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The Two Uncle Sams

"Uncle Sam" is a sort of popular personification of the United States. Sometimes it means the Government, but more often the whole nation or "The People."

Our cartoon shows two "Uncle Sams." Do you recognize them? Have you discovered it? That there are in reality two "nations" or two "peoples" in this country?

The little "Uncle Sam" is the one who claims to be the only one. See him swell himself. He is rich. He is powerful. He owns the land and the machinery and the Government. He is the capitalist "Uncle Sam."

But the big fellow is your real "Uncle," though he does not know it yet. "The Man in the Overalls" is far more important and powerful than "The Man in the Silk Stockings." Why, he could pick up that pigmy Uncle in one hand and put him in his vest pocket.

It is the mission of Socialism to show your Big Uncle how big and strong he really is and thus to take all the starch out of your Little Uncle. The minute the Big Fellow turns his eyes down on the Little Fellow, he will smile to himself and say, "Why, you insignificant swellhead, let me take you between my thumb and finger and see you squeal."

Yes, the real Uncle Sam will wake

up soon. He has been growing so fast the last few years that he is like a great awkward youth, too shy and ignorant to realize what a giant he has come to be.

But put him on a few more Chain Gangs, kidnap him with Pinkertons a few more times, call out troops to tame him, rob him of his suffrage with residence laws, kick him with "Open Shop" resolutions, fire him out of your jobs to starve when you take a notion, and then, then you Bourgeois relic of an Uncle Sam will find out the savage yet benevolent might of that Proletarian Uncle Sam who is destined to be the "Heir of all the Ages."

But if poor Levy was in a bad fix on account of that question from the rank and file and that applause from the rank and file, what about Michael T. Maloney, Chain Gang champion?

Yes, there are signs the rank and file of the Carpenters' Union may have concluded they will do their own thinking in politics, that Union leaders may be all right in Unionism but in politics there is no Labor politics but Socialist politics.

A long, straight straw hove in sight about Jan. 10. It was also a Union Labor affair, this time the "Seattle Industrial Union." It was a call for a "Convention of the Unemployed" and it proposed some resolutions to be adopted.

Said S. W. W. resolutions recite the present bad conditions, "insist the Chain Gang be immediately abolished," that "public feeding and places of shelter be established in this city" and "that we favor the prompt action of all union men to stand together with a mighty protest and demand a change in these conditions."

That is all. At the most, a call for charity, "Feeding and shelter." But what good will it do to "call"? A committee of the "Chamber of Commerce" is already calling for such help for the Unemployed and far more likely to bring about something definite.

A great meeting of the Unemployed held in Egan Hall, Saturday night, Nov. 23, ten times larger than this "Convention," also passed some resolutions and did some "calling" and "demanding." "Labor Mayor" Moore and "Ten-Deep" H. Gill and "Brains" Thompson and Chain Gang Champion Mike Maloney are the men who can do things for the Unemployed. They are in political favor. They have the offices and command the dollars of the city treasury. "Calling" and "demanding" and "resolving" don't count with Moore and Maloney and Gill and Thompson. They are in office to protect the Capitalist class. They have the Police and the Police Court. The only way you Union men, A. F. of L. or W. M., can "stand together with a mighty protest," is to vote yourselves into political power, so that your offices with their authority and their police, shall be yours, in your possession, to do with them as you will.

You can't go out to Ballard and take possession of an idle shingle mill and begin sawing shingles out of shingle bolts and sell shingles and get money and so provide yourselves with "food and shelter." The courts and the police and the military will prevent you, to say nothing of other practical difficulties.

"Tex" Alexander's vaporings are more practical than this "resolving" and "demanding a change in these conditions." "Tex" says he will get 4,000 hungry Alaskans together, assault the City Hall and choke the authorities into giving "feeding and shelter." That is at least a proposal to DO something. It is even further advanced than a "Coxey Army" which ended up at "Get off the Grass!" But "Tex" and his army would meet some gatling guns from Fort Lawton and get some shot-food and bull-pen shelter not asked for.

Have done with fool proposals and anarchist remedies and hot air remedies. The Socialist Party Platform proposes a common sense and perfectly practicable method of getting "Feeding and Shelter." In just five weeks and three days from the date of this paper, Wage Workers of Seattle can take possession of the City Government. They can elect the Mayor, two councilmen at large, the Comptroller, Treasurer, Corporation counsel and eight ward councilmen, giving an absolute majority in the City Council. They can then proceed to reopen abandoned Local Improvements, to complete the necessary additions to the Cedar River Water System, to construct a sanitary sea wall along the entire water front, to erect municipal buildings and lay out a Park System, all of which are immediately demanded even for the business prosperity of Seattle and which will furnish adequate employment for all the unemployed who legitimately belong to this city.

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Now that is the PRACTICAL PROPOSAL OF THE SOCIALIST PARTY. Do you know of anything better? If the Unions of this city would stick to their Unionism and let Politics alone; if the Labor Leaders would get sense enough and unselfishness enough into their minds to throw overboard all Capitalist politics; if the Class Conscious Union men of this city were large enough to overlook all petty party differences and personalities; if, in a word, the entire Wage Working Class of Seattle united at this minute in a "Mighty Protest" as one man at the Polls on March 3, then Seattle's present "Problem of the Unemployed" would be solved and an object lesson set

up for all other cities with like problems, to take pattern by.

Is it said possibly that the Socialist Party cannot be relied upon to carry out its pledges? The answer is, the Socialist Party, with its present aims and platform and personnel has been tried and not found wanting in this city. Persecution unexampled in the history of the Socialist movement in America, has been endured for the last eighteen months in Seattle and the Party has not flinched. If the Jail ordeal has any significance, then the Socialists of Seattle can be trusted. There can be no doubt the Socialist Party of Seattle is hated by the Capitalist Labor Party of Moore and Wappenstein and Cotterill and Farrell. Men don't put their friends into Steel Tanks and Sweat Boxes and Dope Cells.

On the other hand, the Seattle Socialists have gone through fire and water for their No Compromise Politics again and again, the Revolutionary Socialists of this city have gone down with their colors flying rather than surrender a single inch to fusion tactics. They have just emerged from the last of such contests and their compromising "comrades" have been consorting with "Labor Mayor" Moore and his Union friends up to the present moment.

Or, examine the eight years record of the Socialist Party in this city. Never once, when the Revolutionary Element has been in control, has it failed to fight the battles of Union Labor. "The Socialist" was specially published as a daily throughout the last great street car strike and incurred the lasting hate of Jacob Furth and the Seattle Electric Co.

This paper also went almost bodily to Portland to support the I. W. W. millmen's strike, issuing extra after extra and sending them to all Lumber Camps in the Northwest. Again, "The Socialist" was the first and only paper to go to Idaho to meet "Standard Oil" on its own chosen field and save Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone from legal assassination. "The Socialist" too was the only Socialist paper to have its special correspondent in Chicago at the great Teamsters' strike of 1904 and it now is publishing special reports from Goldfield.

"The Socialist" has represented the Revolutionary Socialist Movement in Seattle which has never faltered in its adherence to the motto adopted eight years ago: "TO ORGANIZE THE SLAVES OF CAPITAL TO VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION."

In Seattle at last, owing to the unanticipated arrival of the Panic on the very eve of election, the chance is given for the "SLAVES OF CAPITAL" to "VOTE THEIR OWN EMANCIPATION" from immediate want and starvation. Whether they will do it or not by standing solid for the Socialist Platform and the Socialist Ticket, remains to be seen. It depends upon their intelligence and nerve and class consciousness.

There are many straws which show the wind is blowing strong in the Socialist Party direction. The Capitalists are pale with apprehension that the Working Class may see and seize their opportunity. The daily papers, the pulpit, the commercial bodies and all the lackeys of Capital are eager to conceal the Socialist Platform and to attract the attention of the workers to men rather than principles. Anyhow, whether we win or lose this time, we will give them an awful fright.

DID you register?

Workmen of Seattle have a cinch in the City Election this spring. They can seize the City Government as easy as rolling off a log. Ten Thousand of them out of work. All they have to do is to vote the Socialist ticket and the thing is done.

It costs you nothing to register.

Who have got rich in Seattle the last ten years? The landlords, the taxpayers. All right. Let those same taxpaying landlords dig up now Hard Times are upon us and take care of the workmen who made them rich in Good Times.

The quickest way to get a job in Seattle is to vote the Socialist ticket.

If you have not registered yet, it's dollars to doughnuts you won't. Because you are too SLOW.

Now the Management of the A.-Y.-P. Fair declares for the open shop. So the Fair becomes unfair. Do you Unionists know how to make Chiberg and his associates come to time and employ none but union men. We'll tell you. Vote the Socialist ticket this spring and see how suddenly that Fair will be fair. The Socialists have always fought for you and the Capitalists know it, if some of your fool leaders don't.

Stay Away from Alaska

Dear Editor:

Will you kindly publish the following in your paper, for the general benefit of the public and the working class:

Fellow workers, as you probably already know, the Alaska Treadwell Gold Mining Company, Treadwell City, Douglas Island, Alaska, is advertising for 600 men for their mines.

In face of the fact that the Treadwell mines at present are overcrowded with men, and will be for the next 7 months. You are advised to stay away from Alaska, where there is no work to be gotten until spring, when the summer camps open up again.

You all know or have heard of the Treadwell slaughter shops, where green men are maimed for life and killed outright every day in the year.

The unfair blacklist system is still in use at the Treadwell Mines by the present superintendent, Robert Allan Kenzie, who is a COWARD at heart, a professional LIAR and hypocrite, and an advocate of SLAVE hours, starvation wages and compulsory "swill" boarding houses.

Your wages of \$3 or \$3.50 a day is not yours at Treadwell, when you go there to draw it once a month.

Beware of the Treadwell Mines, stay away from an unfair place, where your life isn't worth as much as a dog's, and where your hard earned money is withheld from you by a crooked superintendent and his thugs, for the purpose of buying the law of the land to keep you in bondage.

When you are fired and blacklisted out of Treadwell, you'll be waggled out of Douglass if you are broke; and if you have any money it will be taken away from you in the "Kangaroo Courts" of Alaska.

The Douglas Miners' Union is at present in a very healthy condition, with a large membership. We have a hall of our own, and we most cordially invite every man of principle to join us.

In conclusion, I wish to once again impress upon your minds: Workmen of all crafts and nationalities, don't cut your own throat by aiding the Treadwell Company in breaking a strong beneficiary labor organization.

Don't believe the false reports published by Douglass and Juneau papers. Don't believe Mr. Kenzie and his Seattle agents or any other agent for the present management of the Treadwell Company.

Stay away from Treadwell, Alaska, where labor condition are still unsettled and unfair means are used to enslave as well union as non-union men.

When the Treadwell Company changes their present policy and are fair to their workers at the mines, due notice will be given by us throughout the States and Canada.

PETER FISHER,
Recording Secretary Douglas
Island Union, No. 109, W.
F. M.

Stay Away

Douglass, Alaska, Jan. 8, 1908. Peter Fisher, Labor Temple, Seattle: Fairbanks on strike. Advertise thoroughly. Treadwell still unfair. Notify all men to stay away from Alaska.

S. TORKESEN.

Feaster Coming

Juneau, Alaska, Jan. 10, 1908. Peter Fisher, Labor Temple, Seattle: Feaster, former "Record" reporter, is on the "City of Seattle." His sole purpose is to hire unfair men for Treadwell mines. Advertise this fact. S. TORKESEN.

Latest

Douglass, Alaska, Jan. 11, 1908. Peter Fisher, Labor Temple, Alaska: Sixty union miners discharged yesterday. Treadwell mine will shut down in a few days. Advertise thoroughly. SEVALD TORKESEN.

Ask your friend if he has registered in 1908.

Still the wind blows. And still the straws fly.

Nov. 23d, 1907, the Socialists of Seattle held their first public meeting to demand "Work for the Unemployed." Then the wind began to blow. It has been getting stronger every day since until now everybody feels it and you can scarcely see across the street for the flying straws.

One crooked little straw, which imagines it is the wind instead of only a straw, is called "Tex" Alexander. Tex blew down from Alaska. He was caught in the Chamber of Commerce eddy of wind. Then a Moore-Wappenstein breeze snatched him aside. Now he is just floating.

A good big straw was supposed to be on the way, when the Federal Labor Union, A. F. of L. called a meeting of the Unemployed at the Labor Temple, Tuesday evening, Jan. 14. But less than fifty attended and half of them were curious lookers on. The truth is, the Labor Unions in Seattle, that is the officials of the Labor Unions, are out of touch with the industrial currents in Seattle. They have only just waked up enough to feel this sweeping wind which is blowing everything before it, demanding "Work for the Unemployed."

All that this little coterie of "Labor Leaders" did was to announce, "If

there is to be any soup kitchen for the unemployed, it will be right here in our own Labor Temple." Yes, they also declared, like an echo of the Socialist Party Platform, that the discontinued street improvements should be started again to give work to the men.

That's all. That is, the A. F. of L. union leaders in Seattle stand helpless in the present crisis. Ten to fifteen thousand Unemployed in Seattle, hundreds already without the price of a meal, and "Organized Labor," by its official representatives, including State Organizer Young, City Business Agent Cotterill and Federal Labor Union President Harrison, stand paralyzed before the awful situation!

What causes this paralysis? Ignorance of Proletarian Economics, for one thing. Lack of Revolutionary Spirit, for another thing. Slavish devotion to Capitalist Labor Politics, for another.

In fact, the present critical situation reveals their total lack of true leadership. They are bound hand and foot by their own ignorance and timidity, not to say also self interest.

If they were not mere political tails to a fake Labor Party, there would be some chance for them now. They are mere hangers on of Moore or Dow and their "City Party."

They have not the courage to accept the Socialist proposal, "Work for the Unemployed at the expense of the Taxpayers," for their "City Party" is a small Taxpayers' Party itself. Such a demand that the Wage Workers' interests take precedence of the Business Men's interests, would split their "City Party" hopelessly. Wherefore, it becomes evident again that a Capitalist Labor Party is an impossibility. A Socialist Party is the only true Labor Party.

In the present crisis, facing the "Imperious Problem of Bread," Union men who still imagine the interests of Capital and Labor are identical, stand forth in their naked incompetence. When they should speak, they are silent. When they should be the wind, they are only straws.

On the other hand, the Socialists who are often called "dreamers" by these "practical" Labor Leaders, are now the only ones who present an absolutely practical program, capable of being put into immediate execution. Let the city provide work for the Unemployed at the expense of the city. The taxpayers will not do it. Nobody but the Working Men can do it or will do it. They have the chance within the next six weeks. Election occurs March 3. The workers have only to vote together and they are

dead sure to capture this City Government. Then they can set themselves to work. It is a cinch. Only the "Labor Leaders" stand in the way. It is up to the rank and file. Will they also be nothing but straws?

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Political Police

Down on Western Avenue a policeman spent an hour one morning this week scraping off Socialist Platforms with a penknife from a billboard where some workingman had solidly pasted them. It was slow work, but bit by bit the cop managed to erase all traces of the offensive and dangerous document. He ought to get a sergeant's strap for that from his chief Wappenstein. It was absolutely none of his business what bills appeared on a private billboard not on the street in any way. But he was afraid workingmen out of a job might read that the Socialist candidates, if elected, would certainly provide Work for the Unemployed.
Possibly a General Order has gone forth from the "Labor Mayor" and his Chief of Police, to tear down all Socialist Platforms, for out in the Ninth ward the same vandalism is reported. There is surely a conspiracy of fear on the part of the Capitalists to suppress that Platform.

Moore and Maloney Alarmed

The Socialist Platform, guaranteeing work for the Unemployed if the Socialist candidates are elected, has set all the Capitalist politicians on the jump.
Here comes "Labor Mayor" Moore and "Chain Gang Champion" Maloney and "Brains Thompson" dancing to the Socialist music.
The reporter says:

CITY OFFICIALS DISCUSS UNEMPLOYED PROBLEM
Mayor Moore, City Engineer Thom-

son and Street Superintendent Maloney held a conference yesterday afternoon for the purpose of trying to arrive at a solution of the unemployed problem on the basis of providing work on local improvements, the idea being to give work to the maximum number of men and at the same time ensure that the improvement was a necessity and of permanent value.
Owing to the lack of funds in the city treasury at present and the fact that local improvement bonds are difficult to negotiate the situation is a hard one to meet. No definite programme was arranged yesterday.

Their great trouble is "Lack of Funds." All right, no one but working men will provide funds. Every ticket but the Socialist ticket is a "Taxpayers' Ticket." Naturally, the taxpayers' tickets will look out for the taxpayers' interests. But the workingmen's ticket will look out for the workingmen's interests.

Don't believe anyone who tells you the Socialist Party will not have a full ticket in the field in the City Election. Whoever he is, he's a liar.

"\$2500 for Shrubby"

But only talk for the Unemployed. The whole city is talking of the one issue, that issue forced by the Socialist Party Platform. Even the Park Board takes it up as follows. It looks as if some plan would be devised before election to set men at work for fear they will vote the Socialist ticket. Funny, if the Socialist Platform proves self operating, actually securing its demands before any vote is taken on it! But don't be fooled. If Capitalists are elected, they will fire you as soon as they have corralled your votes and got themselves into power for another two years.
It's an old trick. Buy up these stiffs with jobs before election and give

them the boot after election. But some can't be fooled any longer that way. But \$2,000 was available for "Shrubby," if none for the human plants.

PARK BOARD CONSIDERS PLAN TO PROVIDE WORK

(From report in daily paper.)
Plans to use the unemployed of the city in improving Seattle's park system were discussed at yesterday's meeting of the park board, but action was deferred until after Friday's meeting of the Chamber of Commerce. E. F. Blaine will represent the park board at that meeting, and will convey to that body the board's willingness to cooperate in any feasible plan in using unemployed men.

It was urged at yesterday's meeting that all the unemployed men of the city who wished to work might be given employment on some of the park work and be paid a small wage in addition to their lodging and food, so as not to make the men feel dependent.

Another plan, to establish a camp of the unemployed, was discussed. This would call for erecting a camp in which all the unemployed could be lodged and fed, while they would be asked only to police their camp.

The matter of using this labor on the proposed improvement of 34th avenue south was urged. This avenue is to be widened fifteen feet on each side from the pumping station south to Frink's park, and made into a 100-foot boulevard. It is feasible to use hand labor and wheelbarrows in making this improvement, and an army of men could be employed at a nominal wage.
City Engineer Thomson was authorized by the park board to purchase shrubbery amounting to \$2,000 for use in the city parks during the coming summer.

If the Socialists are elected and set the Unemployed to work, as they promise to do, who will pay the bills? The taxpayers of Seattle, of course.

On the Margin

By Abe Hercchin

"Everybody works but father." Yes, child labor's cheaper.

The modern version: "What is home without a blanket?" Ask the blanket stiff.

"Come to the land of Bohemia." What's the use? Capitalism's there, too.

"Lead, kindly light." Standard Oil?

What's an affinity? A darn good excuse.

What's a "cinch." A brain-blind wage slave.

"Asleep in the deep" for Jack Tar. For his master, "Deep in the sleep."

Why is a workingman like a religious dude? Because he's a good thing.

If you need food and shelter, just make a noise like a Socialist—on Pike Place. (Wappenstein papers please copy.)

"Money talks." Yes; to the worker it says, "good bye."

"I've got to go, here comes my train." Embezzler, business man or tramp?

The Socialist candidates will be nominated Feb. 3. That is the law for all minor parties.

Have you Registered?

Why have you not registered?

Will you register tomorrow?

You know registration last year, 1907, is no good for this year, 1908.

You've had 18 days to register. If you have not done it yet, your vote is hardly worth having.

The Fight In Goldfield

By Ida Crouch-Hazlett, Special Correspondent

Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 8, 1908.
Everything is quiet as usual in Goldfield. The soldiers have moved into comfortable quarters in a hotel, fearing bad weather. The season has been as balmy as spring so far without a single bad day. Only about 60 scabs are at work, and these are so faithfully picketed that a number have already left town. Wingfield, vice president of the Consolidated company, has been out to Salt Lake. It is said he has been out to recruit scabs.

All eyes are intent upon the legislature, which holds its extra session Jan. 14. It is said a half million dollars corruption fund has been provided by the mine owners.

Everything points to the fact that Governor Sparks was paid \$50,000 for getting the troops in here. He is nothing but a drunken sot, as tough and disreputable as they make them, and nothing else could be expected.
At the meeting of the Union last night Fred Clough was appointed delegate to go to Carson City and look after the interests of the union during the session of the legislature. A call has been issued to the various unions of the state to do likewise, and some of the delegates have already been appointed. Acting President Mahoney and Local President Mackinnon will both be at Carson.

The matter of sending "lobbyists" to the state capital called up considerable discussion in the union. Mr. Clough, who was the appointee, at first refused to go, because, as he said, he was a Socialist and did not believe in asking favors from the old parties. A number of members who did not believe in political action spoke and took occasion to point out the futility of electing men to the legislature and then sending people to watch them.
President Mahoney made a ringing speech, in which he said he was a Socialist, emphasized the need of the workingman using every weapon he could get hold of, pointed out the immediate danger that was confronting organized labor in Nevada, scored the "direct actionists," the St. John faction, who have repudiated the ballot and said we were not dealing with ideal conditions, but with present difficulties.

The speech was well received. Mahoney is having an excellent influence and is showing great sagacity and judgment in dealing with the situation. He is very quiet and firm, a man that weighs well what he says before he says anything, who weighs the welfare of the entire Federation as against any set of opinions. He stands for unity and rational action and is making a most favorable impression by the conduct of his office.
The union men are standing solid on the strike in spite of the reports that are being so widespread throughout the capitalist papers of the country. The fake dual union that an individual by the name of O'Brien is attempting to form is meeting with no encouragement except among a few malcontents, Cunningham of Butte being one.

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.
Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 11, 1908.
The activities in and about Goldfield for the past week have centered principally about the coming session of the legislature. The labor men all over Nevada have called special meetings of their unions to decide what action to take next week at Carson. The assemblymen and senators of the state seem anxious to get the views

of the workingmen. They want to get an idea of the stand organized labor is taking on the retention of troops at Goldfield, the establishing of a state militia, or the organization of a body of rangers similar to that in Texas.

SEARCH UNION PROPERTY.

In regard to a proposal to make a thorough search of all union property, President Mackinnon said in a letter to the "Workman" that the offer was made in response to a suggestion from Col. Reynolds that the union had large stands of arms, and that the hospital erected at a cost of \$40,000, was being used as a storehouse for the arms.

Said Mackinnon: "It is dollars to doughnuts that the mine owners did not invite inspection of the contents of two piano boxes received by them just before the soldiers came. And in this connection I would like to ask to what use they intend putting the fifty or more guns they took from the Nixon building a few nights ago? How much per head do they propose to give the legislators out of the \$250,000 they expect to use in the extra session? What benefit have they derived from the \$50,000 used since the wires began to burn for troops? Is it more profitable to use their scabs at \$12 per day than one union miner at \$5 per day?"

MINE OWNERS SEEK EXCUSE.

The labor troubles in the smelters of Utah and Colorado are being used as an excuse by the mine owners for not being in a hurry to readjust the existing difficulties.

George Wingfield, vice president of the Consolidated company, has opened a recruiting office for scabs in Salt Lake. On Wednesday he thought he had 120 men he could start to Goldfield. They kept dropping off at the various towns along the way until when they reached Goldfield there were just about 60 men left. They ran these in on a special train from Vegas, which reached here at 4 o'clock in the morning. The next day through the persuasions of the union men there were just 24 left who stuck to work.

The daily papers are stating that the picketers are becoming more aggressive in accosting the strike breakers. The fact of the matter is that the picketers are very temperate in their representations to the strike breakers, but the latter seem encouraged to use vile language to the union men. There is no doubt that the mine owners are trying to stir up trouble.

LEGALIZE THE GUN MEN.

If the operators and Governor Sparks can have their way with the legislature they intend it to simply legalize the gun men already employed by the companies about the mines. Under present conditions the sheriff's office with a force of about 40 deputies scattered through the camp keeps these hired thugs in order. But if the legislature authorizes Sparks to form a state police and all these gun men are advanced to the dignity of state marshals, they will then have authority over the sheriff's office, and the miners will be expected to submit to their brutal rule.

NEW SCAB UNION.

About the most ludicrous feature of this hocus-pocus that the mine owners are indulging in is the attempt of old Tommy O'Brien to organize a dual miners' scab union. It is to be called the "Nevada Miners' Union," and is

calculated to put the Western Federation forever out of business in the golden desert. Old Tommy has gone back over 30 years to find out how to organize the right sort of a union. He has stated that the constitution and by-laws of the old Goldhill Miners' Union, in the palmy days of Virginia City's fabulous wealth, the two towns being practically one, is to be the Bible of the new organization. It seems he was a member of the Gold hill union from 1872 to 1879. He has been for many years a cheap decoy politician, and was living in poverty here in a tent, and eating cheap rations. Now he is hanging out at the Casey hotel. He has a flag hanging out of the barren room which he uses as headquarters which makes it look like an army recruiting station. He says his new union is no red flag proposition, but the straight United States goods. He proposes to have a charter from the legislature, so that the proposed union would signify that the Lord and Master had been kind enough to let the slaves organize.

In the preamble to his new aggregation he speaks of the Federation men as "undesirable citizens," and says there are "no distinctions in society except those based upon worth, usefulness and order," and says he has about 40 signatures, and when they have about 70 they will get their charter and proceed to do business. But a black cloud hangs over Tommy's past career. In 1900 he belonged to the Butte Miners' Union. At that time the Butte union was raising funds to assist the anthracite coal strikers. O'Brien was appointed on the aid committee. About \$20,000 was raised when O'Brien was found to be several hundred dollars short in his accounts, and when called to make an explanation he suddenly disappeared. O'Brien was then expelled from Butte Miners' Union No. 1. He was published in the "Miners Magazine" and all miners throughout the jurisdiction of the Federation were warned to be on the lookout for the tricky politician who is now so careful to announce that "undesirable citizens" will be forever excluded from the scab "Miners' Union of Nevada." Yet the daily papers of Goldfield, subsidized sheets of the mine owners' association, are praising to the skies this traitor, grown gray in the betrayal of the brothers of his class, because they see in him a tool that they hope will successfully divide labor.

PROPOSED MEASURES.

There are three measures that are supposed to occupy the time of the extraordinary session. The first is the military question, the second the matter of an additional judge for Goldfield and the third a bill for compulsory arbitration.
In the case of the judgeship the mine owners declare an additional judge is necessary to take care of the "tremendous increase in criminal business piled up in the Goldfield district." This is in accordance with their set policy to proclaim to the world that a reign of terror exists here because of the unions. The carpenters have been circulating a petition for a compulsory arbitration measure and this proposition has been taken up by the various trade councils throughout the state. The electrical workers are especially active in the matter, more than a thousand signatures have been obtained so far.
Numerous conjectures are rife as to the measures to be taken for the "protection" of the mine owners. Some of the members have already declared that they will insist upon the duly elected peace officers, such as the sheriff of Esmeralda county, doing their duty. This would do away with all military jingoism and legalized mine owners' thugs.

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CAPITALIST REPORTS WOULD DIVIDE LABOR.

The report has been assiduously circulated through the capitalist papers of the country that the A. F. of L. organizations of Goldfield were at deadly enmity with the Western Federation, and that a committee waited upon General Funston and told him they were afraid for their lives and had to work with their revolvers on their benches. The story is false in every respect. Cunningham, the disgruntled Butte Federation man, who has shown such alacrity in connection with O'Brien's scab union, was the originator of the infamous report.
Mr. Williams, delegate for the Trade Assembly, was the only A. F. of L. man called before the labor commission and he spoke most earnestly in favor of the contention the Western Federation was making at this time. The carpenters and all A. F. of L. men interrogated disavow any ill feeling

TO DISSOLVE UNION.

The hearing on the affidavit of the mine owners asking for a dissolution of the union is going on at present in Carson City. The affidavit maligns the character of the meetings held by the union and states that the flag of the country was entirely ignored and the red flag of the anarchist had taken its place at all parades and gatherings of men.
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