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Colorado Springs, Colo.—The state military forces which were ordered to Cripple Creek district by Governor Peabody, under the command of Brigadier General Chase and Adjutant Bell as a result of an investigation made of the labor troubles in the gold camp by a special commission dispatched to the district on Thursday by the governor, have pitched camp about three miles from Victor, near the Stratton Independence mine. In the detachment are Companies A, B and K, of the First regiment; Troops B and C, of the First squadron of cavalry; the state signal corps, the state hospital corps, the Chaffee light artillery, all of Denver, and Companies D and I, of Colorado Springs.

In all there are now about 1,000 militiamen in camp, and others have been ordered to the scene of the "trouble" by Brigadier General Chase, including the troops of cowboy cavalry from Meeker, Colo., and the military forces will be further increased to upwards of 1,200 men.

President Moyer, of the Western Federation of Miners, has protested against the presence of the militia, pointing out that there was no lawlessness of any kind, but his words fell on deaf ears. Peabody is the mine owners' governor, and then he will serve, regardless of the wishes of the general public.

The above statement does the governor no injustice. It is in accordance with the facts. Governor Peabody showed his bias in the Colorado City strike, by his refusal to incorporate the eight-hour question in his special legislature; by his appointment of Sherman Bell at the request of the mine owners; by his indifference to the Idaho Springs outrages of the Citizens' Alliance; and, lastly, by sending the troops to Cripple Creek.

Governor Peabody is a banker and therefore belongs to the "respectable" element, it being understood that only those who have money are respectable. He is thoroughly conscious of the interests of his class. The workers voted for him and are responsible for him. May they learn wisdom by the experience.

GENERAL NOTES.

The application of Mrs. Berger, of Washington, D. C., for a license as a stationary engineer, has raised the question of the legality of granting a woman a license.

August shows new corporations launched to the tune of \$72,950,000, and this is the smallest since 1901.

Durango smelter managers are endeavoring to secure Navajo Indians to take the place of members of the Western Federation of Miners, who are on strike for an eight-hour day.

Honore G. Thurman, the district attorney at Idaho Springs, Colorado, who was superseded by Judge Owers for failure to perform his duty in the Citizens' Alliance outrages on the miners, is threatened with disbarment proceedings for alleged shady work in connection with a "divorce mill" at Littleton, Colo.

Business Agent Sam M. Parks, of New York, was sent to the penitentiary for two years and six months for extortion, but the union will continue to pay him his salary just the same.

In Swansea, Wales, the Employers' association has locked out 30,000 tin plate workers; wage dispute of long standing. Four-fifths of the mills are closed.

Chicago's labor unions in one week in August increased by 123,000, making a total union enrollment of 243,000 persons.

The Amalgamated Association executive board are considering the advisability of declaring the non-union steel mills open shops because of dull times.

The state labor commissioner of Colorado will proceed against the Overland Cotton Mills for violation of the child labor law.

The mine owners of Cripple Creek are circulating petitions to establish a scab A. F. of L. union in that camp.

SOME CANADIAN CORRESPONDENCE

Fernie Trades and Labor Council Replies to an Invitation to Affiliate with the Toronto Body

The secretary of the Fernie (B. C.) Trades and Labor Council, Mr. Ernest Craig, has sent us for publication in the Journal, an exact copy of the recent correspondence between his body and the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada regarding affiliation. The congress is a Gompers body. Mr. Craig calls special attention to the head line, "The Official Stem," etc., which appears on their stationery. The reply of the Fernie council will prove very interesting reading for those who are desirous of learning the difference between the A. L. U. and A. F. of L. plan of organization and program for action. The correspondence follows.

The Communication. The official stem for legislative purposes of the Canadian wage earner. Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Ottawa, Ont., Aug. 6, 1903.

Dear Sir and Brother—Herewith find enclosed copies of circular summoning the nineteenth annual session of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada.

May I ask you to be kind enough to read this circular to your council at its next regular meeting. Inasmuch as the congress is the national legislative body of Canada, I sincerely trust that your council will take a charter from the congress and send a delegate to the coming convention, which will be without doubt the most important yet held in the history of organized labor in Canada.

Decision rendered by the executive council of the A. F. of L. at Toronto, April 25, 1903:

1. That the A. F. of L. will make it a qualification of issuing charters to trades and labor councils in Canada that they will affiliate with the Trades and Labor Congress and central bodies throughout the Dominion now holding A. F. of L. charter will be instructed to take similar action.

2. That trade affairs in the central trades and labor councils in question shall be transacted along the lines of international trade unionism.

3. That all local unions in the Dominion of Canada affiliated through international unions or holding charters from the American Federation of Labor be notified to become affiliated with the T. and L. C. of Canada for the purpose of making it a more potent factor to secure the adoption of favorable legislation for the members by the Federal and Provincial parliaments.

The Reply. Fernie, B. C., Aug. 22, 1903. To the Officers and Delegates of the Nineteenth Annual Convention of the Trades and Labor Congress of Canada, Greeting:

The communication of August 6th by your secretary, P. M. Draper; the copy of the decision of the executive board of the A. F. of L. relating to Canadian organizations affiliating with the T. and L. C. of Canada; also the call by your executive board for your nineteenth annual convention was read at the regular meeting of the T. and L. C. of Fernie, and I, as secretary, instructed to reply as follows:

Our motto is: "Workers of the world, unite," and more especially do we advise the workers of this continent to unite on the international industrial union plan—to use their industrial unions to strengthen their independent working class political action; but there is nothing in the history of the A. F. of L. or the T. and L. C. of Canada to show that either of them believe in the working class united on the industrial plan, rather than the old trades union plan; or that they believe in independent working class political action. In fact, their past record would indicate that they believe in keeping such politics out of the union and use the union themselves for political purposes, only insofar as it will secure a fat political job for certain individuals, such as working on commissions, lobbying in legislative halls, trying to get so-called labor legislation. In other words, trying to pacify the workers by crying out "Eight-hour law, compulsory arbitration, Chinese exclusion," etc.

With all due respect to the hundreds of thousands of members of the A. F. of L. who are honest and sincere in their efforts to better the conditions of the working class and to the hundreds of thousands of members of the A. F. of L. who are advanced unionists, and who are trying to arouse their fellow wage earners to recognize the class struggle, we must say, in our estimation, the majority of the executive board of the A. F. of L. are tools in the hands of the Republican and Democratic parties of the United States, as was demonstrated by President Gompers on the Civic Federation. Was not Mark Hanna known to say: "We have forgotten Sammy" and he was made vice-president? Was it not through Sammy on the Civic Federation that the anthracite mine workers' strike, which they voted for to a man, was put off for a month so that the magnanimous Civic Federation could find a peaceable settlement, and when the month was up, did not the Civic Federation say: "We can do nothing," but they intended to break the back of the strike, and almost succeeded, the strike being only declared for by a small major-

ty as against a unanimous vote a month before.

When the American Labor Union held its last convention under the name of the Western Labor Union, did not Gompers serve notice that unless it affiliated within six months he would wreck it? Did not his emissaries in that convention advise the A. L. U. to enter the A. F. of L. and remedy the ills from within, to which Eugene V. Debs replied with a scathing criticism, the truth of which no man could gainsay? Did not Sammy, unable to win by arguments, resort to all kinds of bribery; and do not the officials of the A. F. of L. by their method of proxy voting, vote themselves back into power, as for instance in the last annual convention, one delegate had as many votes as fifty-six other delegates and one hundred to spare. Has not the A. F. of L. a strike fund so hedged and guarded that it will always remain a strike fund, and in spite of the enormous per capita tax collected from their unions, when any local is compelled to resist the further aggressions of capitalism by striking, do not the A. F. of L. give them the right to go to the public and beg, as was the case a Calgary union of the A. F. of L. two months ago appealing to locals of the A. L. U. for help. The helping hand of the west has been repeatedly seen in the east, but the east has been conspicuous by its absence in the west.

Other instances could be cited if time and space would permit. With all due respect to the many sincere persons united with the T. and L. C. of Canada, in our estimation, it is merely a creature of the Liberal and Tory parties, as was clearly proven at your last convention by turning down that resolution which excluded delegates who were officials of the government.

In the face of the resolution passed at your convention of 1900, which stated that any member who in any way associated himself with the old parties would be looked upon with suspicion—what about your organizer, Joseph Watson of Vancouver—his action in trying to get union men to scab on the U. B. of R. E.—trying to organize scab unions for the same purpose and when the T. and L. C. of Vancouver (which is united with your body) asked for his discharge, you refused the request. In other words, you forced upon Vancouver an organizer whom they did not want, and whom they consider a scab. His articles in the capitalist press of late prove beyond doubt he is trying to get the people to vote for the "good old party." Take the history of your Joe Watson, Chris Foley,

Mackenzie King, Ralph Smith, Alf Parsons, Pattee and others, all are good friends of labor except when it conflicts with the interest of the G. O. P.

Canada has had a great many strikes during the last year. Almost every trade has been compelled to protest against the conditions under which they have to toil.

The alien labor contract law has been openly violated by the employers, which shows how fruitless it is wasting time getting such laws upon the statute books. Yet your executive board does not offer one word of encouragement to the thinking persons, not even a hint at a solution to this problem. Without intending to do so, they have shown the inefficiency of simple trades unionism, national or international. They tell us of two amendments to the criminal code introduced during the past session of the Dominion parliament of Canada, viz., one respecting offenses connected with trades and breach of contract, the object of the bill being to kill international unionism; the other respecting free labor, the object of this being to prevent unions from discussing trade matters. Tell us also how the senate treated with scant courtesy the bill legalizing union labels, and that the efforts of our opponents are not confined to the shop, but extend to the legislative halls, which, of course, is a strong hint that unions should also keep lobbyists at legislative halls.

In our estimation, it is a disgrace to the intelligence of members of any labor union to keep lobbyists at legislative halls.

Labor should elect from its own class those who fill the seats in legislative halls. Then it would not be necessary for any of its members to so degrade themselves as to be a lobbyist.

When you separate President Gompers from the Civic Federation, when you quit sending lobbyists to legislative halls, when you are willing to recognize the class struggle (not class hatred), when you admit that the conflicting interests of labor and capital can only be harmonized by doing away with the system that creates the two classes, when you declare for Socialism as the only solution to the labor problem and enter the field for a pure democracy, then, and only then, will this Crow's Nest Valley T. and L. C. now holding a charter from the great and progressive American Labor Union, around whose flag thousands of wage slaves are rallying for physical and intellectual liberty, talk affiliation with you or you with their organization.

Trusting I have made clear the reasons of the Fernie T. and L. C. for rejecting your overture, I am, Yours for the Commonwealth, ERNEST CRAIG, Secretary.

FUNERAL OF A DOG

Chicago, Aug. 19.—In the white broadcloth casket, imbedded in roses and covered with the costly garments it had worn in life, "Vickey," the fox terrier that for eleven years had accompanied Mrs. M. J. S. Hodgson on her travels round the world, was buried Saturday afternoon. The casket was carried from the house at 2921 Indiana avenue to a cemetery—Mrs. Hodgson will not give the name of the cemetery—and was placed in a stone vault.

"I can not bear to think that the grave may be desecrated," said Mrs. Hodgson. "Then, too, many valuable articles were buried with Vickey—her fur robe that matched the furs I wore, her two tailor made automobiles, made for her in Paris, and her neckties, including one given her by the daughter of the Brazilian minister. Even the little gold pins for her blankets and other jewelry were buried with her."

IGNORES THE FEDERATION.

Butte Weekly Continues Its Misrepresentation of Missoula Convention.

Because of the violent misrepresentation of the capitalist press, the Montana State Trades and Labor Council found it necessary to draft a set of resolutions covering the work of the meeting and denying the bitter slanders leveled at Dan McDonald. A committee was appointed to request those papers which published the falsehoods to also publish the contradiction and to give them as wide publicity as had been given the other. The executive board was authorized to declare any paper unfair which refused to do this. The Reveille, a Butte weekly published in the interest of a corporation, has given all the publicity it could to the slander, but has never published the contradiction. It still publishes the slander and adds to it at each time. The matter is up to the executive board of the State Federation.

THE BREAKING OF THE CHAINS.

(Inscribed to George Estes.)

I. Labor's arms are bound in fetters, Labor crawls with humble mien, In the presence of the Masters; And is spurned with proud disdain.

II. But a voice from out the future, In a wild, clear, clarion tone, Is calling to the Workers: "Go forth and claim your own."

III. You have builded all the temples, In the ages that are past; You have fed the priests and harlots, And your pay was husks and chaff.

IV. But still that voice keeps ringing, In the stillness of the night, Oh! Will your ears not hear it? "Workers of the world, unite."

V. Labor's hosts are many thousands, While its enemies are few; Merely close the ranks of labor And your own will come to you.

VI. So let that voice give courage, Let the blood sing through your frame; And the chains that long have bound you Will be only left in name.

MARCUS W. ROBBINS.

Pope Urban VIII issued a declaration against tobacco. Pope Pius X enjoys his cigar as though he had never heard of Urban.

A New York undertaker in his anxiety to secure business, rushed into the home of the supposed widow and reported the death of the husband so abruptly that she died of the shock. The husband had been injured, but not killed.

New York employment agencies are found to have been engaged in the work of procuring girls for immoral purposes.

John Redmond is making a fight to legalize the cultivation of tobacco. Its growth has been prohibited since 1830.

OBJECTS OF THE CITIZENS' ALLIANCE

Commented on by CARL MCKEY, of Helena, Montana

To The American Labor Journal:

The Journal of August 13, contains a printed copy of the constitution and by-laws of the Helena Citizens' Alliance. What the aims and objections of this so-called society are can be easily read as an open book.

Briefly speaking, its sole mission upon earth is to down organized labor. Like the anarchist, the mafia or the nihilist, it moves in the dark. It has no regular place of meeting. It asserts that it will meet but four times in any one year except when called on special occasions by its "leader."

In Helena this "leader" sees fit to call his "strike-breakers" to meet two or three times a week. It is very much opposed to the strike or the boycott. Had the Citizens' Alliance of Helena been in existence when our revolutionary fathers placed the boycott upon English tea or ordered a strike against English taxation without representation, the probabilities are that organized labor today would have no existence, and that a Citizens' Alliance would be a superfluous factor in modern commercialism.

Article II of the constitution says that the objects of the alliance are:

"1. To promote the stability of business and the steady employment of labor whether organized or unorganized by encouraging friendly relations between employers and employees, and to discourage lockouts, strikes and boycotts and all kindred movements which savor of persecution."

Since Cain slew his brother until the present hour no such nightmare of hypocrisy and contradiction has ever

All the mills in the Telluride, Colorado, district, are closed except two, which are trying to operate with a few inexperienced non-union men. It is a bad time to come west.

George Estes, president of the U. B. of R. E., delivered the Labor Day address at Ogden, Utah, on the invitation of 22 unions. The speech

will appear in the next issue of the Journal. Durango, Colo., smeltermen have struck. The fight for an eight-hour day is becoming general in Colorado.

The Garment Workers' union of El Paso, Tex., report their union is in fine shape. They are growing in membership because they work hard

member of organized labor if he belongs to a labor union and with the light of honest pride in his eye he will say, "Yes, sir." Any brave man is never afraid of his union or his secret society. It is only a coward who is.

The object of a labor union is to protect its members against injustice, to raise the status of its membership higher in the scale of life, or to secure to its fellowmen the greatest possible benefits of their toil.

In fact all the members of labor unions are wage earners or generally men or women engaged in the production of wealth. Properly speaking, they are the true citizens. Without them civilization would cease, and the world would lapse back into darkness and superstition.

The Citizens' Alliance of the Helena species is somewhat of a novelty. It did not begin in the days when King Solomon gave Hyram of Tyre a contract to supply him with materials for his great temple. It did not originate when the organized peasantry of England wrenched the Magna Charta from King John at Runnymede. It is a product of the trusts—the American trust—and its existence is as natural as the law of gravity.

The success of their union. The Musicians' union No. 435 of San Francisco, Cal., is the latest to secure a charter from the A. L. U.

Does it include the toilers who are united or does it not? If it does, why then is a member of organized labor not admitted into the Citizens' Alliance? What are inalienable rights? It is an established fact that man (or even a member of a Citizens' Alliance) is but the creature of his environment, and that he is dependent upon his neighbors in some form or other for any "right" that he may possess. Even life can be taken away from him by law, and he can be deprived of his liberty by imprisonment under the law.

—in fact there is no such thing as an inalienable right in the law of the universe. Only tyrants assumed it when they declared that they had the inalienable right to crush labor and that labor had no right to strikes against their mandates. The Citizens' Alliance declares itself to be a secret organization. Ask any member of the Helena Citizens' Alliance if he belongs to it and he will blush under the collar or else his ears will turn red, and will answer by either saying "No," or "I am not allowed to tell." Ask any

When they follow the example of the Citizens' Alliance and go into politics.

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**A WORD TO OUR FRIENDS.**

The American Labor Union Journal owes its existence to a referendum of the organization. It provided for a four-page weekly at 50 cents per year. Owing to liberal advertising patronage we were enabled to give our subscribers double the worth of their money. We have turned out an eight-page paper which was credited by the highest authorities with being one of the very best papers of the kind in the United States.

It has never been the purpose of the management to make a profit on the Journal. Every cent which has come in has been used to add to its influence and improve its appearance. As a consequence of the dullness of the late summer months, in a business sense, business reasons suggest a temporary return to the four-page form.

As soon as conditions will permit we shall again return to eight, ten or twelve pages, as circumstances will permit.

Now a word to the thousands of friends of the Journal. Our paper is owned by the progressive American Labor Union. It is committed to a fixed policy. It cannot betray its friends if it would. Its cause is the great cause of the toiling millions. If it has made enemies it has been because it has never sacrificed principles to expediency and never will. The fact that it has aroused antagonism is a proof that it has been doing some good. Its arguments against injustice slung from the pen points of scores of the most prominent and able thinkers of the day have invaded the musty sanctuaries of established custom and given the bats and owls and rooks of ignorance, superstition and veneration for Position and Place a merry shaking up.

Even our opponents concede that we have done much. We are anxious to do more, for there is a mighty work ahead. The employing classes are fast arraying themselves in one organization in order to withstand and offset the effectiveness of the trades unions. It is imperative that the working class be awakened to an appreciation of their class interests. Few papers are as acceptable for this work as is the official organ of a great labor union. To fulfill our mission we issue this call for volunteers. Our necessities demand an increase in our circulation of 50,000 subscribers by January, 1904. We ask every man who believes in the principles we advocate to put his shoulder to the wheel and aid us in getting that number. We ask those who will pledge themselves to get us 25 new subscribers to send in their names to us now that they may be recorded in the archives of this office as men who, when the way was stormy and dark, had the will and the way to enter the fight against the forces of Mammon; you who believe in the coming of the glad time when there will be no oppressor or oppressed, plunderers or plundered; no princes or pauper, no chattel slaves or wage slaves; no masses or classes; when every man's child shall have the same opportunity for health and happiness as is now enjoyed only by the very rich; when no man shall be subject to the blacklist and denied the right to support his family. When the incentive to wrong one's neighbor is removed and peace and plenty will spread their broad mantle over the earth; you who believe in these things, help the Journal to beat down the wall of prejudice which now exists in many quarters.

Put your name down as one of the Journal's propaganda brigade pledged to shove it 50,000 ahead, and when the goal has been attained our ROLL OF HONOR will be published.

**WITH THE A. F. OF L.**

George's Weekly, which represents the Denver Citizens' Alliance, an organization which claims that employers alone have the right to say, with regard to those employed "how long they shall work, how hard they shall work and how much they shall get," said recently:

"Now is the time for the American Federation of Labor to join with the Citizens' Alliance in cleaning up the dynamiters and anarchists who are posing around as union men under the guise of American Labor Unions, Western Federation of Labor, etc. We take pleasure in saying that the Citizens' Alliance stands for any law-abiding union that has the decency to advocate construction instead of destruction. The sympathetic strike, picket and boycott is a thing of the past with the more enlightened unions among the American Federation of Labor and the day is not far distant when they will disappear entirely. We are with the American Federation of Labor in its effort to clean up the skates and blather-skites."

The Citizens' Alliance has no use for the kind of unionism that helps the toiler and so they favor the reactionary kind. In this connection it should be remembered that at the time of the Crescent City strike the managers of the companies involved offered to build a hall for the union if it would withdraw from the A. L. U. and join the A. F. of L.

Some of Butte's small boarding houses do not seem to like the new schedule of hours adopted by the Woman's Protective League which call for 10 hours' work to be put in straight or within 13 hours. They attempt to enlist the sympathy of their patrons by saying it will be necessary to raise the board because of the "unreasonable" demands of the girls. The life of a boarding house employe is the most trying imaginable, and had men been employed at that sort of work without woman's competition the whole thing would have been changed long ago. Imagine getting up at 4 a. m. and beginning your task which only ends at 8 or 8:30 at night, standing all day over a hot range unable to eat a full meal because of the smell of the cooking victuals, which robs one of one's appetite; imagine

a steady grind of constant effort, standing on one's feet for 16 hours, resulting at times in swollen limbs and ruined feet, besides bringing on complaints peculiar to the feminine sex. Then when the work of the kitchen is done think of retiring to a room which you, tired out in body and mind with the work of the day, are supposed to keep in order; think of sharing this room with three or four others who are equally exhausted. Imagine the result from a hygienic standpoint and ask yourself: "Would men put up with such a condition of things?" Now surprising as it may seem to some boarding house keepers working girls are human beings, entitled to the same consideration as are other folks. It is monstrous that they should be worked to the dropping point merely because they belong to the patient sex. It is the duty of the male unions to see that their sister wage workers shall at least receive enough consideration in the matter of hours that they will not be compelled to "lay off" every third month to rest up. Ten hours is long enough for even a mule to work. The girls must be supported in their demands.

The fact that a man has a union card in his pocket does not necessarily prove that he is a union man. The genuine union man fights for a principle regardless of immediate personal advantage. The other kind care nothing for principle.

The capitalist spends thousands of dollars a year to maintain a newspaper organ, while the majority of workingmen throw mud at their's. This explains, in a measure, why some men are capitalists and some are workingmen. The first named are seldom blind to their own interests.

Linotype operators seldom work on a Socialist paper more than a month without becoming Socialists. And let it be said, in parenthesis, they are among the most intelligent of trades unionists.

There are a few weekly publications in Montana which remind one of that alleged labor paper, the St. Louis Compendium, the chief burden of whose song is Hearst and what some people think of him. The Montana papers, like the Compendium, have but one note—the corporate interests

of Montana. The relative merits of the legalized practices that are being committed are dinned at a large and growing free list every week. Yet Madden, who condemned Wilshire for "advertising ideas," has nothing to say regarding these vultures' agencies. But perhaps one touch of grafting makes a feeling of kinship warm in the bosom of some postal authorities.

The National Building Trades Council in its session at Denver, Colo., endorsed Hearst's presidential boom by a majority. With Teddy in the firemen and Hearst in the building trades, Hanna in the "Physic" Federation, along with Cleveland, the G. A. R. pulling for Miles, it would seem that Arthur "Peugh" Gorman would have sleepless nights—unless he consoles himself with the thought that most organizations resolve one way and vote another.

In 1890 the wage per person averaged \$445; in 1900 it averaged \$38, a decrease of \$7. It should be remembered that this average includes the fat salaried managers' wages as well as those of the men.

The national census shows that the output per man in manufactures was \$2,451. Every time the worker produces 560 cents the capitalists give them a dollar—and then hold them up for the dollar.

**EXCURSION, SALT LAKE AND OGDEN.**

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Positively last Utah excursion of the season will leave Butte via Oregon Short Line above dates, tickets limited for return September 23. Special attraction the National Irrigation Congress, which meets Ogden, September 15-18, and the famous resorts of the Mormon capital. Reserve berths now. Oregon Short Line Ticket Office, 105 North Main street, Butte, Mont.

H. O. WILSON,  
 General Agent.

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**THE STRIKE AT HARRISON.**

Shipping Scab Lumber to Other Points Does Not Work—Boys Are Firm.

Ed. American Labor Union Journal: Things are still rolling merrily along in this neck of the woods; that is, everything 'but the mills. About ten days ago the St. Joe Lumber Co. managed by some hook or crook to get a few thousand feet of lumber loaded on a car and sent it to Lane to have it dressed. The boys up there stood pat and would not handle it, and it still stands. Last Friday morning a car was switched on to Grey's sidetrack. It contained a few hundred feet of St. Joe Lumber Co.'s lumber. Grey told the boys to plane it, but the boys said no, they would not handle scab lumber.

Saturday night about one-half of the men were discharged. The company claimed they had no further need of them. Monday the rest of the men were informed that that batch of scab lumber must be planed. They were given until Tuesday morning to decide. Monday night at the regular meeting of the union a committee of arbitration was appointed, as provided for in the agreement made with the company when the men returned to work. It consisted of three members from the Grey's own crews for the purpose of trying to settle the matter in dispute. The committee was told that the men would either handle that lumber or quit. So there was nothing left for them to do but walk out, and they did it to a man, and the Harrison Box and Lumber Co. is again tied up tight.

Last night the business men tried to wedge in and force a settlement, but they were unsuccessful. At Springton the situation is much the same, only that the crew up there is continually growing smaller instead of larger, and the congregation of those scab preachers is diminishing accordingly.

I might add that the St. Joe people have not been able to turn a wheel since the strike. There has been a good many men shipped in here from Spokane employment offices, but we have been able to keep them from going to work. I will enclose a slip of paper left here by one of those men. You will see that the rate of pay is \$4 per day, occupation, sawyer, while the union scale calls for \$6 per day. This man, though not a union man, was a prince, and when told the conditions here did not even go to see the St. Joe company, but left town by the first boat.

The boys are all of the stuff of which good, true men are made. They are true-blue, out and out and are determined to make this strike win out.

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**HOW THE THING WAS DONE.**

Hughes Tells of the Subjugation of a People Who Could Not Be Conquered by Force of Arms.

**THE TRADES COUNCIL AT BAT.**

Lewistown Labor Unions Taking Effective Steps Against the Scab Contractors.

The secretary of the Lewistown (Mont.) Trades Council, writing on the situation in that city, says in part: Lewistown, Mont., Aug. 30, 1903.

On Thursday evening we had made sufficient progress with the men to justify the calling of a joint meeting of all the building trades crafts and after electing an executive board of seven to conduct affairs, on the following morning seventy-five union men visited all the buildings in course of erection by the scab contractor, T. J. Tabbs, and called off the masons who have been working with non-union carpenters.

The situation now is that all of his buildings are completely tied up, and to all appearances, we are at the bat. The Lewistown Business Men's Association, who were responsible for Tabbs securing all this work, hastened to his rescue and are now holding daily meeting with a view of breaking the tie-up, and are threatening to bring scabs from other points.

As would be expected, rumors are current that troops will be brought in. You will note that this is not in any nature a strike, but the giving of support to the Trades and Labor Council, which is chartered under the A. L. U. by one of the affiliated unions refusing to work with non-union men.

I take occasion to inform you that the matter of unionism in this town has now reached the turning point, and the losing of this fight means the complete extermination of organized labor here; on the other hand, if we win, we will solidify the place in three months.

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Conditions in the Philadelphia textile strike are practically unchanged. Some few bleachers went back, but had to come out again, as they could not work without the dyes, who, to use the words of a local business agent, are "so damned class-conscious through listening to Socialist speakers that you can't even get them into a conference to talk arbitration."

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