

Government Ownership

By the Observer

In a recent editorial headed "Strike Against the Government," the Dubuque Telegraph-Herald advises the railway mail clerks before forming a union to consider the experience employees on government owned railways in Victoria, Australia, recently underwent.

ing for a score of years to obtain an increase in their wages, but have been unable to do so. No well informed man will deny the fact that the cost of living has increased at least 20 per cent during the past ten years.

Tennessee, and the republican states of Colorado, Iowa, Pennsylvania. There is only one way to stop this abuse of governmental power by the capitalist, and that's for the working people to retire the democratic and republican capitalists from control of the political power and use it in the interest of the working people through possession of it by themselves.

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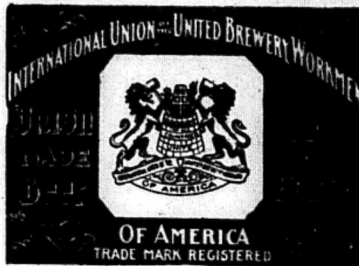
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By F. H. Bond

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can act successfully without being in harmony with all other natural forces. In collectivism of the whole depends the safety of each individual's happiness—physically, mentally and morally. True civilization or "Life" does not rest upon physical power alone. The lion is an example and is a mental and moral wreck. The ant is a mental success, but is a physical failure, and yet collectively they do wonders.

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