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## STRIKE NOTICES.

Strikes are on in the following places. All miners and others are requested to stay away until a settlement is reached.

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Ely, Nevada.
Douglas Island, Alaska.

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RISONS AND JAILS will be built and populated, as long as there is profit in crime.

NOTICE TO SECRETARIES.
Bisbee, Ariz., Sept. 10th, 1909.
Editor Miners Magazine:
Notice is hereby given that the following named camps are in the jurisdiction of the Bisben Miners' L'nion, and any secretary receiving dues from members working in said camps are requested to forward same to this local, as we have an organizer who visits said camps each month. The camps are: Gleeson, Courtland, Tombstone, Johnson, IIelvetia, Twin Buttes, Silver Belle, and Jack Rabbit in Arizona. and La Cananea in Mexico. Any secretary accepting dues from the above named camps will be reported to the Executive Board of the W. F. M. By order of Bisbee Miners' Union No. 106.
(Seal.)
W. E. STEWART, Secretary-Treasurer.

## FINED AND DECLARED UNFAIR.

## Editor Miners' Magazine

Searchlight, Nevada, Sept. 2, 1909.
At a regular meeting held September 2, 1909, the following were fined and declared unfair to organized labor until these fines are paid Davy Davis, fined $\$ 25.00$; John Me (loud, fined $\$ 25.00$; Mark Blae mire, $\$ 10.00$. These men were working in this jurisdiction and left without reinstating in this local.

We also wish to make correction in the name of one man declared unfair and published in the Nfiners' Maqazine which will appear in the next issue-it is George Fox, instead of John Fox.

By order of Searchlight Miners' I'nion No. 164
O. E. ANDREWS, Fin. Sec.

EXPELLED AND DE(LAREI) INFAIR.
Bingham Canyon, Utah, Sept. 11, 1909
Editor Miners' Magazine.
At the last regular meeting of this local M. W. Galloway, a member, was expelled for extorting money from employes of the Boston Con. Mining Company, and ordered published in the Miners' Magazine. Naid (ralloway pleaded guilty to above charge in court; also Miles Workman, a member of Cloud City, was declared unfair for not turning in his card while working in this jurisdiction and for extorting money for 'jobs," and ordered published in the Miner's Magazine.

Seal) BINGHAM MINERS' LNLON NO. 67, W. F. M.

## EXPELLED.

Empire, Nevada, Sept. 10, 1909.
Ernest E. Mills. 60.5 Railroad Building, Denver, ('olo.
Dear Sir and Bro.: Bro. Hannegan has lately been almost blinded by a great white light: he has suddenly seen his duty to his God, his country and his fellow-man.

As labor unions are organized merely for the purpose of bettering the condition of the workers -who constitute eighty or ninety per cent. of the people-and as such purpose. if carried ont, would degrade the inhabitants of the country, besides hurting business, reducing dividends, and being unpatriotic and un-American in the extreme, Bro. Hannegan has joined the Nevada State Police, a standing army organized for the purpose of preventing such un-American and unpatriotic action on the part of the workers.

Labor unions in general being unpatriotic, and No. 261 in particular, we have expelled Bro. Hannegan for his patriotism and ordered his name and description to be published in the Miners' Magazine.

Name, Clarence Hannegan ; height, six feet: complexion, very dark ; black hair and eyes: weight about one hundred and eighty; eyes bulg." mut. (Seal) JOHN W. CROWE,

HE REAL ESTATE NHARKS are now making arrangements for a town-site at the north pole.

$S$OME THIEVES serve terms in the penitentiary, while other thirves serve terms in the luislature.

ACIRCLLAR has been sent out by the officials of the American Federation of Labor to the affiliated bodies, giving notice of the twenty-ninth annual convention which is to be held at Toronto, Canada, (ommencing November $\mathrm{*}, 1909$

THE STEEL TRIST is now bringing about a consolidation that will monopolize all the freight of the great lakes. Some onc should insist that the "Terrible 'Toddy" immediately return from the bunting grounds and "bust the trast."

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 devada, on Scptember eith. and antinue in uswion until Oetober
 Mexico and the states. The Mining Congress wall scarcely adopt any masumes that will the bemefiemal to the mon who work in the mines. The deleqates to this congress are the members of Mine Operators. Asoriations, and the congen is but the fed derated body whose members have recognized the strenth of solidinity. Lator should take lessons trom the master elass. The lines of nations do not divide the mine oper:ators, but frequently we hear some pher, benighted American citizen Who belongs to the wage slave clans, exclam: "Anmerica for the Am"ricans."

THE CONTROVERSY over who discovered the north pole still continues and the land of the iceberg and polar bear, furnished material for the pen of the prolific writer. Capitalism will ultimately setthe the question, as capitalism will own the pole, providing there is any profit in it.

BEEF IS STILL SOARING, and it is predicted that during the winter, this necessary food-product will reach such an altitude t only those with air-ships can reach the porter-house steak. The working man whose labor produces the wealth of the world, will be fortunate if his wages will permit him to indulge in such a luxury as liver

DVING THE PAST YEAR, fifty-nine commodities have in creased in price, according to Bradstreets reports. The majority of commodities that have soared towards the heavens, are necessaries of life, and the laboring people are correspondingly happy as they realize that the prosperity predicted by mercenary optimists, is about to deluge the world and make the hovel of the pauper look like the palace of a Croesus.

NICHOLAS J. BOWDEN, former editor of the Catholic Leader of Kansas City, Kansas, has declared his faith in the principles of Socialism. Bowden was at one time a bitter enemy of Socialism, having formed conceptions of Socialism from articles in aristocratic magazines and from editorials in daily journals, owned and controlled by orvanized wealth. Bowden has delved into the great problem of the age and after deliberate thought and study, has hailed the flag of Social ism as the banner of man's emancipation.

THE LABOR UNIONS of America have already subseribed more than $\$ 50,000$ to the strikers of Sweden, and it is said, that several hundred thousands of dollars will be raised during the next few weeks to aid the men and women across the sea in the battle for justice. The genrous response of organized labor throughout America in aiding their brothers in the Old World, will demonstrate to industrial despots. that race and creed prejudices are dying out, and that class interest is tak ing root in the hearts of the working people of the earth

THE POST OFFICE DEPARTMENT has made another ruling that will have a tendency to weaken the power of the labor press The following clipped from an exchange, shows that labor publications are not ignored by "the servants of the people" at Washington:
"The Postoffice Department has ruled that subscriptions to official organs of unions, fraternal organizations, etc., must be paid by the ndividual to whom the paper is sent, and cannot be included in sums paid as dues. This decision was made in the case of the official organ of the International Union of Steam Engineers, published in Brooklyn, and it will be applied to all similar cases."

ORD CURZON, viceroy of India, who captured Miss Leiter the American heiress, has advised the government of England to send an ambassador to Rome in order that the power of the vatican may be utilized to fight Socialism. Capitalism, through Curzon, proposes to honor the Catholic church with a representative of the British govern ment, and for this honor, the church will be expected to hurl its anathemas against the doctrines of Socialism. The church is to be used to perpetuate the reign of a system that legalizes a class of privilege to rob the multitude. The action of the English government and the steps taken by the pope of Rome, will be watched with interest.

THE TWO CAPITALIST PARTIES are as alike as two peas. Given like conditions they show like debaucheries
The Republicans control Philadelphia and the city administration is the rottenest imaginable, with the high financiers and trust lords given everything in sight

In New York City Democratic Tammany Hall is in control and New York shows the same municipal rottenness as Philadelphia. Gen cral Bingham, who has just been deposed as head of the police depart ment says that out of the ten thousand police officers there there ar two thousand who are unscrupulous grafters. He says that he himself could have made $\$ 600,000$ a year of graft if he had wanted to. Capitalist government is very expensive government, for there is graft on all sides.

All over the land the big cities show old party corruption. Yet in the face of all this the old party spokesmen are always ready to warn people against the danger of the Socialists getting the administration of affairs and of how they would squander the money, if they got control and put in practice their visionary ideas.-Social-Democratic Herald

GOVERNMENT BY INJUNCTION is running to seed in the Kiskiminetas valley when a burgess can take the law into his own hands and twist it to suit the purpose of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company, and with a sweep of his pen command the people of the borough, as well as those who do not live there, to cease from exercis ing their rights of public assemblage until he. the burgess, deems it wis that they shall do so. Surely the system of government by one-man power is running into the ridiculous when a mill office clerk becomes so bumptious as to assume that he has the power of a czar simply because he happens to be a town burgess. It is evident that the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company wants the judiciary to understand that it owns ihe people of the Kiskiminetas valley body and soul and that it does not need to petition the courts for restraining orders in that benighted sec tion; that it can use the burgess to do the business for it, even if the lurgess is in its employ as an ordinary clerk, paid so much per month.

This is a huge burlesque on the power of the courts, that have here tofore been the sole operators of the government by injunction mill.

After this latest freak of government of the people by a mill clerk for the benefit of the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company the dear people can expect almost anything in the line of czarism.-Amalgamat -d Journal

## Another Shriek From "Gripe Nuts."

CW. POST the "saw-dust promoter of Battle Creek, Michigan, has sent out his usual shriek against organized labor, and while his mental eruptions are paid for by the Manufacturer's Association yet, the wily Post does not forget to give himself a commercial boost nor does he fail to laud his individual wares, regardless of the fact, that the advertisement appearing in the daily journals is paid for by money taken from the treasury of an Association. While writing his vecent spasm the face of Post must have been decorated with one of those heavenly smiles, that give joy to angels and make the harps in heaven twang with melody. Through our'mental vision we can see the convicted adulterant of "gripe nuts" lifting "the windows of his soul" towards the sparkling planets and imploring a mighty Deity to visit vengeance upon the organized malefactors, who dared to assume the liberty of establishing a labor union and using a "label" through which the public might receive some protection from the mercenary wolves of the Post breed.

Post, when writing his last fulmination against the labor movement, must have thought that the American people have short mem ories and that they have forgotten that less than a year ago, the saintly hypocrite who spews his verbal filth against unionism, was convicted in a capitalist court of mixing ingredients in the mysterious products
of his fodder-foundry, that were considered deleterious to the health of those who are so bereft of common sense, as to insult their stomach with a conglomeration of embalmed cereals that should be used for the extermination of snakes. When the holy and spotless Post desecrated the Bible by quoting passages of scripture, with a view of raising his moral stature in the minds of the American people, he seemed to for get that it was only a few years ago, that the press of the country 'harged him with making ' goo-goo eves' at an "affinity"' and slugging his legalized, long-haired partner, in order that grounds might be es tablished, whereby the holy bonds of wedlock might be shattered and the gay wooer of the typewriter, might take unto himself a soul-mate, gifted with limpid eyes and an angelic face.

The "old woman," who in her youth, had captured the carcass in the shape of a man, was discarded by the scriptural-quoting Post and the lady whose tapered fingers manipulated the keys on a Remington, dazzled with bewitching glances, the faithless but fastidious reprobate who became averse to ladies on whose brows the hand of time had carved a few wrinkles

The last shriek of Post is the cry of a man who has been driven to desperate straits, and it is only a question of time, when the force and iafluence of organized labor will silence the frenzied mutterings of a duying despot.

## Was He a Christian?

SINCE HARRIMAN WAS SNATCHED from life's arena and laid away in a rock-ribbed vault on Arden hill, the pen of the journalist and the tongue of the orator, have been busilly engaged in reviewing the personal history of the man who was recognized as the railroad wizard of the world, IIarriman had but little more than passed the three-score mile-post, when he felt the chill of death and his unearned millions could not stay the summons of the grim messenger that sub ponaed the shrivelled soul from the wasted tenement of clay.

IIarriman died a victim of the system that made him a monarch in the world of finance and transportation. For years, he had heard th bay of the Wall Street blood-hounds, and he knew that he could never rest in the mad race for profit and dividends. To give recreation to his worn-out body and tired brain, meant financial death, and the man of millions was forced to hurry himself to a premature grave, in order that he might keep out of the reach of the pitiless hyenas who looked with covetous eyes upon his stocks and bonds. But when Harriman closed his eyes in death and his lifeless and emaciated frame
was prepared for Nother Earth, a minister of the gospel was sumfomed to extol the virtues of the great man and to impress upon the aslunive circle that was promitted to stand in the presence of the dead magnate, that he was a man of noble character and that his life was adorned with deeds of charity, that stamped him as a Christian entheman.

Harirman was no better and no woise than the other wolves who drour the shece. He realized that in the struggle to amass millions, he could give no quarter and show no merey. He knew that in the race fur gold, there was no sentiment, and that the man whose heart was monistened by the milk of human kindness, would go down to failure nad be crushed by the iron fert of heartless brigands, whose ryes are warless and whose hearts are steeled to human suffering. The minwer of the gospel who delivered the funcral oration over the remains If Harriman and who endeavored to impress upon his hearers that the
man who surrendered his spirit on Arden hill, had lived the life of a Christan, will scarcely be beliesed, even by the very men, who conspired with Harrman to reap millions from the juggling of stocks and bonds. Harriman showed no fear of death.

When the eye was becoming glassy and the ashen hue eropt over the wan face, his thoughts dud not suar towards the stars, but he was thinking of his empire on earth, and to save his domain from hungry vultures, he summoned the great banker of America, J. Pierpont Morgan to his bedside, to place in his care and custody his thousands of miles of railroads and to impress upon him the neesesity of holding intact his vast accumulations.

According to the press reports, Harriman worked until ninety minutes before he took his exit to an invisible world. "The mansions in the skies" did not seem to trouble the expiring moments of his life ior he eontinued in the battle, until he sank into the "dreamless sleep," that knows no waking on earth.

## Will Not Be Flim-Flammed.

THERE HAS ALREADY started a movement to launch a new political party. The wise men in the two old political parties, are becoming nervous and fear is taking possession of them, over the fact. that the intelligent citizenship of the I'nited States are losing confidence in hungry Democracy and bloated Republicanism.

The politicians of the Republican party, who are but the paid agents of capitalism, have come to the conclusion that the rank and file of the party can no longer be deceived by such men as Camon, Aldrich, Payne and Oliver, but that men like La Follette C'ummins, Dolliver and Clapp can be placed upon a pedestal, and that the common kerd will go into ecstacies of joy when called upon to worship at the shrine of such honorable men.

The Democratic party is burdened with such dead-weights as MeInerney of Louisiana and Bailey of Texas, and the sages in the Democratic party, realize that statesmen in their party whose bank accounts have become swollen through familiarity with Standard Oil, will scarceIy furnish logical material for the orators in the campaign of 1912 .

The managers of the Democratic party, who are but the hired men of bankers, railroad magnates, commercial princes, corporate despots and trust outlaws, behold, however, in such men as Gore, Harmon and Clark, splendid timber through which the faltering and weary Democrats can be held together. The wily politicians of both the old parties are now considering the advisability of a coalition between the "good men" of the Democratic and Republican parties, believing that such amalgamation will have a wonderful influence in placating the discon-
tent, censure and criticism that can be hord in almost every state of the finion. The wheel horses of the two old parties realize that the per centage of voters is becoming larger very rapidly, who realize that Congress as at present constituted, receives instructions from 26 Broad way and from the great hanking house of J. P. Morgan, and they real ize that appeals for lovalty to the erand old party of Lincoln and (irant, and the immortal Jefferson and Jackson, will fail to perpetu the much longer the carnival of licensed robbery.

The astute politicians of both the old parties are commencing to recognize a rising tide of sentiment that berles disaster to the rule of plunder and graft, and the BEST in the two old parties must be se lected as candidates of a new party. in order that the voters may be successfully flim-flammed and the gluttons given a longer lease upon the murderous system of exploitation. La Follette. C'ummins, Dolliver and Clapp of the Republican party, and Gore. Harmon and Clark, of the Democratic party, will strike no blows at the CAl'SE that debancher men and corrupts every deportment of our official life

These men content themselves with denunciation of effects, but advance no heroic measures to overthrow a system that has made the earth a living hell and dehumanized man, who should be "the noblest worv of (iod."

This new party may gather considerable force, but the men and women who know that there can be no regeneration of humanity under the profit system, will not permit themselves to be swindled politically under a new party, which even before its birth, is inoculated with the germs of prostituted 1)emocracy and debanched Republicanism.

## A Crisis Acknowledged.

THE FOLLOWING from Rome, Italy, will furnish mental food for millions of people throughont the world:

- Rome. Sept. 11. - The vatican is reported to be going through a financial crisis. The pope is cutting expenses by reducing the staff and lowering the salaries of the clerics. Some of the old employes are being retired on pensions. This has caused the pontiff deep grief, but it is unavoidable.

The pope personally is making heavy sacrifices.
"Certainly we live the simplest life," said the pontift the other day. "The church will never perish, but it is passing through a critical ronomic stage. The expenses are enormons and there is no fixed revenue to meet them."

The stringency and depression that have been felt throughout the word, particularly by the laboring people, is now being felt at the fountain head of the Catholic church. The very fact that the pope of Rome has been compellod to retrench. is indisputable evidence that tringeney and depression are world-wide and that probably millions of people. who in years gone by, were able to forward annually what is known as "Peter's Pence" can no longer meet that obligation.

The pope of Rome admits that the church is passing through a crisis, and yet. the pone and his predecessors have upheld the system
that breeds a crisis in almost every sphere of life. The millions of people who have been loyal to the needs of the church have berome impoverished, and the "Peter's Pence' must now be kept at home to satis. fy the cravings of hunger. The most loyal man and woman whose faith is wrapped up in the doctrines of Christianity, is governed to a vast extent, by brutal necessity, and though their vision may be riwatted on the "pearly gates" and the mansions in the "kingdom come," yet. material needs appeal as stroncly to the man and woman who are interested in their souls, as the individual who repudiates a belief in the existence of God.. The pope with all his power and influence, has be. come a victim of the system and cannot "love his neichbor as himself" because self-preservation demands that he shall "reduce his staff" and throw out of employment human beings, who depend on the revenues of the church for the means of life.

It will become apparent in the near future to the great men of the church, that the industrial system of the present age is monstrous, and that true Christianity cannot live in an atmosphere, that is poisoned and polluted by the profit system. The very fact that the head of the ('atholic church at Rome, has been forced against his will to adopt rigid economy, will arouse the mental faculties of the dignitaries of the church, and canse them to give the most serions consideration to the solution of the greatest problem of all the ages- the solution of the labor question.

## His Work Was Not Appreciated.

FOR ABOUT TWO WEEKS a missionary who made a pretense of preaching the doctrines of industrial unionism. pitched his tent in Lead, South Dakota. He was glib of tongue and his powers of persuasion had an influence upon a few men who was unacquainted with lis record. When he came to the Black Hills, he was anxions to impress upon his auditors that he had the greatest admiration for the Western Federation of Miners and snatched the most beautiful phrases, from the English language to compliment the courage and the class loyalty of the men of an organization who had seorned to haul down the flag of battle, even when confronted with state militia. federal troops, bull pens, deportation and sweeping mandates from "trmples of justice."

Ifew men ignorant of the hepoerisy and trachery of the bex-mar propacandist, feit their hearts warm towards him. as he paid erlewing fributes to the militant organization of the Wist, and portrayed the deathless fidelity dieplayed by men who had confronted all the wachin ery of government to uphold the principles of oreanized lator. But this mendicant-missionary had an ulterior object in view. Ho was successful for a time in masking his real purposes, and when he thought he had ingratiated himelf in the good will of the union men of the Black Mills, he ungloved his hand and made arranements to launch a lowal 1.nion of the crumbling, hut notorions I. W. W.

When it became apparent that this reveme pladiator intemied th Mablish a dual union, there came to the memory of the union men of the Black Hills, reminiscences of Goldfield, Nevada, where the "I an
a Bum" brigade had once pitched their tents and howled r-e-v-o-l-u-1-i-0-n.

There likewise came to them remembrances of this missionary having wended his way to Nome, Alaska, and while in the Northwest, using all his cunning ingenuity to breed dissension among the members of Nome Miners' Union.

James Kirwan, who was at headquarters, learning that Walsh, the missionary, had invaded the district of which he is executive board member.-immediately started for the Black Hills, and when Kirwan ronfronted the profesisonal disrupter and recited some of the infamous "istory of the I. W. W. and touched upon the personal record of the "bum", apostle of industrial unionism, there was "something doing."

Walsh, though a "revolutionist," turned pale and fear took posession of his craven soul, and he immediately came to the conclusion that there were other climes more congenial than the vigorous climate of the Black Hills. The District Union of the Black Hills becoming cognizant of the duplicity of Walsh, assembled in meeting and drafted the following. which was published in the daily press of Lead.

## NOTICE.

"At a regular meeting of the Black Hills District Union No. 2. Western Federation of Miners, composed of delegates from the Miners' Thions of Lead, Terry, Galena, Central City and Deadwood, the undersigned committee was appointed to draft the following statement and have the same published in the daily press of this city:
"To the Member of Organized Labor in the Black Hills:
"Brothers: The attention of the delegates to the Black Hills District Union having been called to the fact that for some time an agitation has been carried on in the city of Lead for the purpose of startinc a so-called labor organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World, and in order that you may not be deceived regarding this movement we have decided to submit a brief statement concerning the aggregation, their representative and their standing with the Western Federation of Miners.
"It is not necessary to give a detailed statement regarding the launching of the I. W. W.. as a majority of the working men in the Hills are familiar with it. But about three years ago the Western Fedcration of Miners were compelled, in order to preserve their integrity. to withdraw their affiliation and support from the I. W. W. as they
had degenerated into a howling mob, led by a few irresponsible freaks whose sole object in life seemed to be the wrecking of the labor organizations of the country, especially the Western Federation of Miners Having failed to injure our organization by direct attack they have changed their tactics and now, wherever they imagine they can create dissension and discord in the ranks of organized labor, some slippery and slimy individual is authorized to carry on the work of disruption by underhanded methods. During the past two weeks, one Walsh has been attempting to start a dual organization to the W. F. M. and parading himself as the savior of the working class in the Black IIills. For the benefit of those who do not know this freak and his tactics it is only necessary to say that he has been engaged in the same work of disruption for the past two years, especially in Nome, Alaska, and full particulars of his contemptible work in that district can be secured by writing the W. F. M. headquarters in Denver.
"The Western Federation of Miners by a referendum vote decided not to recognize the I. W. W. card, as it is not a bona fide labor organization and the holder of such a card is required to pay the full initiation tee before he can join the W. F. M.
"The Western Federation of Miners is an industrial organization, vecognizes the class struggle, realizes that the injury of one is the concern of all and its doors are open to every one employed in the mining and milling industry without any question regarding their politics, religion, color or previous condition of servitude. In spite of the opposition of the Mine Owners' Association and the I. W. W. the Western Federation is growing in power and will continue to grow until such time as the working class receives that which they are justly entitled to."

JACOB BOILER, Terry,
A. E. HAWLEY. Lead,
E. L. DELANEY. Galena,

JAMES BARSS, Central City,
W. M. CROSSMAN, Deadwood.

Committee.
The above document issued by the District Union of the Black Hills, will make it impossible in the future for Greeks "bearing gifts," to impose on the credulity of the membership of the Western Federation of Miners in South Dakota. Men who are characterless and without honor or manhood, have no place in the jurisdiction of the Western Federation of Miners.

## He Cannot Serve Two Masters.

OHN MITCHELL, who for years, was at the helm of the United Mine Workers of America, but who uow holds down a comfortable berth in the Civic Federation at a salary of $\$ 6,000$ per year, delivered an address to the working people on Labor Day and the most significant thing in connection with Mitchell's Labor Day address, is the fact that a vast number of daily journals reproduced the precious words that fell from Mitchell's lips, knowing that the fallacious reasoning and feather-logic advanced by the ex-president of the United Mine Workers of America, was harmless, so far as capitalism is concerned.

Mr. Mitchell in his address declared: "What is most needed today is a broad spirit of brotherhood and humanity."

The above language has a euphonious sound to those who are so mentally indolent, that they will fail to analyze the specious sophistry of the man, who can command a salary of $\$ 6.000$ per annum from an organization that was built by the departed Marcus A. Hanna, as a brake to impede the progress of the labor movement.

The very fact that the daily journals, subsidized and mortgaged to the interests of a master class, gave as wide publicity as possible to the sentiments of Mitchell, is absolute proof that capitalism recognizes in the hired man of the Civie Federation, a faithful ally, who is determined to carn his salary and to prove to the constituency that furnishes the funds, that he is not ungrateful to those who make it possible for him to enjoy the sunlight on Easy Street.

The "broad spirit of brotherhood and humanity" cannot become a living reality under an industrial system that requires injunctions. police officials, state constabularies, state militia and federal troops to support it.

The "broad spirit of brotherhood and humanity" cannot materialize under the polished barrels of rifles or bristling bayonets, and Mr. Mitchell's experience in the labor movement, should convince him that it is but an insult to the intelligence of thoughtful men and women to prate about the "hroad spirit of brotherhood and humanity" while the system of the present age can only breed exploiters and exploited, tramps and millionaires, misery and wretchedness and fill the world with the groans of paupers and the exultant jeers of purse-proud plutocracy. Mr. Mitchell in his address says: "There is no fundamental necessity for industrial strife ; the interests of labor and capital may not be identical, but they are reciprocal and inter-dependent, and when both are intelligently directed, labor and capital can and do work together to their mutual advantage."

When the above emanated from the wily brain of Mitchell, the gentleman must have had in mind the "labor leaders" who are permitted to sit annually at the festive board of the Civic Federation and he must have had in mind HIMSELF particularly. He must have realized that it was to his "advantage" to court the blandishments of Belmont and his ilk. in order that the captains of industry might realize that it was to their "mutual advantage" to pay him an annual stipend that would make him feel the ties of fraternity between labor and capital, and stimulate him to peddle "dope" that would blind the laboring people to a clear conception of the class struggle.

The Civic Federation has been launched by the exploiters of America, and the organization was conceived in treachery and has for its cbject the retarding of the advancement of organized labor. If Mitchell is loyal to the Civic Federation, and he must be in order to draw his salary, then as a natural conseguence, he must be false to the principles of real unionism. Mitchel! cannot serve two masters.

## He ${ }^{\mathrm{a}}$ Knows His Owner.

"MOTHER" Jones has been speaking in the Black Hills, South Dakota, and this lady who has spent the best years of her life in using all her ability to arouse toiling humanity to a realization of the brutal system under which we live, has wounded the dignity of a pigmy editor who is permitted by his master to conduct a measly rag, known as the "Call."
"Mother" Jones in her speceches in the Black Hills, wore no gloves but rapped capitalism with bare knuckles, and for this unpardonable in against society, all the vindictive venom of a prostituted brain. is hurled at her through the columns of a subsidized sheet, that is edited Tiy a spineless vassal whose last vestige of manhood has been confiscated to earn the plandits of a privileged few. whose wealth is built on the desradation and destitution of the producing class. Had "Mother" Jones invaded the T3lack Hills as the defender and champion of vested enterests, the lickspittle that fawns in eringing syeophane to jingling
coin, would have crawled on his abdomen to do her homage. Did she belong to the "Smart set," she would have been the guest of the aggregation that hatched the foul and infamous conspiracy that sent Freeman Knowles to jail.

Did she blaze with diamonds and wear a directoire gown, the "mollycoddle" and puerile, mental "weakling" that slobbers with vituperation to please his owner. would have crowned her as a queen among women and impoverished his limited command of the English. ianguage to cover her with encomiums of praise. But "Mother" . Fones being a WOMAN and not a "lady" in the "smart set," the mental nonenity on the call, could not comprehend the vastness of her subject nor could he give her credit for her fidelity to a class, whose wails of anguish are heard in every nation on sarth.

It is lamentable to contemplate the number of degenerates who have fastenced themselves on journalism, and who for "filthy lucre," put in chains thair infant mentality. to receive from their owner, the
 But when llue sermbior on the "Call and " Nother' Jones are Te, eternity, when both have ber $n$ lad away in "the silent eity of "4, dod," men, women and children will gather at the last resting foep of tha erand old woman whose hair has been whitened by the

Anows of age and her memory will be knpt alise. while homanity will *earedy ever realize that a miorobe infowed the Black Hill to inflict *ertal slam on intelligent people.

The editor of the" " (all" should take a laree due of sloan's (oun dition Powdors for Mules

## To My Union Friends.

$I^{T}$T IS WITH T'E.IR IHMMED EYES that I attempt to make my askowlederment of your great kindness to me in my trouble. This fieht has eoot you more than one thousand dollars, a very large sum (1) ler drawn from your very meagre wages. Burt I ferl, and I believe son ferl, that it is worth all that it has cost. It is not beerssary for me is diselss with you the merits or demerits of this ease. Yon have said by your actions that this is simply a case of persecution. Organized latur dow not pay out a thonsand dollars to help ont a wrong-doer. It is berause you know I have done no wrong that you have reseued me inom the hands of my enemies. I most sineerely thank you for your linduess and I tell you here and now I am willing to go to jail, to frison or to the seafford for you. I gave the best years of my youth to racme three millions of a black and degraded race from chattel slav ry and I am willing to give the few remaining years of an almost "ithered life to the reseue of sixty millions of wage slaves from conditions actually worse than ehattel slavery.

The federal eonrts have now entered upon a course of repression of poech and freedom of the press very like that inangurated by Bismarek, in Germany. The ontrage perpetrated upon Fred Warren of the Appeal to Reason, wherein the federal judge made a law to punish an act that has never before been eriminal, an aet done by every sheriff and ware officer, and by thonsands of private individuals, namely the offer of rewards for the return of criminals, shows that no law or aonstitution ean offer the least protection for the men and women upon whem the robber class have set the seal of their condemnation. It first the charee against Warren was so absurd that Judge Pollock himself iamond at it and threw it out of court. But he evidently heard from his mavturs and when the next term of court convened he had "changed lis mind" and sentenced Warren to jail for six months and to pay a
fine of $\$ 1.50$ for an art beretofore done with impunty by thousands of people in perery state in the union.

But these thines are only a repetition of the prelude of the downFall of every system of oppreswon stmee the dawn of history. They murdered Lovejoy, draged darrison thromgh the strects of Boston with a rope around his nook, they hung ohd John Brown and the foderal courts draseded back to the whipping poot the poor slave who somght freedont and imprisoned the men and women who dared assist the slave to liberty. The supreme conr finally completed its infamy by declarmg that a man with a back skin had no rights which a white man was bound to respect. This infanons decision was only a prototype and forerumer of the decision rendered by this same tribunal just fifty vears later in the Moyre Hayword case, which decesion declared, in substance, that it was imposible for capitalists to violate the constitutional Wights of a laborine man the had none

When Bismarek beqan his campaign of repression in Germany there were three socialists in the rebehstag. When he was through with ihat eampaizn there were fifty-ome sowialists in the remehstag and the party has been gaming by leaps and bounds until it is the largest party in. Germany and all other parties have been eompelled to mnite ausainst the socialists. This is the leegitimate offect of repression and history will reperat itself.

For my persecntors I have no feeling but that of sincere pity. ?hey are just what they have to be. Our prowent serebal system dons not make good men and women. It makes human hogs and tigers. Take voung Finkelstein, for instance. With his heredity and invironment. how could he be any different from what he is? Cursed from his birth with hereditary degeneration, schooled in his father's saloon and grog shop, tansht that money, ganed by any means however diseraceful, is the great and only eonsideration, he is no more to blame for his degre. dation than he is for his sawed-off stature or his protruding stomach - Freeman Knowles, In Deadwood Lantern.

## "The King Is Dead."

EACII AgE produces its own kings. In one age they are men of letters, in another of science, still another warriors, and today the crown is placed upon the head of him who gathers beneath his sovcreignity the greatest amount of industrial power

These men do not make their eras. The age uplifts them.
$\mathrm{S}_{0}$ it was with IIarriman. The time had come in the evolution of the railway interests of the United States when the minor lords of transportation were an obstacle to progress. So the railroads came torether. They came together becanse the loadstone of profit drew them into one center and because without the circle of that centraliza tion profits were smaller. The little baronial fiefs of the railway kingdom were crushed in that coming togother, as their political forcrunars were erushed when gunpowder and printing and machinery raised "p kings in the political world of medieval Europe

Harriman was one. for the moment, the greatest of those who wepe uplifted by this industrial revolution.

If did not ereate this centralization of the railways of America ITe could not have brought it about a generation. or even a decade. furfore. He could not have prevented its accomplishment for another decade. no matter how much he mioht have onposed it

IIs passing will not stop the process. Another will suceced him. "- The king is dead; long live the king!" Because the kingdom is here and is private property there will be another monarch upon the throne.

Already there is much debate concerning the line of sucepssion. This, however, need not concern us. It is really of little importance.

The kings whe came into political power on the wrecks of little principalities were but the forerunners of politieal demoeracy

The industrial kings who are raised on high by the crushing of ittle exploiters are but the forcrumers of industrial demoeracy

The political kings ruled and enjoyed the emoluments of ruler ship long after they had ceased to actively govern, and still longor a:fter they had ceased to play any active part in the historical funclions for which they were fitted.

The industrial kings of today are hanging on to the emoluments of private ownership long after that private ownership has ecased to be essential to social progress. Indeed, they are clinging to their position when that private ownership has long been a handicap on progress.

Fet they will not always rule. The same industrial evolution that raised them to power is shoving them aside and is creating new rulers. The rule of a Harriman is but an obstacle to progress in trans. portation. His place could be taken ly the workers of this combtre in their collective capacity without the slightest disturbance in the arrying of freight and passengers. and with tremendous bormefits to all ave the race of industrial kines

That is the next step in social evolution, in the mills, mines and fartories, as well as the railroads. It is for that that Socialism stands

The king is dead. The workers are ready to enter into their in heritance--Chicaqo Daily Socialist.

## McKees Rocks Aftermath.

STIRRING, INSPIRING. AND INSTRICTIVE as was the heroic strike of the workers of the Pressed Steel Car Company in its varinus phases. from its desperate and seemingly hopeless beginning to its victorious conclusion, the events following its termination are no Ass inspiring and no less instructive.

Inspiring to every one imbued with the infinite, the magnifieent passibilties that ordinarily lie dormant in our working class. but that are sure to be awakened and brought to life at every great emergenes. Instructive to every student of the recular practices of the capitalist cuss and its habitual attitude toward the workers.

Amone the eonditions of the strike settlement were these firat that the company shall take back every one of the strike leaders. the tix hunded strikers who first laid down their tools and who so HoffGot poblicly boasted would never be allowed to come back, as well ns the six members of the executive committee were had carried out their
heroulean labors with surh simbal ability and sucess: and socondly, that every one of the strikebreakers still remaining in the plant shall be lismissed.

No diffieulty seems to have been put in the way of the return of the first six hundred. At last, none has been reported. The company is ton eager to resume operations to exclude so large a mumber of trained and usoful profit producors. But in regard to the six members of the "xecutive commetter it has flatly violated its phedte and has refosed :o reinstate them in their ohd positions. To this violation of their richte aceording to the terms of the aurecment the strike lenders have enhmitted without murmur or regeret, enger to the last to serve their firlow-workers aven to their awn complite self-effacement.

The company alos attompent to vinate the abrecment in reqaril to the discharge of all the remaining strikebreakers. The eompany officials, it would seem. "anted to thet the spirit of the men biy retan ing five strikebreakers. Had this beon rermitted, there is no dombt that other violations of the agrement would have been attempted

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But the returning workers immediately realized the full significance of this move on the part of the company officials, resolutely stopped their work and prepared to leave the mill again to a man. Having tested the temper of the men and having found it to be as defiant as ever. the officials meekly submitted. The strikebreakers were discharged and the men resumed their work.

The noble self-effacing conduct of the strike leaders stands out in glaring contrast to the violation of faith by the servants of Mammon. The former, bent upon serving their fellow men, surrender their treaty rights. The latter, bent solely upon crushing the spirit of the workers, do not even have the good grace to carry out honestly and without compulsion the conditions of the treaty of peace.

It is the same old story. The capitalists, swollen with pride, look
upon their workers as their natural slaves and inferiors, treaty obligations to whom are not binding. After every successful strike we hear the same story of leaders being put on the blacklist and strikebreakers being retained under all sorts of pretenses. But unfortunately the work(rs do not always maintain from the very start as firm an attitude as has been exhibited by the Pressed Steel Car Company's workers. Not wishing to lose the fruits of their victory and return to idleness and privation, the workers are generally disposed to overlook minor violations of the agreement, which thereupon prove to be only the first steps oward further encroachments.

Capital can be met successfully only when labor evinces the firm resolve to defend stubbornly the least of the rights it has won in hardfought battle and tedious negotiation.-New York Call.


## INFORMATION WANTED.

Kєnnett, Calif., September 14, 1909.
Editor Miners' Magazine:
innis. It is thought the concerning the whereabouts of Pat and John Mcasked to communicate with their brother, Edward McGinnis, who is sick are Tombstone, Ariz., or with M. J. McGinnis at Kennett, Calif. Respectfully, H. C. EVANS, Secretary No. 174.

## VOTE OF PHANKS.

Van Anda, B. C., August 28, 1909.
Editor Miners' Magazine:
At a regular meeting of the Texada Miners' Union No. 113, a vote of thanks was tendered to Brother Wm. Davidson and. the delegates at the Seventeenth annual convention, for their kindness in granting our reques f the sad convention. I am instructed (as secretary) to have the wishe raternally yours,
(Seal.)
THEO. T. RUTHERFORD,

## INFORMATION WANTED.

Information is wanted of the whereabouts of Thomas McEneany, David L. Lewis, John L. Gustafson, Thad McLain, Albert English and Frank Beers, who were in Silverton at the time of the fire at the Gold King mine, June, 1908. Anyone knowing the address of any of the above mentioned parties
will communicate with W. R. Harris, 327 Carnegie building, Pittsburg, Pa

## REPORT OF JAMES KIRWAN.

Terry, S. D., August 30, 1909.
Mr. John M. O'Neill, Editor Miners' Magazine:
Dear Sir and Brother-On Sunday, August 22nd, with President Moyer, I went to Rapid City, South Dakota, for the purpose of visiting Freeman county jail.

For the benefit of the readers of the Magazine who are not familiar with the Knowles case, and who are old-fashioned enough to believe in the free dom of the press guaranteed by the constitution of the United States, a brief review of the case will not be amiss at this time

During the past four years, Freeman Knowles, a veteran of the Civil War, ex-congressman and a member of the W. F. M., has been the proprietor and edar of the Lanter a tion to his editorials on political and economic questions, he has, on several occasions, severely criticised the policy and methods of certain county officials and others who are prominent in financial circles in the Black Hills district. It can be readily seen that in a short time he incurred the enmity of the "powers that be," who were awaiting an opportunity to deliver, as they thought, a solar plexus blow to the "Lantern" and its editor.

About two years ago an editorial appeared in the "Lantern" commenting on the death of a young girl and severely condemning society as being responsible for her death. Although no exceptions could be taken by any intelligent person to the language and sentiments expressed in the editorial, several months after, when the federal grand jury was in session in Deadwith the publication of the above mentioned article and that it was indecent, scurrilous and a violation of the federal laws, The federal wary indeposed of men from various parts of the state, all personal friends of the United States presecuting attorney, and knowing nothing of the motives which actuated the aforesaid banker, had no difficulty in finding Knowles guilty and the learned judge immediately imposed a fine of five hundred dollars and committed Knowles to jail until such time as the fine would be paid.
The labor organizations in the Hills were now thoroughly aroused and in a few days a "Free Speech and Free Press League" was organized and a sufficient amount of funds raised to carry the case to a higher court. During the time that the necessary papers whe was comple to weeks. After several months the case was heard in the United States court of Appeals in St. Louis and the decision of the lower court was sustained But this action was expected, as the judge sitting on the case could not reverse the decision of one of their members, as the federal judge of a district is also a judge in the United States Court of Appeal. The result was that

Knowles, after refusing to pay the fine, was again committed to jail and at the time of our visit, had served several weeks.

A few days after our visit, an effort was made by his attorneys to secur his release on the ground that he did not have sufficient property or re sources to pay the fine, as the federal statutes make provision for a case of this kind. Although sufficient evidence was produced at the hearing to support his petition, it was denied by the United States commissioner before whom the hearing was held. The labor organizations in the Hills immediately took steps to raise the amount of the fine, and in a few days the same was paid and Knowles released.

The persecution of Knowles has had an opposite effect to that intended by his enemies, and members of those who at one time were opposed to hin are now numbered among his friends. The Lantern is doing business a will eventually emancipate mankind from wage slavery.

The members of organized labor in the Hills are
spect, having the support of two up-to-date newspapers, the "Lantern" re the "Register," the latter a daily published in Lead, whose editor, w. C Benfer, is also a member of the Western F'ederation of Miners. Both oi these papers advocate industrial unionism and are warm supporters of th Socialist philosophy, although this support does not benefit them in a finan rial way.

August 23rd went to Hill City, and on the following morning went out to the Dakota-Calumet mine, where about sixty men are employed. The necessary arrangements were made for a meeting in the evening and at that time a local was organized to be known as the Copper Mt. M. \& S. Union. more than eight hours car shift and no woubt an effort will be made in the near future to establish the eight-hour work day. Very little trouble was experienced in starting the local, as a number of the men were members of the Federation and the balance were anxious to do something to better their condition. A number of the men working in the mine were working three ten-hour shifts every twenty-four hours and members of the organiza tion who are mathematicians and who can solve the above problem, can send their answers to the puzzle editor of the Miners' Magazine.

I returned to Deadwood the following day and on the 26 th, went to Rapid City as a witness in the Knowles case, along with other members of the Federation, returning to Terry on the same date. Yours fraternally

Executive Board Member District No. 5

## AN OPEN LETTER

The writer desires that this should be considered an open letter.
To the President of the United States:
Sir-The national press has lately startled thoughtful men with the most unusual of announcements. the meeting of the popularly elected President of this great Republic with the uncrowned Czar of Mexico. Calculated to inspire enthusiasm in the minds of the igvorant or the falsely informed, this piece of news brings dismay to thirty years the world has heard unchallenged reports of the genius, the equity and the kindness of Porfirio Diaz. All this being true it would only be fitting and proper that the two neighboring chiefs should exchange international courtesies

But as a matter of history Porgrio Diaz represents in Mexico what Abdul Hamid was to Turkey. On his white head rests the responsibility for the massacres of over 50,000 Mexican christians, the slavery of thousands of !iberties personal as well as public; the corruption of the judiciary; the creation of a financial system which has mortsaged Mexico to European and American bankers: for the persecution of all the Mexican liberals in the United States, which reached a climax of brazenness and impudence when a Mexican liberal was kidnaped across the Rio Grande from an American jai! by the help of American detectives on the pay roll of the Czar.

Therefore I protest in the name of humanity, common decency and national dignity as distinguished from political expediency and internationai courtesy against such an exchange between the deeply trusted and patriotic President of the United States and the treacherous, unpopular and bloodyhanded Nero of Mexico.

You might retort that it is no business of mine to couple your name with an attack seemingly so unwarranted

My answer is that I speak no more than truth and not otherwise than 1 have spoken in a recent book on the real political conditions in Mexico. and the rule he stands for, because this pamphlet has been suppressed by an indictment against me in an American court brought about by the Mexican

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gorernment which used your oun brother, Henry W: Tafi, as thear lawyer
akatust me, transuarently to gain for their case the weight of an tmpued akamet me, transparently to gain for thelr cat
donnecton between it and the admanatration.

You might reply that the American government cares nothing about the enternal poltey of the Mextean government as long as it behaves and protecta Ameritan interests.

I answer that if a nelghbor be a good nelghbor it might be sufficient unto you, hut if your nelghbor shondd torture or attempt to kill his children would not be your duty to interfere?
If the excuse for meddhing in another nations affairs is only found in th, destruction of Amertcan lives and their property under what pretext did the
American government protest against the Armentian massactes; what brought abeut armed intervention in Cuba; why did the state department undertake to refund the unjust Chinese indemanty; and how are you
wherefore of the tremendous strukgle to stamp out slavery?

The reason for this syntem of antervention lies deeper than in financial and political interests. It proves to the cuvilized world that the American wation is something mightier than a rich, powerful and progressive Republe fropaganda about Mexico has its source in the knowledge of the real history of Portirio Ihaz. At the beginning of his career he conceated his real polti-
cal face, but the higher he rises in power and state craft the more he uncal face, but the higher he rises in power and state craft the more he un overs his fundamental lack of principle.
Even as I write these lines the ropor

Even as I write these lines the report is wired from Mexico that Gen. Diaz has ordered the demission of the governor of Coahuila as the latter howed a marked tendency in favor of General Reyes candidacy. Imagine the Republican President of the Cnited states asking for the resign
Governor Johnson of Minnesota because of his Democratic leanings.

Pelitical evolution in Mexico will move faster in the next twelve months, anasmuch as the new generation is impelled by cleaner, more honest and pa-

Porfitio Diaz is fashioning the tools of his own destruction and as a las esort is using the handshake across the Rio Grande to countenance in advance the abritrary repressions and assassinations which are sure to tak. place in the false elections of next year.

When that period is passed the mask of this master Machiavelli will lave been torn aside. The American people will then realize with humila-
tion, that their honored president has exchanged an intimate greeting with tion, that their honored president has exchanged an intimate greeting
the basest slave driver of modern times.

National Arts Club, New York, Angust 31, 1909.

## CABLEGRAM FROM SWEDEN.

That the efforts of the combined capitalist class of Europe have been insuccessful thus far to break the backbone of the Swedish strike, will be
hest understood from the following cablegram received in the office of the swedish-American newspaper "Arbeteren" (The Worker) from the president: of the Swedish National Organization of Workers.

Stockholm, September 15, 1909.
'Arbeteren," 28 City Hall Place, New York City:
The gigantic struggle continues with undiminished energy against the Swedish Employers' Association. More than 150,000 still continue the strug gle. As yet, no settlement.
keeping up the fight to the utmost, and will win the fight, if only some economic assistance is given to the strikers. Landssekretariatet, HERMAN LINDQUIST.
It will be seen from this cablegram that the situation has remained un changed. The strike is now in its sixth week and the Swedish Cnionists are standing firm in spite of all the efforts made by their opponents to beat them down. This must not be understood to be a fight against the caphtalists of Sweden alone, for the entire capitalist class of Europe are combined and
are using their best efforts to break this labor body, the most thoroughly are using their best efforts to
organized in all Europe today.

It was for tactical and strategical purposes that the unorganized have returned to work. This was done mainly because there was no desire on the part of the strike committee to precipitate a more dangerous situation, and turthermore, it was impossible with the slender means on hand to support such a large body.
Swedish organization. Its world cannot afford to permit the destruction of five years of indefatigable work on the part of its builders and preceptors. What is needed is financial aid and much of it.

If the workers come to the rescue and keep up the flow of funds as they are now coming in and which are only now arriving in Sweden, then victory will surely be ours. This is the time for action. All the forces of labor thi world over should stand with us in this struggle. If we go down, it is only a question of time when you will follow.

## "IT IS UP" TO THE WORKERS.

In the September number of Wilshire's Magazine Upion Sinclair pre sents an interesting article entitled, "War: A Manifesto Against It." It is It article that should be read and considered by every socialist comrade. ist movement. It is to oppose the madness of militarism that rules the world ist movement. It is to oppose the madness of militarism that rules the world at the present time. All the great nations of the earth are preparing for a
tremendous struggle at the dictates of the capitalistic class. This class that make merchandise of human life win their wealth, honor and glory at the expense of the lives and suffering of the proletariat or working class.

The Emperor of Germany issues orders ior six more Dreadnaughts. The Britisn government orders eight more to hold her place as the greatest naval power on earth.

The Socialist party, can if it will, thwart this great conflict of the futurly organization and make world-wide peace forever. Capitalism has made
the history of the past. Socialism can make the histofy of the future if ir cares to do so. Organization, strong and intelligent, is the only thing that Will do it. Let the old parties die the death of the wicked. Build up the power in every country. Let the people rule instead of an elected aristocratic few who solely represent the interests of capitalism. Capitalism is the arch. enemy of all just government. It has been the history of all political par nes, that as they become powerful, they become corrupt. This is due to the influence of organized wealth. What is termed government. is the instrument by which they carry out their plans
Governments are good or bad according to their results. If they buith vp one class at the expense of another. If they promote injustice. If the violate the liberties of speech and press. If they kidnap pritate individuals
and deny them fair and impartial trial, they are vicious and bad. Treason and deny them a fair and impartial trial, they are vicious and bad. Treason
and tyranny often wear the mask of Democracy and Republicanism. This is and tyranny often wear the mask of Democracy and Repubtioninm. This is
the political condition in the Inited Sates at the present time. The peoplists are rule. They are servants and slaves. The corporattons and capital ists are the real rulers and their dominion is world-wide. How long the workers; in an aroused and enlighted publicely in the hands of world heed the teachings of such capitalistic retainers as Gompers and his kind, they never will know what constitutes "Good Government
Labor unfons and federations do not amount to a tinker's cuss if they

They are really a curse and a burden to him and only strengthen the fetters that enslave him or his class.

It was a sad and pififul sight on the last Labor Imy to see hundreds of iaboring men carrying the banners and wearing the badges of cappabistic
tlavery and swelling up with pride at their own degredation. So fome passes the industrial conditions are bound to change, likewise the poltucal condi thons. What now seems "impossitie improbatle and impracticable" cond be carried out perhaps as a national policy. It depends upon the working

## LABOR DAY IN BURKE. IDAHO.

Burke, Idaho. Saptember 11, 1919.
Edator Miners Magazine
Burke Miners Inton colebrated Labor Day in Burke and thought it came off, as it was under the the readers of the Masiose of the Burke Miners fion. The das was the most orderly of its kind that I ever saw. I do not know of any hard words being passed by anybody during the whole day, although the Ittle town uas crowded to overflowing. We met the train at Mace, one and onchalf miles below Burke, where four hundred men formed in parade and marched to Burke where I made a short address, which seemed to be well and the cheer that greeted him from the dense crowd when his prominent tigure appeared on the platform, must have done him good, and when I say that his speech was frequently interrupted by enthuslastic applause you can realize that he is the same td as of old in the cause of right. Mr. D. H. Delong then addressed the crowd on Vnionlsm. His address was of the Carpenters' Lnion of Wallace and was appreciated and well recelved. Nothing happened to mar the perfect order and pleasure of the day untll 5:30 p. m , when word was recelved that the Hercules mill and power house was on ire which cast a gloom over the crowd and the town, the Hercules being the onlv mine in the canyon that closed down in recognition of the day We Tegret the disaster very much for different reasons: That it should happen on that one day in the year when the mine was clost d down for the men
to cel-brate: scond, that the union men in Burke depended largely on that mine for epuployent. third we have a warm and friendly feelung towards the Hercules company on account of their fairness towards union labor therefore we regret their loss. Yours tor the laboring class,
(Seal.) President Burke Miners' $\begin{aligned} & \text { FRANion No. } 10 .\end{aligned}$


## THE M'KEES ROCKS VICTORY.

The victory of the McKees Rocks strikers against the inhuman manage nent of the Pressed Steel Car Company is an event of transcendent im The strike itself has shown that there is a limit to human endurance under the oppressive burdens imposed upon it by the capitalistic monster, a point at which human nature is sure to cry out in helpless, desperate, out aged revolt against brutal attempts at its further degradation.

The strikers were, at first, almost exclusively foreigners, whom the ten der mercies of our social system and our plutocratic government have de livered bound hand and foot to their master. They had no organization, no connection with organized labor, no outside support to look for. Agains and constabulary and deputy sheriffs, and in the background-the government of the I'nited States
The cause of the strikers looked at first so hopeless that Hoffstot was able to declare that the plant would resume operations "no matter what the ast. The plant grounds were converted into a fortress manned by private alse prate police. Strike-breakers were lured from far distant places uner many. Disturbances were provoked and strikers were killed and wounded to add to their misery they were driven out of the company shacks.

But the strikers never flinched from the terrible ordeal. Inder the dictates of supreme necessity they improvised an organization. The power of human assoctation, of the organization of equals subject to a common fate, soon showed its marvelous effects. The individual workers, helpless
in their isolation, were converted into a fighting army inspired with the In their isolation, were converted into a fighting army nspired with the these indomitable fighters. Those who had remained at work were com. pelled to join their brothers in the fight. The unspeakable brutality of th. company's management did the rest. The strike-breakers were glad to flee from the "slaughter house." The horrors perpetrated in the plant came to from the "slaughter house. The horrors perpetrated in the plant came to pelled to take notice of them. The strikers received support and encouragement from labor organizations and the labor press. The company had ail the military protection it wanted, but-strange oo say-the works could not be run with the parasites of soclety, high and low. The works could be run only with workers, and these refused to return to work under conditions that would have disgraced a southern slave plantation.

The victory of the strikers demonstrates the marvelous power of work. ing class solidarity in the most trying circumstances. But in this hour of joy over the deserved triumph of the brave Mckees Rocks fighters it is well
to be warned that, after all, this is not a victory over capitalism in normal operation, but over capitalism drunk with power and run to excess. Thi. operation, but over capitalism drunk with power and run to excess. The
captralist system may endure without resorting to any of the savage methodcamployed by the Pressed Steel Car Company for extorting extra profits out of its helpless employes. Normal profits obtained by normal methods of fxploitation have not been attacked, nor have they been subjected to defeat. The normal exploitation of capitalism can be confined and reduced only by bermanent labor unions, ever watcketi, ever offering resistance to capitalls: encroachment, ever ready to take advantage of favorable conjunctures. And the overthrow of normal capitalistic explottation can only be achieved through the combined action of the entire working class in one great Socialist party.-

THE FORM OF GOVERNMENT IS OF LITTLE CONSEQUENCE!
By Victor L. Berger
What is the difference between a republic and a monarchy as far as the condution of the masses is concerned?

Aside from such natural advantages as our country may afford, do the
masses of today, under rule of our republic, differ strikingly from the masses under the rule of a king?

Do the favored few enjoy less wealth, less luxuries, less influence? The glories of monarchy have departed, but the miseries of the people remain. The contrasts which offended their sense of right and aroused their just rea sentment two hundred years ago, are still visible on all sides. The workmet are as overshadowed today by an opulent class in America and France, a they were formerly by a noble class in France and England.

Rapaciousness in the upper circles, far from diminishing, has increased; greed is allowed to run unbridled by any law. The favorites of industry in every country have outstripped the favorites of royalty.

In our republic even more than in some monarchies, they are permitted to feed on the public, and grow rich at our expense. They, too, dwell in palaces, are surrounded by magnificence, and display their affluence as though to mock those from whom they draw their revenue. They realize profits and amass fortunes which bring out, with more vividness than eve before, the difference between the two elements of society, the rich and the poor.

Now, more than ever, accumulation and waste are seen on one side, want and suffering on the other

Instead of feudalism, capitalism is dominant, instead of Henry VIII, Mammon is king. On him has fallen the mantle of sovereignty; before him aside to make room for the Majesty of the Moneybag.

Wherein then. so far as actual effects go, consists the much-talked of superiority of the republican over the monarchical system?

A large portion of the population, even those with education and indus ry, are not only unable to better their situaticn, but have to struggle con stantly to maintain existence. On the other hand, a small- portion, who are strangers to toil and to whom education is a mere adornment, partake of It is therefore manifest that tho latter have at their disposal something fich the former have not. something the possession of which implies an enormous advantage in promoting the improvement of one's condition, since it alone can bring about results which industry and education combined often strive vainly to obtain. This something, so marvelously effective in its operation, so all-sufficient to its possessors, is capital, is wealth.

This, in the complex adjustments of our social organism, is the most potent factor in bringing about an amelioration of the circumstances of individual.

For it matters not under what form of government-constitutional or despotic, monarchical or republican-man lives, his environment is likely to be little affected thereby. Whether he is a Jew or Gentile, Protestant or
Catholic, does not determine what advantages he shall enjoy. Whether he has political rights or not does not per se improve bis condition in life But whether he be poor or rich does most materially affect his condition.

He may change his divinities or his rulers, or his opinions, and there will be no change in his station; but let the size of his purse be changed one way or the other and lo! he and his surroundings are immediately altered, and the world is to him as a new world

His powers, his actions, his desires are amplified or restricted.
He appears as a god amongst men, or as a menial amongst gods.
So manifest, indeed, is the superiority which wealth gives its possessor: so great is the contrast between the opulent class and the poor class, that there is some excuse for the impression which prevails among certain members of the fild ox fore is

To the child of fortune is given the golden key which opens to him the wide world. He is a free man-free to do what fancy suggests; free to all mental enjoyments and attainments. Respect, consideration, distinction, yes-and love, are within his easy reach. Abundance, superfluity attend him on every side.

He is given all things till overtaken by satiety
Leisure and luxury, so craved by many, to him become monotonous.
He grows weary of indulgence in those pleasures which the multitudes never taste.

The poor man, on the contrary, though he hears much of sweet liberty is a slave to adverse circumstances. His hands are chained, his movement circumscribed, his wishes ungratified. He searches often in vain for an out

Intelligent, educated he may be, rofined and cultured he mav be yet nay be unable, through lack of capital. to work for himself, ond he mav may be unable, through lack of capital. to work for himself, and he may immense earth, and yet cannot lay claim to a single inch thereof. He lingers at the threshold of the highways of the world and, not having wherewith to pay toll, finds the gates closed to him.
He is forced into an inferior position without his fault, he must carry the odium of being a "failure" without his being to blame.
He cannot rise, for there are innumerable and often insurmountable obstacles in the way of his rising. No matter what his capacity or ability the occasion to use these being denied him, he must walk his lowly path.

Yet the rich and poor are human. Both draw life from the same source both dwell under the same azure roof. Both may be equally favored by the hand of nature. But, surely, both have not been equally favored by the tas of man.

The advantages which the few who control great wealth have over those who own little or none, are too evident to require being elaborately dwel upon.
The opportunities which riches offer in the acquiring of knowledge, of culture and refinement, as well as the comforts and luxuries of life, are
sufficient proof that they are powerful instruments in improving, not only sufficient proof that they are powerful instruments in improving, not only
our mental, but our material, condition. ur mental, but our material, condition.
Under existing conditions, wealth is the embodiment of power. Without it, all the crowns and sceptres are nothing.

Possession or non-possession alone decides whether one's position shall be high or low, considered or despised.

It determines whether our bodies shall enjoy plenty or suffer want; whether our minds shall know peace, our sojourn on this planet shall be one of pleasure or of misery, one of toil or of leisure things one may acquire.
It prescribes how much liberty one may claim: how much of that precious measure of life-called time-he may call his own

In fact, it affects the condition and the happiness of every individual of a nation.

In short, since wealth is the admitted means of satisfying man's most natural, most reasonable, most legitimate desires, it is manifest that demoallowing one to monopolize wealth, should devise means to secure its distribution among the greatest possible number.

And this can only be done by the introduction of sockalism, otherwise all the political changes effected during the last two centuries amount to lit. tle or nothing, and "sovereignty" of the citizen is a mere bubble.

Diogenes called a Croesus would still remain what he was, and Croesus
Diogenes would be none the less rich. named Diogenes would be none the less rich.

We want facts, not phrases.-Social-Democratic Herald.

## POLE HUNTING FOR PROFIT.

"What's the use of finding the pole?" is a question that has been asked very frequently during the last few days.

There are sting ioned way by telling of new stores of truth to be added to human knowledge which drives men on to seek out the secrets of know pointing to the urge Either of these is undoubtedly strong enough to creat
They have done so in the past. The long list of men who laid down their lives in arctic regions in the past had no other incentive.

Thousands of scientists are daily risking their lives in scientific re. search with the hope of no reward but the satisfaction of extending the boundaries of the world of knowledge.

The expeditions of Cook and Peary have brought out new incentives. It appears that hunting for the pole has become exceedingly profitable. The first message that was rushed over the wire by Peary did not contain news
of any great scientific achievement, did not voice the enthusiasm of a of any great scientific achievement, did not voice the enthusiasm of a vic-
torious discoverer of long-concealed truths. It was filled with instructions to "secure a wire" for an exclusive "story" which is now being loudly exto "secure a wire" for an exclusive "story" which is now being loudly ex-
ploited by the newspaper syndicate that had arranged to monopolize this story. Cook is lecturing before scientific societies, but boldly announces thai be is withholding the full truth until he shall be able to arrange for its profitable publication in book form. He is being wildly accused of deliberate faking of his entire discovery for the purpose of reaping the rich profits from lecture platforms and book publishers, and he is willing to endure the ignominy of this accusation (if it is false) for months rather than put his entire case before the public at this time and thus lose these profits

The dispatches published up to this time from both men have been overlished. Each newspaper hones by this means to frishten away its compubtors from using the "valuable scientific truths" which polar extoration is unearthing. Meanwhile the other paners are all boldly stealing his copvrighted "science," trusting to their ability to make more out of the additional circulation than they will be forced to pay in fines if the courts should chance to reverse themselves and decide that "news" can be copyrighted.

There are those who claim that there would be no progress without the incentive of profits. Here is an excellent illustration of the mixture of exploration and exploitation, and the result is not exactly of a nature to arouse enthusiasm in the lover of scientific research.

So long as arctic explorers found their main reward in the knowledge of truth discovered there was little jealousy and no allegations of fraud.

No sooner are the rich rewards of platform and publisher held out than We have the amazing spectacle of alleged gigantic faking, mutual charges of thing considered most sacred in arctic regions) and the withholding of the facts by both sides until they can be most profitably exploited.

Those who urge that only under capitalism would there be an adequate incentive to action may well ponder the pesult of capitalizing polar explora-tion.-Chicago Daily Socialist.

## THE PASSING OF HARRIMAN.

Harriman was a product of civilized stupidity. As far as the business world is concerned, he passed away when he entered his house at Arden the other day on his return from Europe. He will not live in the hearts of men
He is in th same category as Henry H. Rogers. Each is a warning to He is in th
As a man Harriman was mostly a failure, as was Rogers. Each lived a lesson to his fellow men, but not consciously nor with the intent or desire of bettering the conditions of his fellow men. Neither lived in accord with the

Harriman, like Rogers, looked upon his fellow men merely as stepping stones upon which he could climb to riches and power. The object was to get riches and power. whether honestly or dishonestly, whether by keeping or breaking faith, made no difference to him.

Harriman's passing will be a loss in this respect: For years he has been teaching his fellow men. by his example, that private ownership of publis functions is a crime-and he has been a great teacher. May he be succeeded by some one who will teach that lesson as well as he has been teaching it.-
San Francisco Star.

## EXTRACTS FROM DARROW'S SPEECH

Delivered at Shell Mound Park, Oakland, on Labor Day, September 6, 1909. I witnessed your parade, and I saw the great mass of men and women
ho are gathered here today, and I know there are tens of thousands of who are gathered here today, and I know there are tens of thousands of others who are in sympathy with your cause: and vet I know that in the councils of the state, in the management of public affairs. in the legislation of the country, in making the laws an institution under which we live, these ered, ered, unknown, and that their views are never heard. I know that your
demonstration is only for a day. I know that the politicians may look over demonstration is only for a day. I know that the politicians may look over
your long ranks, may look over the great sea of faces, and assemble tomorrow in convention and say they care nothing whatever for the workingman, for he knows nothing about how to vote, and he never stands by his friends I know that the mass of toiling men, who have the ability. and who con-
stitute the majority of the people of this country, count less in our political stitute the majority of the people of this country, count less in our political councils than a half-dozen men of wealth who are seated around a mahogany table in the City of New Vork, I know that you are constantly fooled, that you also forget, that you do not remember your friends: that you go off on false issues, and that the politician has been right when he has ignored the labor rote. I have seen a great party in the last campaign deliberately in sult and ignore ard trainple on the great lator wote of smerica, and I have seen th
them.

## Some Are Untrustworthy

I recognize that in the ranks of trade unionism are many men who do not inderstand its principles: there are many men who have lieen unfaithful to its sacred trust: there are many men incapable of leadership: they have
committed errors without number, and they often mistake the means for the end: that their convictions and their reasons and their purposes are not clear, but in spite of that I recognize in the great movement. in the great organization is the onlv hope there is for the laboring man in the world, and I can forgive their shortcomings, their errors, their mistakes and their
crimes, because I know that after all their cause is the cause of the just: crimes, because I know that after all their cause is the cause of the just:
their cause is the cause of the weak and the nrogress of the human race their cause is the cause of the wrak and the progt
must be pent up in the success of trade unionism.

There are, as I have saill hefore tens of thousands of trades unionists who mistake tron und who believe that trades unionism is the Fnd and not the means to the end.

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 for around and wactice them,
Yousay that an hownt boy may not 1 +ain a trade, a chald of a mechanto dathot bexome a methathe humerff, but if h. learns the thate he hat got to Fo'
tho are to work at a trade. Just the same as the stcel trust hmits the proWh ton It turns out, or the whoe factory limits its production, ko they may Whrke higher prices for what they have to sall. I want to ank you who hink, can you look into
tind any excuse for this

Work Not What Men Want.
What chilized, intelhgent beople want is not work, but to get out of gurk, and you will neve get wry tar unth you stop wor-humg work, and stop working, because a man who woths all the whe bas not the tume to hank, and kn-rally has not the capachty to think. Your inclination is th
hmit work, and I undertake to say there isn't a trades unon anywhere whose mombers pertorm near as much work as they coulde ${ }^{n+r f o r m}$, if they wer dung thenr best. Why! Why, you ate attald you will run out of work. You dre aftald you will run out of work, and will have to pldy croquet or loat The great bugbear is ever before the laboring man, that there wont be any
work, and before the other man is the great bugbear that te will be cbligro to work.

Now, I want to say that I bellese that labor will not earn very many great wetorles in the future on the lines that these have been waged in th. past, that labor must go a step further, or it must go back. The methods of the past are too hard, they have becen mad the courts of the I nitec siates ar composed of judges taken untormly, or almost uniformly, from the ranks of cormoration lanyers, and if anythody thinks that law is a smence or a mathecorforation lanyers, and certainty, he would better study law. It is a matter of guenswork and opmons entorced, and nothing elow, and the strongest fored it crviliza. toon makes the law just as the y do everything else.

Judges have almost umformly been taken from the men who eat at the table of the rich, and are satisted with the crumbs-and it is a good tho
trumb. They go upon the bench imhued with the feeling of the class to "theth they belong; they are not workingmen, but if our judges were shoemakers instead of lawyers, yon might get less law but more justice. They got upon the bench meled with the prejudsers and reelings and thas of the faw of the finted States is today so firmly established that every intelligent lawyer knows that you cannot call a srike without endangering yourselves of serving a term in jail without a trial by jury. You have seen two or three of your great labor lesders sent to jall, and you have seen two or three who are now under sentence to go to jall because they dared to advise workmen not to buy Buck's stoves.

What is the use of a strike, what is the use of the raise of wagus? Why, we had a strike in the anthacite coal mines, the men taced hung r and starvation for six months, and then they had a lawsuit lasting six montbs inore, which was worse, as nothing will use up money like a lawsult. That is where they have the start, and they succeeded in getting a ren per cen: tase of wages, a mighty good thing, and then in one day a halt dozen meth kot around : mahogany table down in . ew York cony, and they rasted twenty per cent. Honestly, do you trade untonists think there is any possible scheme that wou can invent that can raise the price of Wages as fast as these fellows can put up the cost of living? If you do, go at it and try.

Do you suppose as long as Mr. Harriman can fix rates on the railroad it makes any difference how much he pays his section men? Not a bit; he get. It back on the goods he hauls there for his section men from the tast, and of course when the people kick too much, the legislature fixes the price that the passenger is to pay, but they leave the freight rates to gu

Is labor a blessing? People act as if it were; it is a blessing today be. cause it is better than hell itself; not very much better, but some

## Enough Land For All.

There is land enough in America, there is land enough on the face of the earth, if there was not a fence around it; there is iron enough in the mines, there is coal enough in the earth; there is enough of stuff to work
into food, and to work into clothing so that men need no more rear famine: into food, and to work into clothing so that men need no more rear famine;
the question of production has long since been solved; men of cunning and the question of production has long since been solved; men of cunming and need to work any more, two or three hours' labor a day would support them: and even the rich could afford to work two or three hours a day; they can take their exercise that way instead of playing golf.
It took nature millions of ages to make a coal mine. A way back whell the earth was young and hot, and moist, great forests sprank up and within were bid rousles, milhons of ages, so that one day whem the earth krew ohd and celd this pent-up sunshme could be brough forth to warm the hearts of man, and lo and behold! when the earth got old and cold a few raflroati companes stretched forth their hands and said, "All this coal is ours, ant dature though all the ages has been tolling not for the human ace, but fo. bt to chetate."
bs, and the human race comber mone Do you in
en in the Cnited States in control of the qudustrics of America? half dozen tou have got another guess commal and you better make it quick while you pre living you must bring the auman race back to the heritage of which is has biwn deprived. Now, I hnow this cannot be done quickly, but I know beyond the smmediate things which all of us do, beyond the grind of every day hife there ought to be up itere a clear ideal, there ought to be some point to which we are moving; there ought to be some guide, the gulding stat w
influrnce the combat of the nation and of men. When we make laws or intlunce the combat of the nation and of men. When we make laws of tepeal them we should know where wo
obtaned, and go towards that results.

## Workingmen in Politics.

I have heard many shades of political opinion, with reference to yout present affairs, and I believe the workingman should ko into pulitics, I b,
here the\% should go in quicky: they hase stayed ut toc long. hou will heve they should fo in quickiy: they hase stayed cut toc long, fou will
never have any influence untll you get in, and I want to say another thing. wher have any influence untly you get in, and i want to say another thing
when get in, you will make all the mistakes that the cthers hase madd When you get in, you will make all the mistakes that the cthers hate mat of he betrays the men you elect a man and he proves unfalliful to his trim the corporation and sells you out to the rich, then bocause of that don't turn your back upon a tabor party, try again. If you are not going to vote for any party whose men had betrayed the cause of the people, what ticket would

I think a man who represents so high and so moral a canse as labor nught to be true to the poor whom he represents: he ought to underko hard fhins, he ought to withstand temptation, he ought to die almost for his catsis hut they wili net all do it, and don't expect it, and when some of them are anfaithful to the cause, don't you be unfathful to your canse, for your caust is the great cause of human liberty, the hopes of your future ane bound un eptlug the progress of the weak and of the poor. This cause is in youn
hands: It is for you to find a position for the generations that are yet unborn. The world has been ruled by kings, by tyrants, by prients, by preachers, by mompolists, by the rich. The kedeat men have been the hewers of werd, the drawers of water, through all the ages of the world, they bave glsen their
toll, they have given thelr hife, they have given thelr thoos tha other men toll, they have given their hife, they have given thelr blog tha other men may be rich and sirong. The men who have latored hale denied themselvex
the comforts of life that others may toll in werath they do not need: they the comforts of hife that others may toll in watth they do not newd they
have buen boukht and sold ad chatids. The history of the world has been the firegross of the foor, the progress of the workmgman. The ptogresa of the human race has been the prostess of trade unomism. In spite of th mistakes, in splte of much of ats crimmal conduct, in spite of the evils of the past. the Iאestlon of man today la imburd with determination to stand by cath other in this great world atrugkle for human liberty, and it is for yoa to stand fore ther: the callse of the workingman is right when it is wrong If the indiwidal batile be not wise, what of it? Snould you desert your comrade, snd go to the enemy? If the batle is wrong, the war at least is right.
and the war has just begun, and sometme the work of the trade unlons will and the war has just begun, and sometime the work of the trade unlons will lee dones fory to the state of indumprial warfare in whech we live, but these nartow restrtethons will fass away, there will no longer be an effort to exclude any buman betng from any portion of the earth from earning his living to the best of his ability and his strength. A man will be your brother whether he belongs to your unton or not; this is for today, but bevond it and above It is the grand time when the work of the union will have been completed, when all men will be brothers, when the brotherboed of man shall be an accomblished fact: then these restrictions will be ended, because the war fare of industrial strife will be over.-San Francisco star.

## AUSTRALIA'S "LABOR" GOVERNMENT.

Many Socialists of the hali-baked variety, point with wride to Australla as the one comntry where the theories of socialism ars rapldy being put int lirartice, ork at the government owned railroads," they kay, "the equal vance taken by Australia in the last few years. There's Soclalism for you."
 ng enamber of deputies at Paris, showed their true bourkeos nature dern ment" of Australia has shown its helplessmess, or rather, lack of desire to aid on the part of the labor members of the Australian narliament, during The late ytrike of the miners at Broken Hill and the smeltermen at Port of the fact that Ausirala had a labor povernment the state government pro vid.d nearly four hundred additional police while the strike was on Many of theise police were mounted carrying swords, rifles and revolvers and number of them behaved in a dastardly fashion.

The strike was to resist a general reduction of ten der cent in wages and while the miners were bartally successful, the smeltermen at Port Pirie gatned nothing. Many of the strike leaders were arrested and taken to Albany. ofer a thousand miles from the scene of the connct, and tried on varying charges. Tom Mann, who had charge of the strike. was acquitted after a trial lasting erght days, but nearly all of the others promment in the strug gle received jail sentences. Holland, who was found guilty of sedition. got

## dynamite."

The result is that the revolutionary tactics are now meeting with favor rmong the miners and smeltermen. Wany meetings were held during the strike and the subsequent trial of the strike leaders and the siveeches, almost hope of the workers.

Tom Mann, writing to the International Socialist Reviow, says, "The men fought a good fight for twenty weeks and their organizations remain intact and thev are in a better position than ever for carrying on an enwar fully conscious of the part they hvae to play in it

A bourgeois inclined labor government is not a solution for and cannot aven begin to remedy the economic ills of the workers. Nothing short of he taking over of the reins of government and the industreis of the country of time and energy and is generally an indication of insincerity.-Nome of time and ener.
Industrial Worker.

## HAVE CONVICTS AT THEIR MERCY.

## Infliction of Torture is Without Excuse.-Cruel Punishments Habitually Vis-

 ited on Prisoners Would Not Be Tolerated in Menagerie.Dear public: busy, forgetful, easy going public; we wish to ask you a beating or torturing the caged and helpless lion?
Of course you don't. You would howl with indignation at the sight of such wanton cruelty. But the king of all the universe, man; man the final after they have rendered him as helpless as is the captive lion, and you never say a word. Why
Let us take this question of torture step by step, trying only to find out the truth about it, evading and extenuating nothing. For the moment we will assume that the convict is as dangerous as a man-eating tiger. The
point we make is that his guards have him so helolessly at their mercy that it is impossible for him to work serious harm. Col. Griffith has putished in full. the story oi his experiences in San Quetin and as a quotation from him will illustrate this point we turn to what he wrote some months ago He is giving illustrations of the apolication of the strafghtjacket. from which many men have emerged cripiled for life, and he uses the following language in connection with one instance that excited his special indignation:
"Here is yet another case; one which powerfully affected the hundreds who witnessed it. of whom I was one. A poor Italifn, working on the hill removal fob, fell into a controvirsy with the guard, probnbly owing to his entire ignorance of English. He was ordered to the "solitary" for straight lacket punishment and protested vehemently. Four guards seized him. but he cried out so loudly that it attracted the attention of the warden and the daptain of the yard. the later of whom thaced both hands on the man's saw this man again and know nothing of his fate," and then the writer comsaw this ma
ments thus:
"Why did not we. the hundreds of us, whe saw this tragedy and sym Whthed profoumdiy with the viefim, !erotest? Simply hecause we were ab tion to the fle gatling guns there were distributed among them, or held in reserve. 108 winchesters. fil doublebaremed loaded shotgms. 72 rapidffire re volvers and 12,000 rounds of ammunition. Only one honelessly insane would dream of resistance, and, in my fudgment, even to plot escane is proof of
dospar run mad." He then remarks that during the twenty monthe h. duspair run mad." He then remarks that during the twenty months b-,
passed in San Quentin there was only one attempt at cecape and that a feeble bassed in San Quentin there was only one attempt at "scape and that a feeble
one, three men conceating themselves in the fute mall at the end of the day's task and being discovered almost immediately

The man is brought on the punitentiary sharkled. He is put into a cell from the only to work and eat: and at pyory stop, at elery moment through
out the day, he is flanked and watched by guards armed to the teeth, while over all frown incessantly the gatling guns. Is he not as helpless as the caged lion? Then why this constant punishment and torture?
Of course, however, you believe that the convict is inherently dangerous, and that if discipline were relaxed our prisons would be scenes of chaos. Let us see what those who really know have to say upon this subject, and
tirst we will consult the author of "Life in Sing Sing." We select him as tirst we will consult the author of "Life in Sing Sing." We select him as
the first witness because his work has all the earmarks of strict impartiality. He was a man of good education and founder of the well known Sing Sing paper, the "Star of Hope." Here is what he says:
"It is generally thought that the inmates of a prison are a body of lawless men, whose restraint is a matter of the most serious physical effort;
that they are always seething with rebellion and ready to treak out in open that they are always seething with rebellion and ready to break out in open revolt at the slightest provocation or at the first moment of relaxed discip-
line or watchfulness. So far cpposed to the truth is this that for general orderliness, quietness and docility, there isn't a university in the country that compares favorably with Sing Sing in this respect. Nor is it, as you might fancy, because the measures taken to produce that condition are effective. There isn't a tamer man in the world than the average convict, and his behavior is good in spite of the conditions which surround him, not because of them. Whenever he breaks out agains $i$ discipline or offers violent opposition to the rules it is, if not invariably, in nine cases out of ten the fault of the administration." And again, criticising the average prisoner, he says: "The convicts are industrious, generally because they are of active temperament. They are not quarrelsome, or mischief-makers or unqualified liars, as a rule, because they don't see the use of it. Among the more ignorant profanity reditable attempts at certain small decencies. Keep them away from some hing to steal, and they form rather a hopeful lot, evincing unsuspected virtues."

## Jealous of Perquisites.

They certainly don't get much opportunity to steal. This is a perquisit peculiar to the officials, and guarded with the most wakeful jealousy. It is called, however, "graft."

We turn again to evidence furnished by Col. Griffith. For fourteen months he was an inmate of the largest room in San Quentin, being one of lorty-eight prisoners who slept there nightly. He says that "during that period only one fight took place, and that of a trifling nature. Several of my conduct was excellent several others were quite were men ore, but their convicted of assault after he had passed his eightieth year while another celebrated his seventieth birthday shortly after my arrival The eas wer n for petty offences. We had a few who belonged to the San Francisco hood um gangs, which are notoriously tough, but they were in a decided minorit and the example of the others kept them decent."

It may be added that Col. Griffith was in constant receipt of literature rom the outside and held nightly seances at which he read the news aloud He testifies that his audience was always most orderly, being intensely in erested and quite intelligent in its comments.

In "No. 9009" Messrs. Bechtold and Hopper have given the world what is probably the most realistic picture yet published of life in a penitentiary. The development of John Collins' character turns almost entirely on hi on to your good-time; hang on to your copper," This is the description his first night in the cell

## To Save His Copper.

'He remained silent, bent over, thinking, a long time. And then, solemn $y$, almost with affection, 'My copper,' he said softly. He would work for it, he would treasure it, his good time, his copper. There were rules in this place; he would keep them. There was work; he would work. He remembered the words of the garotter and of the sheriff; he would keep to himself, he would obey, he would do anything they told him." 'Oh, l'll be good,' he said aloud, whimsically; 'I'll be good, all right." And as you follow the unfolding of the plot you see how a
resolution impossible of fulfilment.

You may say this is fiction, but realistic fiction, written by men of talent who have made a special study of their subject, often gives the most ac curate of pictures. And in the absence of direct evidence to the contrary o rebel, but is most likely to use every effort to obtain the good marks that will shorten materially the term of his imprisonment.

It is the tendency of all power to encroach on the rights of the individual and, by multiplication of rules, magnify its office. The more helpless the ndividual and the more ignorant the mistrained official the more pronounced will $b \ni$ this tendency. Of this prison life affords the most glaring illustra tion. for time hangs heavy and the devising of new regulations gives an outlet for pent-up energies. Barry, who was sent by the Cosmopolitan to investigate the southern convict camps, found guards who flogged as a relief
to the monotony of their uneventful life. Had he investigated certain of our penitentiaries he might have made similar he inves

Regulations Without End.
In the last letter issued by the Prison Reform League Charles Edwari Russell was cited as having reproduced the affidavit of a prisoner in the penitentiary at Columbus, Ohio, who was flogged until his shoes were full o of bread, whicn was against the rules. Col. Griffith will tell you that his tirst summons before the warden's court was on the serious charge of hav ng traded tobacco, which he did not use, for a chair, of which he stood in heed. And so one could go through the history of prison after prison. find ing labyrinths of petty regulations invented to give excuse for punishmen deprive the men of the "good time" to which they are entitled, and prolong the term during which they must be supported out of the pockets of the public.

But there is another and most sufficient reason for this multiplication of rules-rules so childishly ridiculous that they should be whirled out of court with a Gargantuan peal of laughter. This reason is expressed in rough but straight language by the author of "Thirteen Years in the Oregon Peniician and prison politics. The prison politicians are the guards, and the ician and prison politics. The prison politicians are the guards, and they jobs. The first thing they will tell a visitor is what a hard lot of men the jobs. The first thing they will tell a visitor is what a hard lot of men they stantly in danger, and that they practically carry their life in their hands. Did the visitor ever stop and take time to think that if he himself was convict the prison politicians would be telling some other visitor the same thing about him?-The prison politicians want the governor and superin tendent to believe that the convicts are a bad lot, so the guards will have the un of the penitentiary to suit themselves, and so the governor will take no the passage as it stands to the common sense of our readers.

Put in a Nutshell.
Meanwhile the position that the public is called on to face is simplicity itself. The convict is as helpless as a caged animal, and is at the mercy o isfluence, and are the last persons in the owo their positions to polinical
no should be entrusted with autocratic power. They have that power, however, and abuse it, with inspeakable inhumanity. They multiply rules to a point at which the Savior without an excuse for punishing, and punishment repeatedy means torture And the man who, whether with kis own hand or by that of his deputies, wil inflict torture on the absolutely helpless is the greatest criminal the huma
imagination can depicc.

Men proclaim with one voice that the crime problem menaces their civilization and must be solved. Meanwhile they themselves remain guilty of the worst of all crimes, condoning torture

Can the clergy, to whom the Prison Reform League has issued broada special appeal, afford to ignore these conditions? We say they cannoc Every judge is now aware that the penitentiary to which he sends unfortunates may be, and often is, a hell of torture. Can he, an educated and,
professedly, a civilized man, afford to remain indifferent? We say he canprot.

Finally, can the great American nation allow itself to be paraded before he world as lower even than Russia? Surely not.

## THE HOLDUP MAN.

By Clarence S. Darrow.
The season of the "hold-up man" and the "anti-hold-up man" is once mora at hand. This period comes annually at the same time of year, just after
 grow long, when the first sharp, tingling frost of winter drives the people of the streets and huddes them around their fires and when the price of coal goes up.

The season of the "hold-up man" will wane as the winter gateties fade away-soon after lent-when the nights again grow short and the days grow nd when the price of coal goes down and the sun comes back once

Lawyers, mayors, doctors and policemen freely give their advice as to the best way to treat the "hold-up man." There is scarcely a topic of the day in which all classes of society so generally agree-one remedy is pre scribed by all-more police, more revolvers, more clubs, more jails-this is he remedy for the hold-up man. One able lawer advises every citizen o camen "resumably the most fatal spot. Why the "hold-up man" at th列 quite clear. If all sinners were to be shot at sight, few would be left to bury the dead. A doctor, generally humane and wise, declares that the mayor is responsible for all the hold-up men; that there is no excuse for a burglary on Maple street and some other street. What the residents of these street have done to exempt them from the hold-up main is not made clear.

It has not occurred to any of these eminent people to find the cause fo the "hold-up man," and yet most of them know that nothing in this world exists without a cause.

Of course, no one but a crank or a fanatic could find any necessary con nection between the brilliant costumes of the horse show, the cold blasts o winter, the price of coal and the hold-up man, yet, after all, many men whom ne wrought naled there is a law which governs even the actions of the hold-up man and relates him to every other living thing upon the earth.

There are many other facts that students have learned while policemen ere wielding their brutal clubs.

The number of homeless girls who patrol the streets of our large cities .ows greater, they walk more briskly and waste less time negotiating with郎 prospective customer as the nights grow long and cold-to most people this is an accident, like all other things on earth. There are those who know that the rooms where these girls sleep are poor, that they are not all heated with steam, that most of them are cold, and that, to say nothing of facts, too, which the crank and sentimentalist has found out. Our jails and olice stations are fuller in winter than in summer. The Salvation Arm ad other bols evangelists have waim roms and nide "Christian" is known to all who do this sort or in wint yards, orphan asylums, and even art galleries and public reading rooms are well patronized in winter This last would teach some profound thinkers hat cold weather conduces to literature and art. Pawn shops and second and furniture men get better bargains in winter than in summer. But still hat of it? the panacea for all ills is the policeman's club?

There are other facts which dreamers and visionists are wont to notethose people who have so little to do with the practical side of life that they must needs dream. In good times, tramps are scarce, jails are empty, crim nal courts not over busy, street walkers few, hold-up men very rare.

The early winter is the time that frugal men and frugal beasts lay $u_{1}$ their stores for the cold days and nights coming on. The thrifty mine own ers lay in their stocks by marking up the price of the coal which the Lord his dealer to put twenty tons of coal in his cellar to feed his furnace through the winter months; the toor seamstress works farther into the throigh to buy a few bushels to keep her fingers from growing stiff Old, bent haggard women take huge sacks upon their shoulders and wander up and down the railroad tracks for the stray lumps that may drive away a portion of the frost, and lean, dirty little boys pull their carts through the streets and sweep up what the rich man leaves; and the hold-up man, he too, goes out to lay in his winter stock against the cold and ice.

The hold-up men are not the ones who mark up the price of coal and gas and beef-these would take no such chances as fall to the lot of th hold-up man. The hold-up man comes from the home of the wretched and the poor. Who, think you, is this hold-up man? Was he born this way Almi, Almighty, who made him as he is. But he was not born-he was madehe might have been an unsuccessful merchant, who could not compete with cause he dared to strike. He rrew more and more desperat year after year until he became a "hold-up man,"

It is fifty years since the great philosopher and historian, Buckle, gave his monumental work to the world. In this work he showed, not alone by reason and logic, but by statistics covering long periods of time that th suicides, the defalcations and the crimes of all kinds increased and decrease in England, and have for years, exactly as the price of bread went up an down. This was not new when Buckle wrote it down; it was known before and has been shown by almost every good economist since then

There are many other facts that cranks often cite. Australia was settled by exported criminals, but they went to a country where land was cheap and opportunity great and became industrious, hard-working men; the next gen eration became respected, high-toned citizens. Take a thousand of our low an island where land is cha of our commonest prostitutes and put them eration their descendants will be opportunity great and in the third with houses and barns, books and pictures, churches, policemen and jails

The hold-up man of today is the same man who lurked around the mansions of the rich in Rome 1500 years ago. He was sent to jail, but he battered away at the civilization of Rome until the rich and poor went down
in common ruin and despair. He is the same hold-up man that Louis XV and Louis XVI were wont to club and kill in France a hundred years ago but one day all the disinherited hold-up men crept out from the alleys and caverns and marched on the king's palace and took possession of the state Then these men made the rules of the game and the nobles and princes went into the back alleys and took the place of the hold-up men, that is, those who did not move to the catacombs.

Every increase in the price of coal makes hold-up men. Every time the firtce of meat goes up, some women go upon the streets and some men get furglars tools. Every extortionate penny taken by the gas irust makes holdup men. In their last analysis, these despised criminals are men whom cur sutal system has frozen out, who cannot lise, who have no place upon
the parth. Euen the prostitute who plles her trade for the love of the trade the earth. Eien the prostutute who plies her trade for the love of the trade
and the criminal who loves crime bif any such there be, have come to their and the criminal who loves crime (if any such there be) have come to their
firment places through years of misfortune or hard environment, and would present places through years of misfortune or hard environment, and would
surely disappear under fairer conditions and with anything like a decent surely
chance.

The rescue missions save many girls from prostitute lives. but they only make room for some other kiri whom soclety is starving and freezing untll she takes her place. So you may kill all the hold up mon, but back chance to take their places.

Chicago is fairly well to do for jalls and lock-ups. We have just built a fine, large addition to our county jail-the building has steam heat and electric lights and many boarders are found therein, especially in winter time, but has crime decreased as the jail increases in size? No one seems to expect this-it is taken for granted that this will grow as fast as any other
insulution of the town. If a pestilence of typhoid fever should break out in Insutution of the town. If a pestilence of typhoid fever should break out in town, the wise, humane doctors would advise us to build more hospitals-
the cranks and visionists would tell us to boil the drinking water and stop the scourge. Thank God, the practical man has always ruled the world with clubs!

With a small handful of men controlling all the earth and every opportunlty for life, and the great mass forced into hopeless want, it will take
more fails, policemen and clubs to keep the disinherited at bay. There is more Jans, policemen and clubs to keep the disinherited at bay. There is them feed themselves.

But more grim and farcical still than the talk about the hold-up man is one other fact: Chicago has hundreds of Christian churches-we are a christian people. It is nineteen hundred years since Christ's teachings were given to the world. We profess to be the disciples of that lowly man who who said if a man asked for your coat give him also your cloak-and yet today we know nothing better than hatred, repression, brute force, jails and clubs. We single out a considerable class of our fellowmen to shoot on sight of course, the world will continue to treat its so-called criminals in this enlightened human way: therefore would it not be well to rechristen our lightened human way: therefore would it n
churches and stop calling them after Christ?

## THE IRON WORKER.

By H. B. Moyer.
"If I had a son and he took up iron work to earn his soup I'd beat him with a bed slat and then make him eat the slat." "Scotty" who least seven years ago that "Scotty" Farrell-the old original bricklayers and then keeping the boarding house awake the rest of the night Expressing his regrets that there were not more opponents to conquer-made the above remark. And Scotty knew just what he was talking about, for if there ever was a hard, thankless, unremunerative vocation it is erecting
structural steel and iron. Also it puts kinks in one's back and furrows on structural steel and iron. Also it puts kinks in one's back and furrows on one's forehead.

The funny part of it is, too, that hardly anyone outside of those who chase the stuff skyward really know just how rough the game is
and plcking the flies out of the potatoes, decided to tote thereafter in double harness. Now, when a hardy son of the sky line receives one of Cupid's body blows he goes down hard. Consequently, the aforesaid brother and his good frau-that's the Dutch of it-appointed themselves matchmakers and set about to tie with the untieable square knot brother's brother and wifey's sister. Sister was willin', but brother has to be shown. Finally, sister, in response to coaching from sister the married, wrote brcther the single that she "Just doted" on travel, and that, like "those gallant pioneers or early days before the war," hard knocks had for her no terrors. All of which, written
from the protection of a comfortable home, sounded almost like the real trom thing.
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But our doubting bachelor wasn't satisfled. "Some day-when I'm doing something besides slugging iron-I may ask you something," he wrote. "At man. He could at least offer you a caboose, while the best I could do most of the time would be to provide a side door Pullman."
If all men were as honest as that the public in general would have a much clearer conception of what it really means to be an ironworker.

Not that all ironworkers travel via the Gondola or empty box-car route-
from it! Many of them pay their way, and quit eating for a few days far from it! Many of them pay their way, and quit eating for a few days between jobs, while others have a remarkable knack for continually maintaining their names upon some company's payroll, thereby placing themselves rides at the compang expenses paid from job to job. Where one ron chaser ioll, beat it, or waik-according to the depth or emptiness of one's purse, or his inclination.

But leaving aside the question of job hunting, or changing, what has the average ironworker got when he has a job? We've all run across the tender-
foot, who, ten to one, never saw the top of a skyscraper until after the tar had been spread, and who opens his mouth a yard wide when jou mention what wages you are getting a day.
"Four dollars and eighty cents a day!" he gasps, "why, my good gracious. you may strike me pink-and back again-if that isn't almost as much as I earn in a week. What on earth do you do with all that money?"

Analyze that and you've pretty nearly got down to one of the reasons why certain contractors and bridge companies are so liberal-in expanding hot air on what unions are not and never will be in the way of good organ"We
we treat pay 'em good wages," I once heard a certain foreman say, "and Treat 'em like men, and yet they're never satisfled! Dod gast 'em!'"
Then there is the other fellow, synonymous with the party of the first mentioned party, who stretches his neck at least six inches over the top of a three-inch collar and opens his face so wide you fear his mouth will drop out, when you state in answer to his question that eight hours is your day's worktime.

Eight hours! Why, really," he lisps, "that is quite ridicalous! Pertectly preposterous, I assure you! Why, do you know-I'm afraid you won't believe it-but actually I have toiled as long as eleven hours over a ribbon

Four dollars and eighty cents is a lot of money-when you're down and out and don't know at whose table, if anyone's, you are going to locate at, a rabbit which is being idea of where you are going to stop for the night than day's wages, taking it all around. Also eight hours isn't bad for a day's work. looking at it in the same light as the other question. But-well, there's several buts to be considered before the ground is thoroughly covered, and even then something or other is apt to be passed up by mistake.

To begin with, it isn't so very long ago that four dollars was about the maximum wages paid to ironworkers. Also when four dollars was the rate prices of food, rents, etc., weren't quite so near the sky-line as they are now.
But leaving all this aside, what does an ironworker do to earn his little But leaving all this aside, what does an fronwork
four dollars, six bits, and a giass or 'alt and 'alr?

Perhaps it would be easier to answer the question, "What doesn't he do?" Murigg the elght hours which elapse, allowing for lunch, between the Thee Mr. Hough Neck shins about stewn flights of ladders to the top floor of the job and the time he lifts his empty dinner pall from the tool box and
dumps his wrench in fis place, he performs more stunts than the average mechanic in other callings does in two months.
one minute he's a sallor, clinging to the top of the mast while the gang tr getting ready to swing the boom between the shear legs. The next minut he's a tight-rope performer, traveling rapldy over a three-inch beam whith
very probably contalns a loose bolt at one end at least very protably contalns a loose bolt at one end at least. A short time later
he's doing an equinbinstic stunt on the top of a rising column, and the next he's doing an equilibistic stunt on the top of a rising column. and the next
he's using the chain which carried the column up for a trapeze ay the pusher signals for "slack." Finding himself shy a bolt when conencting he signais tor the desired articie, and with the skill of a professlonal baseball player catches it on the fly-or else drops it , and probably starts for the oftce "Tidy inck" is off with a "toothache." bo our friend drops out of the raising gang and jumps on the kicking end of a riveting gun with the sime reckless abandon as he would on a glass of something wet and foamy at the end of a hard day's work on a hot day. Riveting, bucking-up, heating, raising and connecting iron, splicing lines-everything and anything that gues to make
up the game of iron chasing, they're all in his day's work, and what with lying knots, hooking chaing, clamping on the "dogs," plumbing, columns, and doing the Lord only knows what slse, he finds that bis eipht hours are tully and profitably (for the company) occupled. So much for the Ironwork er's earning qualities.
For a day's work he gets a maximum of 84.80 a day. When it rains he gets-well, he gets wet. Just why work doesn't cease when it begins to rain-that is, if it is going to stop, has never been explained. As a rule the job works until every man is soaked to the skin and then work ceases; also the time stops mounting into pennles and dollars.

When it blows a hurricane work stops. When the snow comes down so hick that one could not wade through it with a snow plow work stops some sidered fair working weather, providing the wind is not too cutting or strong In the summer time the iron on bridges and bulldings sometmes becomes almost too hot to sit on, but then a bridgeman duesn't find much time to sit down anyway, so no time is lost through that cause-that is, in temperate zones. When you mention South Africa, Cuba, Porto Rico, or other places like that sometimes it's different, of course.

President Ryan once made the statement that the average ironworker was supposed to work about 250 days a year, but the worthy head of the International Association at that time was not thinking of panics, presidential election slumps or anything like that. In fact, there's lots of good men who to get in the sou deys atoned dur together but an average of about 100 days a year at iron work Some of them, also, it will be recalled, having acquired the inconvenlent habit of eat ing, and finding nothing to do at iron work, allowed themselves to drift into shops or any other old kind of a place where there was work to do. All of which is probably due chiefly to hard times in all branches of business.

For the sake of argument, however, let us grant that the average bridgeman works 250 days a year, which at the maximum scale amounts in cash to $\$ 1,200$. From that amount deduct at least $\$ 100-\mathrm{a}$ fair average-for rallroad expenses, leaving $\$ 1,100$ to the good.

Eleven hundred dollars for a man whose time was well occupied wouldn't be half bad. From that, though, must come the expenses of idleness. Every body knows that a man will spend treble the amount when he is loafing of has it to spend-that he will when he is working.

An ironworker, because of the nature of his work, will wear out more pair, and overalls somewhere about the same price, not to mention shoes worn out shinning columns and clothes burned up by rivets-all these count up and make a big hole in the remains of the $\$ 1,100$. Allowing, say, $\$ 30 \%$ for working clothes, railroad and street car fares going from job to job or seek ing work, union dues, etc., would leave a margin of $\$ 900$ on the year. This is not taking into account the constant danger of and loss of time from in-
fury, or of the risks assumed of losing one's life at almost any moment while jury, or of the risks assumed of losing one's life at almost any moment while
at work. Neither is anything allowed for loss of time through sickness fronı

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Divide $\$ 900$ by the 313 working days in the year and you find that in stead of $\$ 4.80$ a day the average ironworker, by the most liberal reasonlng, cannot average more than a trifle over $\$ 2.84$ for every possible working day to find almost constant employment.

With the price of food up in Z and that of clothing, etc., in close pursuit here seems to be little danger that the fronworker, a man of whom the very iskest of skilled workmanship is required, and who assumes more rival as a financial successor Rockefeller, the dyspeptic, or Hetty Green newly made mama-in-law, or be able to appreciably fortify himsell financially against the next panic.

Despite these facts, and the host of other drawbacks which might be mentioned, there are nearly always more ironworkers than there are jobs Why?-The Bridgemen's Magazine.

## LABOR IN POLITICS.

By Robert Hunter
One of the most enlivening things at the present moment is labor in politics.

The masses are in a state of unrest. They don't know much, but this at least they know that somehow they get it in the neck.
Consequently they are disturbed and millions are at present asking themTheir leaders can no to
nions. Therefore, they are all over the country Democratic and politics.

Republican politicians are picking
It would be interesting to find out just how many labor leaders at the present moment are holding political office or campaiguing for political office, ether as Democrats or Republicans.

Mr. Gompers blazed the way, and his followers are already making the trail hot.
In the old days the Soclalists would have called these labor politicians by various unpleasant names. Today we observe the acrobats with amuse-
ment. The socialist movement is not large, but it is unquestionably the only political jarty of the working class. Hundreds of thousands who have not are honest, sincere and devoted advocates of the ract that the Socialisi class.

When, therefore, we see labor leaders trying to deliver the working class movement to the old parties, we can afford to look upon them with amusement.

We begin to feel some certainty. We know that the time is about past when poor mountebanks like Dan keefe, Sam Prince. John Bogart, John Mc.
Matkin and their like can eacrifice the interests of the workers to their ersonal profit

In the old days the Sociallsts were alone in condemning these "labot
fakirs;" today the whole labor movement instinctively distrusts the labor politician.

We begin to see that all these men need is plenty of rope with which to hang themselves.

Today the mass of the workers are without organization or program The big political revolt is still to come

But the workers are progressing in their ideas in a way infinitely satis The Socialist.
They begin to see the necessity of political action. They begin to un They begin to doubt the wisdom of voting the old party tickets even hough they contain the names of a few labor leaders

The labor movement begins to understand that it, and not the Repub ican or Democratic parties, must control its representatives.

It begins to understand that it must nominate its candidates, finance their campaigns, and hold them responsible after they are elected to office It has learned that when the old parties nominate labor candidates and and so we are patient. Experience is the best teacher And when its les. sons are once learned by the mass of workers our day will come.

## WORKING THE "PATRIOTIC" GAME.

A call for the first annual convention of the Canadian F'ederation of Labo: has been issued for September 28 th, at Ottawa

This organization is composed chiefly of French Canadians, and is an ifshoot of the Dominion Trades and Labor Council, which is affiliated with provincial in its views, and lacks any meeting an effort will be made to spread the doctrine of "Canada for Canadians," which is being favored by those who are alarmed at the growing friend ship between American and Canadian workers. The progressive Canadian workmen, however, show that most of the Canadian patriotism is backed by American money, and they are urging their fellows not to be trapped by a sham love for country, based on divisions along national lines.-Toledo Union Leader POETICAL

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## "MURPHY."

When Murphy died
A man who never squealed or lied
Whom heaven had learned and hell had tried.

We saw no rags at halmast wave,
Only the best we had, the honest and the brave.
O'er Murphy's head,
The world can read how Murphy made his bread And dream of worlds where angels yet shal: love to tread

Round Murphy's bier
Stood those who shed an honest tear
That spake to death of life that had been lived sincere
Death, peace and rest,
Enough to know for those who knew you best,
God wanted you in heaven to be an angel guest

## LINES TO FREEMAN KNOWLES

By J. Edward Morgan
They do not lose who fight, friend Knowles,
The world-old battle of the poor
Though legions fall, the cause that's just,
While wrong shall scourge, will still endure
The bolt that bars you from the light,
That chills the fire of tongue and pe
Shall molten run to forge the key, That frees the dungeoned sons of men.
The life you've lived, the hopes you've held, The wrongs that set your blood aflame The soul's travail, in valiant reach All, all have hedged the tyrant round And piled obstruction in his path. All, all have fed the fires of Hope And roused the sleeping toiler's wrath

What fools, what fools, these mignty lords
To vain imagine bolts and bars,
And mighty oaths, can Freedom bindFair Goddess of ten thousand wars Oh fools and blinded not to know That, leagued with all the hosts of hell No soul like thine can fear subdue Or chain within a prison cell. For every dungeoned hour of painShall fan the smoldering torch that Sust light King Slavery's funeral soon For every snarling wolf that prowls And mocks thy chains with fiendish gle Ten thousand voices drown their yelps And sing thy praise from sea to sea.

More power to tongue and truth-tipped pen
The world-wide battle yet is ours;
We dare assail the hell-born hosts Though strong and high their fortress towers A few more years, a short decade, For which the sorrowing ages wait

Then hail, oh dauntless soul and true The hand that holds thy dungeon key Trembles craven to behold

Thy soul, unscathed, defiant, free. Freeman" named, free man thou art or over crooked a cowering knee Have found a valiant foe in thee, Though silver garlands crown thy head F'or many a winter's frost and snow, Thy spirit, mocking time and tide, Thou dealest, Knowles, a stunning blow. A pen that cuts like javelin hurled, His howls, his hisses, cries for help, And prison bars attest thy steel. When he and all his train are dust, And lying granite in decay, And all his pomp and ruthless rule
and name, and fame, have passed for aye When peace and plenty bless the earth
With rateful hearts, at Freedom
Will bless the name of Freeman Shrine

HUNTING ROUND FOR A MASTER NOW.

## J. E. Nash.

In Dixie land when the toiling mass Was bought and sold by the master class A man was hunted and shot at sight, 'Twould breed ambition, 'twas claimed, and lead A slave to skip if he learned to read. But kept in ignorance, life was spent, In massa's service, and yet, content.

But masters found that whoever owns The means of life, be they sots, or drones Can name the terms and the price they'll pay, And buy their slaves by the hour, or day; Can live like kings; may refuse, or give The toiling masses the right to live; Ge so-called "Freemen" with anxious brow, Go hunting round for a master now, ds killed,

Time thes: and stun
Time flies; and studious workmen read, Ten million of us are underfed;
Woo milnion children employed, debased,
How idino profits for drones to wa
four hundred monkeys, rigged out so fine. They pard for suits which the monkeys wore, Five thousand dollars apiece, or more, And fifty thousand to reast the brutes, Besides the cost of the monkeys suits; Reduce the gentlemen iders, then

But want compels them to THINK; at last, Ten million Socialist votes are cast; A world-wide showing of discontent, With wages, interest, profit, rent; The thieving methods the idlers take, To gobble up what the tollers make. Now Socialism will give the drone, His full production to have and own; But not permit him thenceforth to give Much less, refuse us the right to live. So spendthrifts curse, in their selfish greed,
The Socialist papers the workmen read The Socialist papers the workmen read.
While bloated masters regard it treason, Their greed compels us to think and reason And other millions, deceived, betrayed, Till Socialism is given birth
To spread and flourish through all the earth. And both the MASTER AND SLAVE displace THROUGH BROTHERHOOD OF THE HUMAN RACE Minneapolis, Minn

## $\mathfrak{I M} \mathfrak{A t l e m o r i a m}$.

Whereas, Death has again visit Tonopah, Nev., September 7, 1909.. our esteemed brother, Hugo Watson, an

Whereas, Brother Watson was a true union man ever working for the nefit of organized labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Tonopah Miners' Union extend our heartfelt sympathy o Brother Watson's relatives and friends in this their hour of bereavement: and be it further

Resolved, That our charter be draped in mourning for a period of thirty and a copy sen these resolutions be sent to the relatives of our late brother and a copy sent to the Miners' Magazine for publication.

THOS. DORSEY,
THOS. LIVINGSTONE

Whereas, Our esteemed brother, C. F.' Grater, has paid the last debt of nature, leaving a loving wife to mourn his loss; and

Whereas, Brother Grater was a worthy member of organized labor, a oyal and devoted husband, a brother who always endeavored to make the orld better by his having lived in it; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Tonopah Miners' I'nion extend our sincere sympathy to the sorrowing wife of our deceased brother in this her hour of bereavement; na be it further

Resolved, That a cony of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this local, a copy be sent to the wife of Brother Grater and a copy sent to
the Miners' Magazine for publication.

THOS. DORSEY
THOS. LIVINGSTONE
Committee.

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