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The working class—may they always be right, but the working class right or wrong.

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DODGED THE PRESS CENSOR

Simple Statement of Matters at Cripple Creek, Which, if Its Authors Were Known, Would Land Them in Jail—Lese Majeste Not Confined to Europe.

Russia, Colo., Dec. 10, 1903. The following appeared in the Cripple Creek Times a few days ago:

"Whereas, James H. Peabody, of Colorado, has proven himself a weak-minded man.

"First—By accepting the office of governor of the state of Colorado without having the least knowledge of the duties of that important position.

"Second—By appointing an equally weak-minded man (one Sherman Bell)—a man with no military knowledge—to the important office of adjutant general.

"Third—The governor has shown his lack of judgment in sending the state militia to Colorado City on request of one or two men.

"Fourth—By hiring the state militia to the Mine Owners' Association of the Cripple Creek district, at the request of a few mine owners, and under the protest of over three thousand citizens of the district, including the sheriff and a number of other county officials.

"Fifth—The governor has made himself the laughing stock of the whole country by one day offering two thousand well equipped and drilled men to the United States government and a few days later asking the president of the United States for the regular troops, when there was no need of them anywhere in the state.

"And, whereas, the state troops that have been and are now here under Generals Bell and Chase have partaken more of the nature of a lawless mob than that of well disciplined soldiers, by dragging peaceful citizens from their beds at dead of night and holding them in the military bull pen,

without warrant of law and without any charge being preferred against them. The soldiers have held men up in the public road and fired at men on the public highway. The sheriff has been prevented from doing his duty as a civil officer. The militia has intimidated the civil court by surrounding the court house with sharpshooters and Gatling guns, and stationed soldiers with fixed bayonets in the courtroom. The military officers have openly defied the court by refusing to obey the mandate of civil authority. The soldiers have insulted women and arrested children. They have gone so far as to arrest county officials. They have entered places of business and without warrant of law arrested the whole crew, proprietor and workmen. They have not even respect for the dead, but have entered the death chamber and without warrant arrested men engaged in paying their last tribute of respect to a departed brother. All this and much more has been patiently borne by the peace-loving people of this district.

"And, whereas, it will be readily seen that neither the governor of the state of Colorado and the military officers are fit for the positions they now occupy; therefore, be it

"Resolved by the Cripple Creek District Trades Assembly, that a copy of these resolutions be forwarded to the president of the United States, together with a request that if we must have military rule, that he (the president) send some military officer here to take charge of the state troops, so that military mob rule will cease, and soldiers and officers may learn that wearing shoulder straps and soldiers' uniform is no license to be an outlaw."—Press Committee.

More Reduction.

Meyersdale (Pa.) coal miners have been notified of a 10 per cent cut. The soft coal operators of Ohio announce a purpose to reduce wages 10 per cent. At Bellaire, Ohio, 2,500 men have been laid off without explanation by the National Steel Company.

Reward for Faithful Service.

A carpenter who had given twenty-five years of his life to a San Francisco street car company, and many of whose inventions are now in use on the road, and who, according to his own words, has done their political

work as well, has been discharged with no reason given. The reason is plain. He was "all in."

A Lockout.

The San Francisco Restaurant Keepers' Association has shut up the cafes of its membership in a fight against the unions. The association is insisting that the union shall only treat with its members as a body.

Thirty-two thousand cotton mill operatives of New England have had their wages cut.

IT'S A LONG TIME SINCE

Strike Victories Under Pure and Simple Plan of Unionism Are Few and Far Between—A Case of Perfidy Possible Only Under the "Autonomy" Plan of Organization.

However indifferent the mass of the workers may be concerning their welfare, it is readily apparent that many men are having their eyes opened to the imperfections of the old style of union methods, as the following, taken from a letter to headquarters from Israel Solon, of the Chicago Glove Workers, will show. Brother Solon complains of the non-receipt of a bundle of Journals. He says:

Do you think that we don't need the Journal, or the eye-openers that it contains?

Or do you think that we already know all that we need to know in order to win strikes?

If you do, then allow me to tell you that you are badly mistaken. We have not won a strike in a year, and from all indications we will not win another one.

How could it be otherwise? With the masters sinking all their personal prejudice and individual opinions out of sight for the purpose of being better able to use the workers according to the dictates of their own sweet will.

While we continue to close our eyes to all facts persisting to believe that because those methods were good enough at one time that they are still effective.

Aye! It is now even worse. We are now at the point where we are actually betraying one another; yes, betraying.

Let me cite you an instance. The contract of the street car workers employed by one of the companies in Chicago just expired.

The men presented a new contract in which were embodied some de-

hands for reform.

The contract was endorsed by the Chicago Federation of Labor. The manager of the street car company refused each and all of their demands, refused to arbitrate, telling them to do what they saw fit.

In the meantime he made arrangements for a supply of scabs and strike breakers and special police, and all the implements that are regularly used to crush the rebellious slaves.

All this to the full or shall I say fool knowledge of every workman and woman in Chicago.

What do you suppose happened? The teamsters and the firemen each signed a contract without consulting the street car men.

The business agent of the firemen left for the east immediately after signing the contract, thus showing that he was well aware of what he had done. You can thus see that there is some use for the Journal in our part of the country.

I very much enjoyed reading the A. L. U. constitution.

I pronounce it as a man to be a perfect plan of organization.

The old trade unionism is certainly too antiquated and trade unionists are fast learning that the old method of organization will no longer do.

Something other than the old union methods will have to be employed to do battle to the exploiters.

I think the rank and file would fall in line under the hammer of the new unionism. I think no trouble would be encountered to effect a strong A. L. U. organization here now. So you can see what work the Journal is doing; don't let me be without it again.

I am yours for the new unionism.

A CALL FOR ACTION

The Fierceness of the Class Struggle Is Becoming More Pronounced—Precedents Are Being Established for Future Use—A Time for Men With Red Blood in Their Veins to Come to Support of Their Brethren.

Martial law has been declared in Cripple Creek, Colo. The town is in the hands of the soldiery. Captain McClellan occupies the mayor's office. A press censor has been sent from Denver, and no news will hereafter be permitted to reach the outside world unless it has the approval of the militia officers. Fred Wakeman, a militiaman, was arrested as a spy, and will be court-martialed, and may be shot for treason, BECAUSE HE HAD A UNION CARD IN HIS POCKET. At Telluride, Colo., thirty-eight men, members of United Mine Workers and Western Federation of Miners, have been arrested as vagrants, and fined. Sentence was suspended, however, ON CONDITION THAT THEY GO TO WORK. The courts endeavored to force the men to scab.

The women of Cripple Creek have petitioned the president to protect a helpless community against the creature of the mine owners who occupies the executive chair in that state.

The conditions which now exist in the Centennial state are almost unbelievable to those who hug to their breasts the fond delusion that the government of Washington and Jefferson still lives.

The founders of the republic strove to establish, in theory at least, a government of the people. Today in Colorado it is a government of mine owners. As was done in the Cœur d'Alenes, so it is proposed to do in Teller county.

The action of the militia authorities in the case of Wakeman shows plainly that they understand the situation, if the working class do not. The possession of a union card, by Wakeman, is to be made the basis of a charge of treason against the government. Who is the government? Inferentially, then, the mine owners are the government.

Was the militia sent to maintain order, or to coerce workmen? If to maintain order, why is not a peaceable union miner entitled to equal consideration with a peaceable mine owner?

Miners have been dragged from their beds without warrant of law. They have been thrown into jail or bull pen without trial and held there in resistance to civil process, and finally the rights of the people of an entire community have been suspended and complete unrestricted power, of life and death, over them has been assumed by a group of persons notoriously in the pay of men whose interest in Colorado is confined to the dividends they get out of it.

Workingmen, we must look the situation squarely in the face. The determined line-up of the western capitalist and against the working class began in Idaho; precedents are being built up today in Colorado for use in future struggles.

The fight has not yet started in Montana, because of political conditions, but the money powers of this state hate the Western Federation of Miners with the malice of hell, and when conditions permit, they overlook no chance to weaken it.

The miners throughout the land, from the Dominion of Canada to Old Mexico, have stood loyally by the heroes of Cripple Creek. Again and again they responded with a dollar assessment or a day's pay, and not a complaint, for they realize if Cripple Creek ends in defeat a blow will have been struck which will wipe out western unionism and drag the workingman of the Rocky Mountain states down to the condition of a Mexican peon.

The present is no time for rhetorical flights or vain recriminations. Capitalism, by the votes of workmen, has been placed in control of the powers of government, which they are using to crush the unions to which we must look for bread. We must use such power as is still left us to prevent human rights and privileges from vanishing from the face of the earth.

The conditions which today confront the working class in Colorado must arouse every man who has a drop of red blood in his veins to action. "Is liberty dead?" In the light of recent experiences, the answer must be, "yes." It is the duty of the working class to resuscitate it.

Who, when reading of the heroic action of a Hale, who regretted he had but one life to give, or of an Emmet, who went, scornful and unflinching, to the block; or of a Bruno, who gave his life for opinions' sake, has not been fired with a desire to emulate these noble examples? Who, when reading of the heroic struggles of past ages, has not wished that he, too, might have lived at such a time and been enabled to give a proof of his manhood? The struggle now almost upon us calls for a higher devotion to principles, a greater nobility of purpose, than any recorded struggle of the past. It is easy to die in the van of battle, cheered on to action by the cries of the multitude, sustained by the thought that one's name may live in the minds of a grateful people.

To undergo the ignominy of arrest; to suffer the brutalities of bull pen confinement; to be paraded throughout the nation as a criminal; to risk the possibilities of a blacklist; to oppose, unarmed, bare hands, against the bayonet and the bullet of a gang of Hessians, requires a degree of heroism never dreamed of by many of the men we now revere. Yet this the miners of Colorado have done and are doing today.

To deny one's self needed clothing or food; to refuse one's family some of the little luxuries of life; to dig down in the almost empty pocket to find the dollar to maintain the boys who are struggling for "a fair day's wage for a fair day's work," requires a kind of heroism, too, and this the miners of the west have done and are doing.

Must one portion of the working class bear the burden alone? The Cripple Creek region is one of the citadels of unionism, and there capitalism has massed its powers to do us to death. Shall the working people of this nation stand as spectators while our brothers are engaged in a death grapple? It is time for action. The dollars of the capitalists must at this juncture be met with the dollars of the working class. There is blood on their coin, while ours have been sanctified in sweat and suffering. Readers of the Journal, forward to the breach. Whether you are a native of Nova Scotia or of Florida, of New Jersey or California, it is YOUR battle the miners are fighting today. Support our champions by every means in your power. With right and justice on our side, the dimes of the working class are more effective than the gold eagles of plutocracy.

Were the Journal in the "Peabody Belt" the editor would land behind the bars for having penned this article. Peabody's sphere of influence may speedily extend until it embraces this paper; when such treatment as was accorded the Victor Record may be served out to us, but until this happens we will continue to sound the call to action.

The class struggle is becoming more and more defined. This man Larry is a real benefactor to the cause of human progress.

The Street Laborers' and Excavators' Union of Chicago has donated \$15 in aid of the Western Federation of Miners.

THEY KNOW NO SURRENDER

Executive Board W. F. of M. Presents the Facts—Colorado Is Russianized by a Single Arch Scoundrel and Almost Unbelievable Conditions Prevail.

An address has been issued by the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners as follows:

"Denver, Colo., Dec. 5, 1903. To the Officers and Members of Organized Labor:

"Greeting—We have reviewed the industrial situation in Colorado. We realize that the great conflict that is now being waged against the Western Federation of Miners in this state is a battle to the finish. The Mine Owners' Association, backed by the financial strength of the American Smelting and Refining Company, supported by the groveling sympathy of commercial interests that have resolved themselves into Citizens' Alliances, have openly declared that the organization which the miners of the west have built upon the bedrock of justice shall be torn from its foundation and shattered into fragments.

"The will of the people that demanded of a legislative body the passage of an eight-hour law has been overthrown. Forty thousand of a majority of the citizens of the state failed to arrest corruption and debauchery that made the sworn servants of the people forget their honor and sacrifice their fidelity to the people, to serve the interests of corporate masters. The price of treason was paid and the eight-hour law became a corpse, strangled to death and consigned to the morgue, by the legislative assassins who repudiated pledges and trampled under foot the greatest issue in the election campaign of 1902.

Eight-Hour Law Defeat.

"When the miners, who had waged a peaceable battle for years to place upon the statute books of the state an eight-hour law, discovered that the men in whom they had placed their political confidence had ignored the mandate of the constitutional amendment, then was it that hope died, and the Western Federation of Miners, as well as all the other departments of organized labor in the state, realized that corporation infamy and legislative rascality must be met with the power of unflinching unionism.

Since the Western Federation of Miners has unfurled its flag upon the industrial battlefield in Colorado, to establish an eight-hour law and uphold the voice of the people as expressed at the ballot box, the Repub-

lican party, with its truckling governor and brainless adjutant-general, has resorted to all the machinery of legalized violence to suppress the voice of labor and fasten the shackles of corporate serfdom upon the callous hands of the toiling thousands. The Republican party of Colorado has assaulted the citadel of civil law with bristling bayonets, and the liberty of citizenship has been immolated upon the altar of military might, in order that cold-blooded monopoly might rule supreme. The Republican party, by its mute silence, sanctions the wrongs that have been perpetrated by a corporation-owned state administration, and tacitly defends the unprovoked and brutal persecution that has blackened and disgraced the history of the state since an unscrupulous and conscienceless Peabody dishonored the executive chair of the commonwealth with his diabolical and polluted presence. We earnestly appeal to the labor manhood of the state of Colorado to register a protest in the next state election that will bury Republicanism so deep in the grave of oblivion that all the eloquence of modern Ciceros will not be able to call from the tomb the prostituted party whose lingering semblance of honor was befouled by corporation boodles.

Goldfield Bullpen.

Under the present political administration of the state the military bullpen has been made a bastille, where the independence of citizenship is mocked by the exultant jeers of a military rabble recruited from the slum and riff-raff of hoodlum humanity. In the Cripple Creek district the membership of our organization has been held without warrant or process of law and persecuted by a military vengeance that has been fed and inflamed by the official anarchists who tower above law and the constitution. The ball and chain, the relics of barbarism and the dark ages, now fetter the limbs of our membership in Telluride, because their proud spirits rebelled against bowing in dishonorable submission to the czarism of the exterminators of organized labor.

The Western Federation of Miners has at all times been ready and willing to go more than half way in meeting the mine operators of the state,

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THE MILITIA SCAB

No Chance for Him to Plead Ignorance of the Purpose for Which the Companies Are Formed—They Are Capitalistic Tools, Pure and Simple.

The man who joins the state militia, says the Miners' Magazine, can no longer offer an apology for his ignorance in not knowing for what purpose the state guards are armed and uniformed. In the past, when the state militia was called out through differences arising between employer and employe, members of the National Guard have offered the excuse that they were not aware at the time of joining the state militia that they would be called into the field to aid the corporations in resuming operations with strike breakers. A strike is now considered sufficient grounds to hire the state militia to employers of labor, and a call for troops by a citizens' alliance has a wonderful influence upon a corporation tool who has been exalted to the highest official position of a state. The governor of Colorado and the governor of Utah have wasted no time in showing their

willingness to serve the interests of the combinations who furnish boodles for election campaigns; who corrupt state legislatures and manipulate the functions of courts to render helpless organized labor in achieving victory upon the economic field. The working man who now enters the state militia of his own free will is carrying a rifle to murder his own welfare and prosperity. As corporations are aided by the state militia to bring about the defeat and surrender of organized labor, the working man in the state militia must eventually suffer the consequences of his own rashness in the subjugation of the class to which he belongs. The gun which he points, to awe and intimidate his own class will make more formidable the privileged few, who use him as a tool to wreak vengeance upon the masses who are fighting for the maintenance of justice.

Earl Montrose Dead.

Earl Montrose, the nine-year-old son of Fred W. Montrose, of Denver, died December 4 of a severe attack of epilepsy. The sensational press attempted to make it a case of suicide. The boy had been entrusted to the care of others, and the father was at work when death claimed the little fellow.

The Cost of Living.

Major Bean, of the commissary department of Missouri, U. S. A., is experimenting on ten men at Omaha to learn if a workingman can live on 5 cent meals. Should his experiments prove a success it will be heralded to the world as a convincing proof of the unreasonable attitude of trades

unions. If a man can live on five cent meals, his wages, then, are manifestly too high from the capitalist standpoint, since they only agree that the worker is entitled to a "reasonable" wage; reasonable wages meaning wages enough on which to hold life within the body and with which the value of the workers' production has nothing to do; therefore, on 5 cent meals the workers' "reasonable" wage will be 15 cents per day plus an additional 5 cents to cover clothing, shelter and the cost of peach blow vases. Great is capitalism.

President Swift, of the California State State Council, is removing to Oregon. The vacancy will be filled by J. A. Smith, a U. E. of R. E. man.

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THE PROPOSED CONSTITUTION REVIEWED BY CLARENCE SMITH

August 13 commenced a series of weekly contributions by the secretary-treasurer, reviewing the newly proposed constitution, which will be voted upon by referendum of the membership of the American Labor Union in December, 1902.

BY LAWS.

Guide.

Sec. 5. It shall be the duty of the Guide to examine every person at meetings and see that they are correct as to the password, and he shall report every member who is incorrect to the President, and shall report candidates for initiation.

Guard.

Sec. 6. It shall be the duty of the Guard to take charge of the door of the union, and see that none but members enter the rooms of the local union during meetings, and that no members pass out without permission of the President or Vice-President.

Board of Trustees.

Sec. 7. The Board of Trustees shall elect their own chairman. They shall hold in trust all bonds, securities and stocks and such landed property as the local union may acquire, and transfer or exchange the same, or any part thereof, when ordered by the local union so to do, and invest the funds of the local union in bonds, mortgages or other securities as shall be determined by two-thirds vote of the members present at a regular meeting, collect all interest, moneys and rents arising from investments belonging to the local union, and pay the moneys collected to the Financial Secretary-Treasurer; they shall examine all books and bills of accounts, and if correct sign the same. They shall keep a full and accurate account of all moneys received by them and expended or invested, and at the close of each semi-annual term present to the local union in writing a full report of all transactions, general conditions and progress of the local union, and all moneys received and disbursed by them. At the expiration of their term of office, or in case of removal or resignation, or other termination thereof, they or either of them shall transfer or turn over to the President, or his successor, all books, bonds, or other property in their possession or care, belonging to the local union. It shall be their duty to see that accounts of the local union are kept in such shape that bonds may be collected. The auditing committee shall see that blanks furnished by the General Secretary-Treasurer are properly and carefully filled out, and see that all funds are in banks as reported by the Financial Secretary-Treasurer.

Executive Board.

Sec. 8. The Executive Board shall be composed as follows: resident, Vice-President and Business Agent, if any, of local union, and the chairman of each craft committee.

Duties of the Executive Board shall be as follows: (a) Any member of the union who has been unjustly or unfairly treated by any member of committee of the local union, may report the same in writing to the local Executive Board after he has exhausted every means at hand to effect an adjustment. (b) The Executive Board shall sit as a tribunal for the consideration of all cases presented to it, but all grievances for adjustment must first go before the craft committee, if any. (c) The Executive Board shall carefully and impartially examine all matters referred to it, and on questions arising between members of the union, it shall deliver a written decision, which decision shall be absolutely binding upon all members affected, until reversed by the local union or General Executive Board of the American Labor Union. Any member who violates the mandates of a local Executive Board, having jurisdiction, shall be considered as having violated his obligation to his local union and shall, upon order from Executive Board, made in writing and signed by a majority thereof, be expelled from his local union. (d) The Executive Board shall have power to pass upon all matters arising between members of the union as to their duties toward each other. It shall interpret all questions of law of the American Labor Union Constitution as applied to administration of local unions, subject to appeal to the General Executive Board of the American Labor Union. (e) Matters which craft committees have been unable to settle shall be brought before the Executive Board with all facts and a complete history of steps taken to adjust such grievance. If the Executive Board fails, the matter for adjustment must be carried to the regular or special meeting of the local union. (f) The Executive Board shall be the trial committee of the union and shall hear all trials hereinafter provided for.

Craft Committee.

Sec. 9. Craft Committees shall endeavor in every way possible to thoroughly organize their craft, shall see that members of their craft report non-union men working in their trade, and shall endeavor to get applications of same. Failing to get applications they shall report to the Business Agent or President of said local union. Craft Committees shall endeavor to secure satisfactory schedules of wages and to obtain conditions favorable to employees in their trade. Craft Committees shall hear all grievances coming from members of their trade and shall try to adjust the same. If not successful and the grievance is still considered as being just, they shall lay the case before the Executive Board with all facts bearing thereon.

Business Agent.

Sec. 10. The duties of a Business Agent, if such be employed by a local union, shall be left entirely with the local union.

ARTICLE V.

Trial Before the Executive Board.

Section 1. If any member of a local union shall violate his obligation or shall knowingly violate the established principles, rules and customs of the American Labor Union or disregard the requirements of the Constitution and By-Laws of the American Labor Union, or of his local union, or shall commence any proceedings either in law or equity in any matters pertaining to the American Labor Union in any civil court without first exhausting the remedies provided by the laws of the American Labor Union, or if he shall be guilty of any other conduct unbecoming a member of the American Labor Union, he shall be amenable to the Executive Board of the local union of which he is a member and shall be tried and punished as hereinafter provided.

Statute of Limitations.

Sec. 2. All charges shall be filed with the Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the local union within six months of date on which alleged offenses are charged as having been committed. No charges shall be considered unless filed within that time.

Form of Charge.

Sec. 3. All charges must be in writing, specifying the facts on which the charges are based and in the following form:

I, A. B., hereby charge C. D., a member of Local Union No. of the American Labor Union, with unbecoming conduct (or violating his obligation, as the case may be) to wit: The said C. D., did, on or about the day of (here specify the facts constituting such charge).

Sec. 4. Charges may be preferred against any member of the American Labor Union by any member thereof for any offense specified in this article, whether the member filing the information is directly affected or not; and the trial may be held before any Executive Board other than the member's own by a dispensation of the General Executive Board upon presentation of satisfactory reasons, and the accused member's Executive Board shall be notified by the General Executive Board to show cause why a change of venue should not be granted.

Sec. 5. When charges are preferred against any member of the American Labor Union, the Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the local union in which the complaint has been filed shall notify the accused member without delay to appear before the Executive Board at its next sitting, taking place within not less than thirty days of the date of letter of notification, and shall furnish the accused with a copy of the charges against him, which copy shall accompany the notification, together with copies of all papers pertaining thereto. The notification shall be delivered to the accused by personal service when possible, otherwise by registered letter to the last known address of the accused.

Sec. 6. The Recording and Corresponding Secretary shall read all papers pertaining to the case before the Executive Board when the case is heard, after which the President shall appoint counsel for the prosecution, and the defendant shall select his own counsel, all of whom must be members of the American Labor Union in good standing.

Sec. 7. The testimony of witnesses personally present shall be accepted on their word of honor, and the testimony of those who cannot be personally present shall be taken by deposition.

Sec. 8. The trial shall proceed in due form, the case being opened by the prosecution; the witnesses for the prosecution shall testify first, the depositions for the prosecution first be read and the case for the prosecution closed witnesses for the defendant, if any, shall then be heard and depositions for the defense read, after which the defense shall be closed, and the case be argued and submitted. The witnesses may be cross-examined by either counsel. The President shall act as judge, the Executive Board acting in the capacity of jury, and shall not be permitted to engage in argument or debate, but may ask any question they desire through either counsel.

Sec. 9. The question of the guilt of a member on trial shall be decided by ballot, and a majority vote of the Executive Board shall convict.

Sec. 10. Either of the following penalties may be fixed: Expulsion, suspension or reprimand.

Sec. 11. No member of the Executive Board shall be permitted to vote who has not been present during the entire trial or heard all of the evidence read, and before the ballot is taken the President shall require all who are not members of the Executive Board to retire.

Sec. 12. The result of every ballot on the guilt, expulsion or suspension of a member must be recorded in full in the proceedings, giving the number of votes for and against.

Sec. 13. The Recording and Corresponding Secretary shall notify the General Secretary-Treasurer immediately of all expulsions or suspensions, giving dates and causes.

Sec. 14. Appeals from decisions of Executive Boards may be made within sixty days from date on which rendered, to the General Executive Board, by filing notice of appeal with the Recording and Corresponding Secretary of the local union and filing the appeal with the General Secretary-Treasurer.

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Fraternally yours,

Clarence Smith,

General Secretary-Treasurer American Labor Union.

Official Department AND NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION TO AID THE MINERS.

American Labor Union Levies an Assessment to Help the Cripple Creek Miners in Their Fight Against the Mining Trust.

To All Local Unions and Members of the American Labor Union, Greeting: "AN INJURY TO ONE IS THE CONCERN OF ALL."

It is this grand principle of human brotherhood that causes the General Executive Board to call upon every member of the American Labor Union for an assessment of 50 cents for the relief of the Western Federation of Miners—to help those noble heroes of Cripple Creek who are so valiantly defending the principles of unionism against such tremendous odds.

The splendid unionism of the Western Federation of Miners has always been known to the world, but never has it shown itself so clearly as in the present strike in Colorado. For almost six months the strikers have stood firmly by their principles in the face of starvation, bayonets and bull pens. On the other hand, the members of the Western Federation everywhere have come to the rescue of their Colorado brothers nobly and unselfishly. Several assessments of ONE DOLLAR EACH have been paid by members of the Federation since the fight started, and in many instances local unions have donated one day's pay each month to help the strikers. Such heroism as this is worthy our most profound admiration and respect, and it is the very least we can do to give them 50 cents from every member of the American Labor Union.

Charge each member of your union 50 cents for the W. F. of M. assessment, and collect as fast as possible. The Executive Board has made the assessment payable to headquarters of the American Labor Union on or before January 15, 1904.

If the treasury of your union will permit of it, the union should send the full amount of assessment at once, and then reimburse the treasury by collections from the members.

The Western Federation is in need of money at once. Martial law has been declared in the Cripple Creek district, a press censorship has been established, and it looks as though the military demons, under the direction of a corporation-owned governor, were preparing for a wholesale slaughter of union men. It is very certain that the mine owners will carry things with a high hand in the strike district. The Western Federation will need, at once, every cent it can get to defend its members.

The mine owners have millions to spend to wipe out unionism. We know that you have not much money with which to defend unionism, but we are very sure there will be no hesitation on the part of your union or its members in responding to this assessment.

Make remittances to the secretary-treasurer of the American Labor Union. He will promptly receipt for payments and will remit daily to the Western Federation of Miners the returns from this assessment.

Fraternally, DANIEL McDONALD, President, CLARENCE SMITH, Secretary-Treasurer.

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In Great Falls, for instance, a city of perhaps 17,000, the cars are completely vestibuled and stores are provided on the front platform, making conditions bearable, but in Butte, with its 60,000 population, no such protection is afforded. The street car men have tried several times to secure the

enactment of a vestibule law, but were unsuccessful. Surely a law ought not to be required to obtain from a company, which is known as fair and just, such a humane requirement as the vestibule unquestionably is.

OLD MOLOCH.

The glass manufacturers have notified the governor that they will contest the child labor law because if they are not permitted to employ children they cannot operate. It is universally conceded that this work has a most ruinous effect on children, making them, as one writer vigorously says, "reverts, degraded, animal and half imbecile." It was an Ohio manufacturer who said boys do not need to be able to read to work in a glass factory. A beautiful system, truly, which not only degrades men and women, but bestializes little children in the interest of profit.

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George A. Kirkpatrick, formerly professor of political economy in Ohio college and at present a socialist organizer challenged Senator Beveridge to a debate. Beveridge excused himself by pleading a severe headache, but it was not severe enough to prevent his making a two-hour republican speech "When cornered play sick," says Professor Kirkpatrick. It is the usual old party way.

THEY KNOW NO SURRENDER.

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and use every honorable effort to bring to a close this conflict, that has left scars upon the welfare and prosperity of every citizen of the state.

The difference in Telluride between employer and employe would have been settled upon an amicable basis were it not for the mercenary hyenas who have fought unionism for years and who in exchange for their enmity have felt the loss of commercial patronage.

To the members of the Cripple Creek district, to the brave men of our organization in Telluride, who have suffered insult, humiliation and imprisonment, to the soldiers of our dauntless army in Arizona, California, Nevada and in every other locality within the jurisdiction of our organization, where our membership are fighting a battle against corporate despotism and for the uplifting of humanity to a higher plane of civilization, the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners, now in session assembled, pledges the moral and financial support of the organization, to the end that justice may be crowned with laurels of victory, and that haughty, insolent greed under bayonet protection shall fall prostrate and lifeless before the never-surrender struggle which demands that manhood shall be liberated from the thrall of mercenary, incorporated brigandage.

The Coal Strike. To the coal miners of the state, who have joined in the battle cry for eight hours and more humane conditions, whose loyalty to unionism has been warned by the thrilling eloquence of a "Mother" Jones, whom a uniformed ruffian threatened with the "com pen," we pledge the deathless fraternity of our organization, realizing that in their victory we can join in the chorus that will commemorate the triumph of organized labor in the Centennial state. We pledge the membership of our organization, that injustice and wrong shall be fought with every legal weapon in our armory, and if unionism must wear the crown of martyrdom and die at the stake through relentless persecution, then the present generation can quote the heroic expressed by Paul Kruger, that the price that will be paid for our annihilation will stagger humanity.

The recruiting offices that have been opened by authority of the governor and the adjutant general of the state have merely been employment agencies, to furnish strike breakers to enable the Mine Owners' Association to resume operations, but this fiendish scheme has been a costly failure, and now the governor of the state has declared martial law in Teller county, notwithstanding the fact that such a declaration is an open and brazen violation of the constitution, which the governor is sworn to uphold. Notwithstanding the fact that there is no insurrection or invasion, notwithstanding the fact that the civil authorities have at no time been shorn of their power except by military lawlessness, Colorado's standard bearer of rotten Republicanism has at last crowned all the infamy of his shameless career of official perjury by proclaiming martial law because the Mine Owners' Association, with all the armed power of the state, reinforced by ex-convicts and gun thugs, have failed to break the strike. The executive board can find no words sufficiently strong to denounce this act in the most brutal drama of coercion that makes a Russian Siberia a paradise when compared to Colorado.

We know no surrender, and justice will arise from the staggering blows administered by a soulless executive, and the future will record the political revenge of an oppressed people, who are awakening from their lethargy to smite unbridled tyranny a blow that will end in its eternal death.

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The Journal of the U. B. of R. E. is meeting with splendid success since it changed to a monthly magazine. The management aims to make it the foremost publication of the kind in the country.

H. E. Thode has been elected to the office of secretary of Great Falls (Mont.) Expressmen's Union.

St. Regis lumbermen have forwarded a \$10 check to help out the brothers at Princeton, Idaho.

Butte Stablers' Union has voted to consolidate with the Teamsters' Union No. 15.

Bingham (Utah) Federal Union No. 428 has begun an agitation for union made goods.

THE CHICAGO FEDERAL.

A Pioneer of Trades Unionism Writes of the New A. L. U. Federal. Edr. American Labor Union Journal:

For a few weeks past we have been organizing a Federal Union here, and at our meeting last night we heard a report of 117 members, saw our charter hanging on the wall of our nice and commodious hall, and, as at every meeting, received applications and initiated new members.

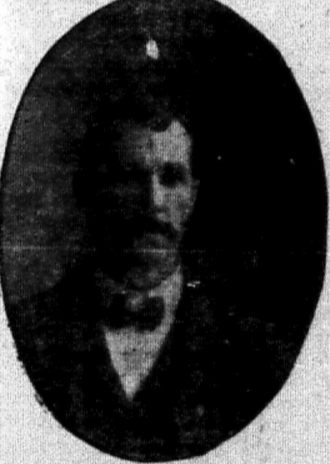
Next Monday evening we nominate officers for the first six months of 1904, and they will be elected the 28th inst.

Thirty-three years ago I was a member of the Chicago Typographical Union here, and now I recall from memory the glow of pride and honor so strongly stamped on my mind then, and feel the renewal of the old enthusiasm as I meet union brothers, give the pass word and listen to the roll call of officers, reading of minutes, etc., and join in the discussion of "For the Good of the Cause."

The Chicago Federal Union No. 454, American Labor Union, does not fall for one moment to recognize the identity of interests that should join together in one solid, compact body the wage workers on the industrial field, and unity by vote at the ballot box. We believe the injunction should be met with the ballot as the only weapon to oust the corrupt judges and give us courts of real justice, instead of the sham trials and bought rulings now served up by the money power. We believe in rulings of man power for all men, instead of money power for a few men who obtain their power by the use of wealth stolen from the workers. Working men and women, if allowed to have the just product of their toll, would not be robbed by the Rockefeller and Morgan corruptionists but there would be no millionaires or paupers no palaces and hovels no rich and poor and no poverty, suffering and crime. We believe as long as the workingmen vote for and keep in power by their votes, the present rascally grafters and political scallawags, the working women will have to suffer equally as much and many times more than the men for their idiotic conduct on election day. We believe it is one paramount duty of every union woman to try and arouse the union man to a sense of his folly in continuing to vote as his dad and grand-dad has done. Let him awake to the needs and issues of the day, and read the platform of the workingman's party—the Socialist party.

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Princeton, Idaho, Dec. 3, 1903. Edr. American Labor Union Journal: The following members have been expelled from our union, No. 318, to be published in the Journal: Harry Rockwell, who is proprietor of a boarding house at Princeton, has been expelled for the reason that he has been doing everything that he could against the Princeton Federal Union No. 318, while this strike was going on, and he has also made false charges against the union, which he does not dare to come to the union meeting and deny.

Joseph Brown and Louis Gemmeke have been expelled from the Princeton Federal Union No. 318 for going to work in the two camps of Potlatch county while the strike is going on.

All three have been permanently expelled from the Princeton Federal Union No. 318.

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Editorial Suppressed. The Victor Record, the official organ of the strikers, has had a military patrol and censor placed at the office.

Will Go Back. "Although General Bell has named me as one of the cowards who fled from the rigor of his latter day justice in Cripple Creek, I shall go back there and take my place in the bull pen with the rest of my comrades who are struggling for what our fathers thought they gave us in the long ago."

No Fear of Bull Pen. "But I do not fear the bull pen. It has no terrors for me. I am no better than others who are now in it. It is a part of my duty to go there, and shall."

It is for a Little While. "Then, too, I may read the Constitution of the United States, if I am permitted to do so by the powers that rule over me. I shall not worry about my fare or how long I will be held. After all, it is but a little while here. I want General Bell and Gov. Peabody to know we are not afraid of their jails. I want them to know we will go in and come out by the same door. They cannot crush out the spirit of freedom that dwells in the hearts of the men he is persecuting. That you know was tried long ago, and it failed."

Strike is the Same. "The strike in the Cripple Creek district is just where it was many weeks ago. The mine owners have weaned away from us all of the men they can. The additions to their force

now are made up of importations from elsewhere. These men are not miners, and I have it on the best authority that the Mine Owners' Association has exhausted the fund set aside for fighting the strike.

Statements Still Issued. Mr. Croskey will leave Denver the latter part of the week for Cripple Creek, and he expects to be arrested immediately on his arrival.

A SOCIALIST DAILY. The Journal is indebted to Comrade Dr. George W. Galvin for a copy of Vol. 1, No. 6, of The Daily Socialist.

Joseph Franklyn, an Irish merchant, in a letter to Henry Franklyn, of Boston, dated July 29, 1710, quotes the following prices of provisions: Butter, 4 cents pound; beef, 1 1/4 cents; pork, 3 cents, and bread, 2 cents pound; and yet some folks tell us that wages keep pace with increase in prices.

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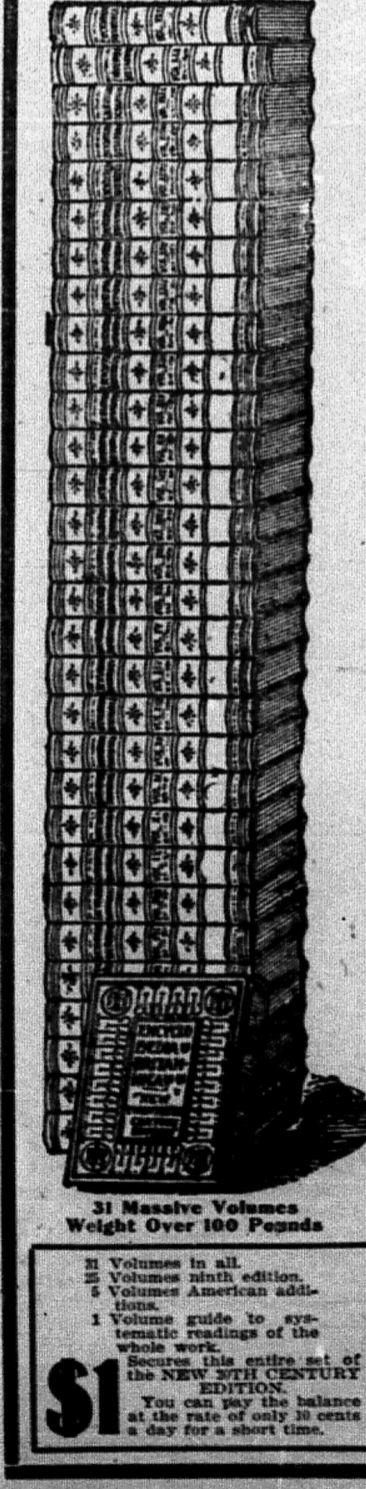
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