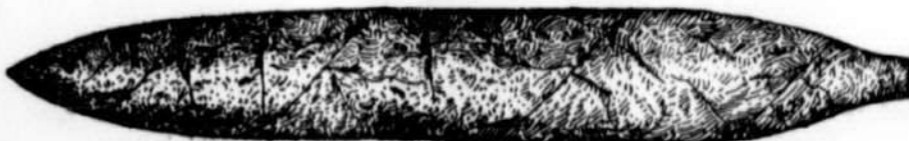
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### LOCAL DEPARTMENT

The following article was written by Ben Hanford for the New York Call. Just put MONTANA NEWS in place of the CALL, and you will have the story as we have it here:

#### "MISMANAGEMENT (OF THE CALL) CAN WASTE MORE MONEY THAN YOU CAN BEG."

That is the answer I received from a man I asked to contribute to the Call Wage Fund. He kept his money. I suppose he has it yet.

The Call has suffered from mismanagement in its business department. There can be no doubt or question about that. From the first issue to the present writing there has been mismanagement, bad management, and no management. The mismanagement has been of all kinds, and present at all times and under all boards and all business Managers.

#### MISMANAGEMENT (OF THE CALL) CAN WASTE MORE MONEY THAN YOU CAN BEG.

There are many causes for the Call mismanagement. But the fundamental and primary cause is one which could be easily removed by the Call's readers. Want of Money has been and is now the cause of 99 per cent of the Call mismanagement.

A printer who does not know whether he will get his weeks wages in money or in promises will not do good work. A stereotyper who does not know whether he will get money or get a stand-off when pay day comes around will not do good work. An office boy who has not been paid last week's wages will not do good work this week. (Send such a boy on an errand and tell him to hurry back and see what you get.) Conceivably an editor might do good work though uncertain as to his own wage on pay day. But no editor can do good work this week when in doubt if there will be money enough to get out the paper next week. Stenographers and typewriters will not do their best work for the poorest pay—especially if they don't get their wages on pay day, and then part of it is borrowed back from them to pay the wages of some one else who cannot possibly wait another hour.

A business manager cannot do good work if he has to spend all his time begging money to meet checks dated ahead to pay debts today that were due a month ago to creditors who were then met with promises based on expectations that might have materialized if the man who wrote me that "MISMANAGEMENT (OF THE CALL) CAN WASTE MORE MONEY THAN I CAN BEG" had sent money instead of a grouch and had got others to help (as he had promised to do) the Call with money instead of a hammer.

#### "MISMANAGEMENT (OF THE CALL) CAN WASTE MORE MONEY THAN YOU CAN BEG."

That is true. I see Call mismanagement with both eyes shut. I see more kinds of Call mismanagement than there are words and letters on a page. They ALL begin with lack of money. They can ALL be remedied by money.

You can furnish the money. Not a lot of money. But enough. You can furnish it easily. You need not do hungry to furnish it. You need not furnish it at the expense of other necessary socialist activities. You need not starve yourself, your wife, or have your family evicted to furnish the Call with ALL the money needed to do away with ALL mismanagement and start on the road to become the most widely circulated and most influential paper in America.

### Debt of Honor

There still remains a debt of \$700 contracted by the Socialist Party of Montana while it owned and was publishing the Montana News. The State Committee has done nothing to liquidate this debt, and the creditors are looking to those who are at present running the News for their money.

To pay the debt is an exceedingly heavy task and is handicapping and worrying us considerably. \$500 must be paid as soon as possible, and we are asking individual socialists and locals to loan the Montana News any sum that they may feel disposed and able to advance.

The response has been as follows:  
Local Lima.....\$20.00  
J. E. Bush.....5.00  
Edwin Dew.....5.00  
Wm. Dew.....5.00  
C. Anderson.....1.00  
C. Feick.....1.00

Total.....\$37.00  
To be raised \$600.00  
Balance to get.....\$463.00

### Bee Hive

By Tryem Helper.

We must organize a body of persistent, efficient, whole-souled workers, to support our state paper, the Montana News. The past few months has put many workers into the drone class. Are you one? Then Read. Wake up and get busy. In the bee hive from which we take our name the drones are regularly stung to death, so you must expect some stinging things in this column if you still remain in your trance. In this department we will regularly record the names of the workers and what they are doing.

What can you do? Get subscriptions for the western workingman's paper, the Montana News. What! You say it's bum! That's your fault. Produce the subs and we will put the energy now going to meet bills into the bettering of the paper. Work, work, work. Together we can make a grand paper.

Send in that job printing now your union or your lodge is going to have done. Let the profit from it build up a paper that fights your battles. Your paper.

Now line up. Here are four classes for you to go in. We want:

- No. 1—25 workers to send in 1 sub a day.
- No. 2—75 workers to send in 1 sub a week.
- No. 3—200 workers to send in 1 sub each two weeks.
- No. 4—300 workers to send in 1 sub a month.

Fall in, fill up these ranks and this paper will be a tremendous power for you to use when your own trouble comes up. Take that loose dollar or two and send it in for sub cards, and get busy. Here's what we have to start:

Comrade D. J. O'Mahoney ropes in three subs and donates fifty cents to make it even. O'Mahoney of Pocatello is a worker and often takes a diamond hitch on a few subs and sends them in.

D. Ingraham of Sheridan, Wyo., induces six plutocrats to take the first degree—the Montana News for a year.

Comrade I. Longstrom of Forayth, Mont., wants the profit from job work to build up the paper he is interested in and sends in four dollars worth.

"A Comrade," of Bonner's Ferry, Idaho, wants to surprise the natives and induces five of them to subscribe for a year.

Idaho to the front again! Where's Dakota? John Weldon, Idaho Falls, Ida., sends in three subs.

Bozeman wants recognition. There is one "Socialist," as he signs himself, left there, and we can prove it, for he sends in four yearly's. He's no quitter.

James Palosa wants to help the News to be a better paper and so initiates fifteen candidates to subs to his paper. He is in Great Falls.

Comrade Dirq of Kendall, Mont., has not forgotten us and helps us to make connections with two more subs.

Far away Spokane contains a man who believes in a better socialist press. Comrade Karn sends in ten from there.

Some one in Rock Springs, Wyo., sends in a donation of five dollars and calls himself a helper. We won't have to rechristen him. He's got it right.

Comrade Lord of Fort Benton, Mont., says he'll never forgive us if we don't fill three subs for him. We comply and hope he feels good.

Comrade Carl Martin of Butte wishes to swamp us and sends in a list of twelve subs. "Can't be did." Come again and we will show you.

Fifteen new subs in Helena! Sent in by someone who names himself a "Non Quitter." Gee, but that's a hard one for the knockers to swallow! Stay with it, old boy!

Comrade Lawrence Short of Great Falls finds twelve dollars worth of job work needing to be done and sends it to the best doctor.

Now you brace up. Others are. Don't have it said, "He's ashamed because he did so little."

The National Executive Committee has decided that Lourens of Butte is state secretary. This is a most remarkable decision, as the members have made no attempt to look into the standing of the locals, which was the point of Comrade Roades' contention. Locals voted that have not paid dues for months, and that have boasted that they would not pay them. As this was the entire crux of the legality of the vote the committee has voted without even looking into the disputed cause.

However, right or wrong, organization must be maintained, and the socialists of the state should now pay up their dues, perfect their organizations, establish educational courses, and move forward about solid, systematic work that will make the 6,000 socialist votes in Montana count for something.

Fourteen subs in from Spokane this week.

Bunch of eleven in from Sheridan, Wyoming.

P. S. Glenn of Lewistown sends in \$1.50 for three subs.

Fourteen dollars from the Hanna, Wyo., miners for job work.

Mrs. Margaret Palsgrove sends in \$4.50 for subs and bundles.

Harry Stoker of Norris sends in his sub for the News. Norris is not entirely bughouse yet.

The coal miners' union of Belt orders 50 copies for a year with a \$25 check to pay for same.

S. P. Stoner of Lewistown, in Helena taking in the fair, left with the News a substantial sum for work.

L. W. Snow of Windham renews his subscription and sends 50 cents to apply on the News debts the party left.

Do you think it means anything to have one working class paper in the state against sixty capitalist papers? If so subscribe for the News.

Five subscriptions in from a rustler in Anaconda. The Amalgamated company has not yet crushed out all manliness and revolt in the Smelter City.

Five dollars and seventy-five cents from Belt union for letter heads and envelopes. Send in your orders to us. We'll turn out union job work from a union press.

Secretary Wakenshaw of one of the Bear Creek unions sends in large order of job work. We have the same to note from the miners of West Roundup.

Thirty-five dollars in from Hanna coal miners for job work. Those miners know the value of a labor paper, and are willing to do something to support one.

Edwin Dew of Belfry sends in several subscriptions, says he is glad we have rescued the News, and will try and gather up some more subscriptions for us.

Mrs. Hazlett, who was to speak in Winnipeg, was again overcome by hoarseness in her throat, and obliged to forfeit her engagements. The hard work at the state fair at Grand Forks, N. D., put her voice out of business for the time being at least. She was compelled to cancel her engagements at Grafton and other North Dakota and Minnesota towns. She expects that a few weeks' rest will enable her to enter the field again.

One hundred and twenty-five new subscriptions go on the mailing list this week. It was such work as this that brought us up to the 10,000 we were putting out at the time the knockers commenced their destructive tactics on the News, destroying three-fourths of its circulation. Do you realize what it means to have ten thousand people reading socialism that pertains to the affairs in your local territory? Move right along with the subs, and we'll be sowing the seeds of working-class revolt.

Do you realize that there is a newspaper plant here, all ready to print a revolutionary, workingclass, socialist, labor paper, that every state party in America would envy. Every well-posted socialist in the world recognizes that our progress depends almost entirely upon the progress and power of a socialist press. And here is everything at hand to send out a socialist paper by the thousand, carrying education and inspiration to thousands, and the socialist party in Montana has not class spirit enough to put the fuel in the engine that is on the track, ready to move.

For shame, mates. Show your socialism by your acts.

Do not get out of patience because all of your communications do not appear in the News at once. We are as anxious as you to do everything that is required of us to aid the working class movement. But we are working on such slender help that it is a problem week after week as to whether we shall be able to get the paper out or not.

Then the editor is frequently away from Helena earning money to support the paper and cannot attend to getting the proper material into the paper.

Have patience with us and help us all you can. We'll get the matter in, in time. We shall pull through our difficulties with your help.

Remember, we are working for a common cause, Socialism, and doing the best we can.

The old coal miners' orders are beginning to come in again as of old. The orders were stolen and the News misrepresented to the various unions until our job business, of which we were furnishing such a large union amount, was in a large degree demoralized. Comrade Graham discovered the dastardly work that had been done at the coal miners' conference, as told to him by the secretaries of the local unions. James Muldoon of Bear Creek sends in an order for ten application books. Muldoon is true to the traditions of his ancestors in his aggressive revolt against injustice. He remembers when Comrade Graham and the Livingston Machinists stood by the Aldridge strike, how they went around town and got clothing for the women and children, how they bought boxes of hats, shoes and other necessities and sent to the scene of the trouble. It is deeds like this that breed a solidarity among the workers that no amount of malicious slander can eradicate.

It should be a matter of congratulation to the socialists of Montana that Comrade Ida Crouch-Hazlett received 1,200 votes for the office of national executive committeeman. This very large vote for one who is carrying on her socialist activity so far from the center of well organized socialist effort in the nation is due largely to the attention Mrs. Hazlett's work at the national convention attracted. She stood so strongly for a constructive, rational plan in American socialism, for a positive and unquestioned attitude of practical co-operation and joining of issues with the union movement, against the freakisms and illusions of direct action, non-political maunderings and bigoted phraseology that have made considerable noise among would-be reformers; she urged forward with such convincing insistence the inauguration of an associated socialist press, and special woman's organizing work, that her power for party building has not been forgotten.

That stern and staunch opponent of capitalist rule, D. J. O'Mahoney of Pocatello, Idaho, writes: "Here's hoping that you will succeed in making good in spite of all opposition. We are still holding out here. We meet every two weeks, and transact such business as may transpire, but it is uphill work in this town. No sooner do we find recruits than away they go, carrying their little red books into new fields. So an endless chain is steadily gathering the enlightened toiler into its meshes, and carrying the glorious message of socialism and industrial freedom to end up some time before long in the establishment of the Co-operative Commonwealth; when the watchword will be 'Each for all and all for each.'"

"Comrade Baker says 'Hello' to the News. Comrade Rooney has taken himself to pastures new to still further spread the light. Best wishes to Comrade Graham, and also to that never-tiring soul, Comrade Hazlett."

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### Swedish Strike Delegate.

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ion that the industrial form of organization is rapidly superseding the craft form in every country. He says it must grow here, and he sees the greatest hospitality to it in all organizations of the socialist party. He says pure and simple craft unionism will disappear; that the industrial

form supporting class politics is the sign by which we conquer. He says it is the young men who are making the progressive labor movements of the world; that we must follow the young. They are the ones that will consummate the revolution.

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