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EDITORIAL

WELL FOR BISBEE'S MINERS!

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FROM Bisbee, Ariz., this office has received the following resolution, with the request that the same be published—a request that the *Daily People* hastens, gladly, to respond to:

“Bisbee, Arizona, February 25, 1912.

“We the members of Bisbee Miners’ Union No. 106, W.F.M., in regular meeting assembled, unanimously resolve that:

“WHEREAS, The coal miners of Great Britain are about to be engaged in a gigantic struggle with the master class, and realizing the necessity of concerted action along industrial lines; therefore, we ask that the General Officers of the Western Federation of Miners communicate with the United Mine Workers of America to the end that no coal be mined for, or shipped to Great Britain during the impending strife; and be it further

“RESOLVED, That a copy of the above resolution be forwarded to the Labor Press throughout the country for publication.

“B.P. Coughlan,

“George Powell,

“J. Carroll,

“Resolution Committee.

“E.J. MacCosham,

“Secretary Miners Union No. 106.”

This is the right word at the right time.

The sending from America of “fraternal delegates” to the British “Labor Parliament”; their making at the “Labor Parliament” speeches that partake more of “declaiming a piece” than of the class-conscious hand-grip of proletarians; their receiving gold watches and gold-headed canes and other such knick-knacks; their returning full of self-importance, and “reciprocating the courtesy” by, in turn, receiving “fraternal delegates” from the British workers, listening to their speeches; and bestowing counter knick-knacks upon them;—all that belongs to the “pirouette”

stage of the Labor Movement, the stage of appearances which cloaked ugly facts, like the fact of A.F. of L. bodies passing resolutions offering the then President Cleveland their services when he growled "War!" at the British Lion.

The present social season calls for words of sterner stuff—for words with hands and feet to grip and stand—for words born, not of cheap emotion, but of solid conviction, planted upon deep, broad and sound thought—for words that crystallize, not in gold-headed canes and individual hand-clasps, but in deeds that are hammer blows, struck to shatter the shackles of wage-slavery—words that kindle the light with aid which the artificial, capitalist-raised barriers between workers and workers stand exposed—words that, like the lightning {lightening?} that goes up in the East is immediately seen in the West, compels instantaneous recognition of the world-redeeming revelation, that the Working Class of all nations, creeds and races is one, constituting one Nation de facto, the other Nation being that of the Capitalist Class.

The Bisbee miners' resolution is founded of such words. To the extent that the *Daily People*'s estimate of them is right, those words will not lie unfollowed by others. They will be closely supported by such other words as may be needed to preserve their efficacy—no aid or comfort to the capitalist against his wage-slaves in revolt—no aid or comfort to him in whatever land, from the workers under whatever other sky!

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