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CLASS STRUGGLE IN THE WEST

Scabs Held by Bayonets at Telluride to Work Out Transportation Cost. Altitude Affecting New Men. Attempt to Suppress Co-Operative Stores. Want a Military Court. Tin Soldiers Badly Treated by the State. Governor Wells Says Utah Strikers Must Give Up Union or Leave State.

The co-operative stores of the miners' union which have played such havoc with the starvation plan of the Cripple Creek mine owners and also with the pocketbooks of the members of the Citizens' alliance, are to be suppressed by order of the arch scoundrels who are directing military affairs in the interest of the Mine Owners' Association. The militia thugs are also considering the advisability of establishing a military court for the purpose of compelling the strikers to either scab or leave the camp. A lot of "heroes" who went to Teller county to coerce their brother workingmen to bow to the operators' terms or else get off the earth, were brought back to Denver and dumped on the street without money and without work. Many of them slept in the street until the state got ready to pay them for their execrable work, thus they received a taste of what they tried to give others.

the militia are holding the scabs prisoners, and this, too, regardless of whether they work or not. The endeavor of the mine owners is to make the imported men work out the cost of bringing them from the east, together with a fee for having given them a job. Some of those who would have been glad to stay were unable to on account of the high altitude. Profuse bleeding at the nose was common among those who came from the Joplin district. These men were hired for surface work and are not miners at all. Governor Wells, of Utah, after holding a conference with the president of the Utah Fuel company, gave out the following remarkable statement: "The only way I see for the strike to be settled is either for the strikers to give up the union and surrender their certificates, go back to work or else leave the country." This official announcement is accompanied by the statement that the militia will remain in the mining region for an indefinite period. Wells declared it to be his purpose to "protect" every citizen of Utah. This is the full measure of capitalistic protection to the working class. We must accept their terms or get off the earth.

INDUSTRIAL UNIONISM

The Most Effective Plan of Unionism Yet Devised--Divided Workers of an Industry Easily Crushed One at a Time--A United Front Almost Inevitable.

Under the heading The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, A. W. Ricker in The Appeal to Reason of recent date has some pertinent things to say regarding labor organization in general and the U. B. of R. E. in particular. The article is republished in full. The fact should be borne in mind in connection with the U. B. of R. E. that while its membership is made up of all classes of railway workers, it is not a "conglomerate," but a "stratified" Union; that is, each set of workers manage their own affairs, but all are united for the common defense. Under this system of union, a "fair" engineer will never be found pulling a scab crew, nor a union switchman operating with a scab engineer. Its very effectiveness is what makes it the dread of railway managers and hence their desperate fight against its growth. Ricker's presentation of the union situation is as follows: The United Brotherhood of Railway Employees. The hope of labor organizations seems to be located in the west. There is grave reason to believe that the management and control of the American Federation of Labor is strongly tinged with capitalism. Samuel Gompers and the executive board by the plural voting system in vogue in that body, have become dictators over the destinies and conduct of the organization.

Because of a well founded belief in the foregoing the western workmen are hourly cutting loose from the A. F. of L. and organizing under the auspices of the American Labor Union. The latter body differs from the former as day from night. Where the Federation is weak the Union is strong. It does not encourage strikes, but when its members do strike in any of the affiliated bodies they get something besides resolutions of sympathy for support. Its programme includes political action, the final end and aim of labor. For union men to elect republican and democratic politicians, all of whom are bondmen of capitalism, to the law making bodies, and to the bench, and then to strike with all the civil and military power in the hands of the enemy, is so assinine as to merit contempt. The western labor organization encourages political discussion and labor politics. The logic of events seems to point strongly to the fact that the western organization must displace the eastern. Gompers and his ring cannot always lead their followers to the slaughter. You can fool them all some of the time, and part of them forever, but not all of them all of the time. We come now to that branch of the A. L. U. mentioned in the headlines. The U. B. R. E. is just what its name implies, a railway organization that takes all kinds of railway workers into the same local. Engineer and section hand join the same union, and stand to defend each other. It is the ideal union, nay more, it is the only railway organization competent to cope with the railway trust.

WHOLESALE KIDNAPING PRACTISED

Unable to Break Spirit of Telluride Union Men, the Upholders of "Law and Order" Resort to Shanghai Methods. Fifteen Men Are Dragged Out of Town Under Cover of Darkness to Prevent Them From Giving Bail. Their Only "Crime" Is Resisting the Mine Owners' Association.

A Denver paper has the following to say concerning a recent outrage at Telluride, Colo.: Fifteen men, fourteen of them union miners and one a newspaper man, were arrested by the Telluride police and warrants are out for seven more. Eleven of the men arrested were placed on board a train under a heavy guard, sent to Montrose and lodged in jail. The sheriff positively declined to give the names of the men spirited away, saying it was none of the public's business. What disposition will be made of the deported men cannot be learned, but in some quarters it is stated that after being detained in jail at Montrose for a few days they will be released, one by one, and told to leave the country. They will be informed that if they dare to return to Telluride they may meet with severe punishment. The men were given no previous warning that they were about to be removed from Telluride. The greatest secrecy was maintained by the sheriff and his force for fear that if their plans were made public the union would take steps to frustrate the scheme. A special train was chartered and was in readiness for its secret run to Montrose. The explanation forced from the officials for removing the

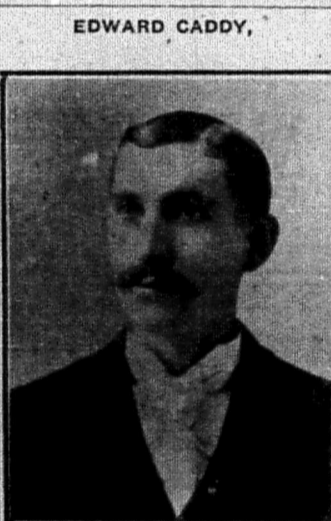
men that the local jail facilities were inadequate has been thoroughly exploded. As a matter of truth, there were only a few prisoners confined there. The real reason for deporting the unionists, it is claimed, was to prevent the prisoners securing bondsmen and being released. The eleven men were awakened between 3 and 4 o'clock and ordered to dress themselves. They did so and then were ordered to fall into line and marched to the depot, where they were hustled aboard the special. In another minute the train was speeding on its way to Montrose. One curious fact in connection with the removal of the men is that it was done under the cover of darkness. The regular passenger train leaves at 8:30 a. m., only a few hours after the time the special pulled out. The regular procedure of the law was followed, however, and all the business transaction according to the statutes, which provide for the removal of prisoners to other counties. Among those arrested are the president and secretary-treasurer of the Telluride Miners' union. The arrests, it is said, were made at the instigation of certain mine owners with whom the officials wish to curry favor. The action of the authorities is roundly denounced by every unionist in the district, regardless of his sympathy with the present strike.

THE ARBITRATION FARCE

By One Who Experienced Its Results--Bosses Do Not Consent to Arbitrate Difficulties When They Have Anything to Lose--San Francisco Street Car Strike Arbitration a Fizzle.

I have been requested by the editor of the Railway Employees' Journal to write on the question: "Should arbitration be resorted to in disputes between capital and labor?" In answer to this question, I would call your attention to the recent decision handed down to the Carriers' Union of San Francisco on Nov. 4th, in New York City. The union asked for \$3 per day for nine hours. The company said: "No; we cannot make 5 per cent. on our \$80,000,000 of watered stock, or, in other words, 30 per cent. on \$18,000,000 actual money. The union, seeing they were up against organized capital, let their case go to arbitration, naming W. D. Mahon, president of the A. A. of S. & E. R. E. of A., for the union, and the company naming Patrick Calhoun, of New York, for it, these two choosing a third party in Oscar S. Strauss, of New York, a representative of this country at The Hague and a member of the sweating firm of R. H. Macey & Co. (department store). He has the name and a hobby for arbitration, and thinking he wished his hobby success Mr. Mahon decided to accept him, thus giving arbitration a fair test. Note the result: "The hours to remain the same; 2 1-2 cents per hour for men two years in the service and 1 1-4 cents for men less than two year." If ever a blow was struck at organized labor that was one, and if ever arbitration was given a test this was surely an unbiased test. If Oscar Strauss, sitting at The Hague, in the international court of arbitration, were to hand a decision to the people of the United States like this, I don't believe he would ever be allowed to land on American soil again. If he were, he surely would feel ashamed to have violated a trust that was placed in him by the American people. When unions put in their demands, they are always away inside of the

limits of what they produce. They are only asking for a little more of what they do produce, and for a shorter day, so as to give some outside fellow a job. If every union, local and international, would put their foot down and



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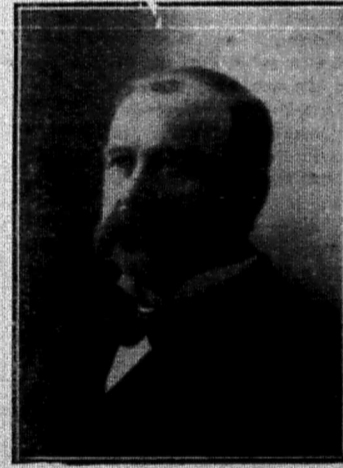
By dividing organized labor into numerous subdivisions, each having separate autonomy, and each being permitted to make contracts with their capitalist employers, it has become practically impossible to win strikes. Organized labor in the east is an army subdivided into little bands, each of which is practically independent of the other. The cigar makers must fight as cigar makers, the printers as printers, the miners as miners, the carpenters as carpenters. In the railroad service the engineers are too good to associate with the brakemen, and the firemen will have nothing to do with the section men. What wonder that capitalism whips this divided army on every field of battle! The capitalist displays no such stupidity. The fight of one capitalist against labor is the fight of all. The whole area of capitalism is being organized, solidly and unitedly. The weapons with which Gompers and his executive board have to do battle with this host of capitalism are about as effective as the popguns and scythes of the Chinese against the machine guns of civilized nations. The question arises, are not Gompers and the leaders of the Federation men of sufficient ability to understand the weakness of their position? To believe that they cannot see the puerility of their position is to believe them possessed of a very small amount of intelligence. If they CAN see their inability to cope with capitalism by using their established methods, then there remains but one conclusion--they are betrayers of their trust. This is harsh language, and we do not like to use it, but it is a serious matter and if our conclusion be true then there is no language in the universe adequate to express our condemnation of a body of men who will make merchandise of the interests of the humble workers between whom and poverty, misery and wretchedness there is the thinnest kind of partition.

NEITHER DOES GOMPERS. The Philadelphia Employers' Association Do Not Like the Sympathetic Strike. At a special meeting this week of the presidents of the various employers' associations in the building trades in Philadelphia, the resolution recently adopted by the advisory board of the master builders' exchange opposing sympathetic strikes was endorsed. This resolution states that after Jan. 1 "no workman should be employed on any of our buildings in Philadelphia unless he is willing to agree not to engage in any sympathetic strikes, and to arbitrate any differences that may arise, work to continue meanwhile." The presidents adopted a resolution that in view of the fact that all contracts, between employers and their workmen do not expire at any one time, that all existing agreements continue until they regularly expire, but that no agreements be entered into with labor organizations that will admit of the sympathetic strike. The masters are careful to see that agreements "do not expire at any one time." It is because of this that they are able to so easily subdue any one branch of tradesmen. Through the agreement system and the absence of the sympathetic strike, they so merrily down the line, whipping one union at a time. Oh, it's a splendid system and Gompers indorses it.

THE LUMBER JACKS

A Handsome Contribution Voluntarily Given to Aid the Boys at Cripple Creek in Their Trying Contest With the Mine Owners' Association.

General Secretary-Treasurer Smith is in receipt of a communication from Frank C. Ives, of Missoula, re: FRANK C. IVES, Ex-President Montana State Trades and Labor Assembly. regarding the call for the Western Federation of Miners' strike fund. Bro. Ives says:



THE LINE-UP. D. M. Parry and Certain Union Workmen Give a Fine Example of "Two Hearts That Beat as One."

In answer to the call of the Western Federation of Miners for financial aid in this their hour of need I am pleased to send to them through your office a small donation. The enclosed comes direct from the lumber jacks of Missoula county and not by or through any local union or by any assessment, but a free gift from hearts that beat with a brother in need. I will soon have a handsome sum to follow this small donation--it will come from the same source. The letter is signed Yours For the Miners. The action of the lumber boys is in keeping with that warm, free spirit of brotherhood so characteristic of men who spend their lives among the mountains and the pines. There was never a contribution more freely given or more joyfully received and certainly never bestowed on a more worthy class of workers than are miners of Colorado. Their treasury has always been open, no appeal was ever refused by them. Give, has ever been their motto. On the other hand, they have seldom asked. They are going to win this battle in spite of the actions of Peabody.

FINED FOR CONTEMPT. Judge Holden Imposes a Heavy Penalty on Chicago Press Feeders for Disregarding Injunction. One thousand dollars fine for illegal acts as a corporate body was imposed upon Franklin Union No. 4, press feeders, of Chicago, by Judge Jesse Holdom. The court found the union as a corporation guilty of contempt for violating an injunction restraining it as an organization from interfering with the business or em-

ployees of ten printing firms, members of the Chicago Typothetae. To escape penalties such as were imposed on the workers of England by the Taft-Vaile decision, Franklin Union has disbanded and reorganized. ANOTHER. The Royal Consolidated Mining company, of California, has secured an injunction restraining the Miners' Union from interfering with the scabs.

DON'T OVERLOOK HIM. Edison Has Joined the Crusade for the Degradation of the Masses and Tries to Tear down the Unions. Thomas Edison, the "wizard," has openly declared himself an enemy to the labor organizations, his bitterness having carried him so far as to discharge every union man in his laboratory. He even went so far as to go through the Edison Storage Battery company (a shop not implicated in the present strike) and discharged every man who admitted he was a member of the union. The International Association of Machinists wish this notice given the widest circulation.

Those union men who "don't like Socialism," are entitled to all the satisfaction they can get out of the knowledge that the Manufacturers'

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The suite occupied by the Duke of Roxburghe and his wife on their wedding trip across the Atlantic cost them \$1,500. But then, extravagance is the cause of poverty among the masses.

With the Christmas news comes a story of a poor demented workman who slew his wife and child because he had no money with which to feed them. He afterward killed himself. More blood on the heads of those who uphold and maintain the system of industry which drives men mad.

The Mormon church has taken the side of the companies in the coal strike and the various bishops are requested to call for men. A band of Mormon missionaries hold forth nightly on the streets of Butte. It is to be sincerely trusted that they, too, are not operating in the interest of the Utah Fuel company.

The "smart set" of the east have evolved a new amusement which is called "Panic," and which is a mimic presentation of the industrial collapse which brings shame and misery to so many. To the vampire class, otherwise known as "the smart set," it is, however, nothing more than a joke. Nero is again fiddling; Louis is inviting the deluge.

The Royal Consolidated mines of Stockton, Cal., have refused to sell food to the striking miners and provisions are being sent in from the outside. In Cripple Creek, the militia authorities forbid the extension of the co-operative system of stores. In California, the company store tries to starve the men out. Ye gods, how long will the working class suffer and submit!

The address of John T. Moran, the veteran pressman which is republished from the official organ of that union, shows conclusively that the need for united political action on the part of the masses is beginning to be appreciated, even by union men who have no definite programme other than the election of "good men" to office. When the masses unite politically, it will be through a recognition of their interests as a class. They will then understand that it is not a question of good or bad men, but of a good or bad system—from a working class standpoint.

The Supreme court of Pennsylvania has just decided that the child labor law of that state is unconstitutional. It was the only law advocated by the United Mine Workers that received the governor's signature. Had there been no chance for knocking it out, the governor would have vetoed the child labor law also. As it was he passed the job to the courts. The employment of children is against the interests of workers everywhere because it brings the man into competition with the child or vice versa. The working class of Pennsylvania are in the real majority. What asses they are to expect anything from a class whose interests are against theirs. And, by the way, the asses are not all confined to Pennsylvania.

Rev. Chauncey B. Brewster, of Connecticut, in a sermon at Boston, severely censured persons whom he accused of being responsible for the child labor in the south. "These reputable men of Boston who are receiving their dividends from southern mills, making money out of child labor," he said, "will meet with a day of reckoning. As surely as there is a God, His curse is on money coined out of flesh and blood, out of aching, falling flesh, out of the thin, impoverished blood of little girls of tender years." Really, this is harsh. Business is business and Boston baby slave drivers are not a whit more to be blamed than many church men who, while denouncing crime, are active in upholding a system of industrialism which is the very mother of crime.

Consistency is indeed a jewel. The workingman insists that the bosses shall not be admitted to his unions that none but workingmen shall join

He recognizes the antagonism of the union to the bosses and pledges his members to keep union matters secret. In this he is class conscious. Outside his organization he pursues a different course and one which either drives his union out of existence or impairs its usefulness to the last degree. Your workman takes his opinion from a capitalist paper published for the purpose of hoodwinking him; he votes the ticket the boss supports. By this action he turns over to the employing class the whole machinery of government. He gives them the legislature and the judges, the governor and the militia. Under capitalist administration the boycott and the picket are unlawful, the strike is met with the bayonet and the vagrancy law. The union is absolutely helpless when all the powers of government are placed in the hands of the employing class. Workingmen are discovering this and are pursuing a slightly different course.

"Each and every one of our members looks for a victory against the tyrannical upholders of the plunder system and the tin horn wretches who sell honor for boodle. They again will ask our members to elect their lik to office and enable them to perpetuate a system of plunder and muffle justice and free speech to our members. Will we do it?" Is the indignant interrogation of the secretary of Phoenix Federal of Phoenix, B. C.

"Too Much Socialism" is the heading the Anaconda (Mont.) Standard gives an article on trades unions. It is well known that the Standard does not approve of "too much socialism." Just a little of it, now, might be eminently proper, provided it "kept its place" and did not sufficiently obtrude itself to endanger the success of the pet political movement of this capitalist sheet. It is not surprising in view of the spread of freedom of political thought among the masses that the Standard should think there was "too much Socialism," but the harshest criticism that could be leveled at a union man would be to say that his acts have the approval of a paper which never printed a line of condemnation of the methods pursued in its home town and directed against the members of organized labor.

The Trades and Labor Assembly of Salt Lake City, Utah, have denounced Governor Wells for his "insurrectionary, inflammatory and anarchistic" utterances anent the coal strike. The assembly is to be commended, but deeds are more worthy of remark than mere words. Why does Wells serve the mine owners? Because they are in a position to make it worth his while. How did they attain this position? Through their ability to exploit the working class. How long will this continue? Just as long as the working class will submit. Just as long as the working class will continue to go to the polls and vote for a system of government that places property rights above human life. But, goodness, this is talking politics and that's wicked—unless it is the bosses' politics.

Unfair as he finds it to spur on the industrial capitalists, by depriving their bread of its butter, yet the capitalist thinks it necessary to reduce the laborer's wages to a minimum in order "to keep him industrious."—MARX.

A day of disaster for any nation will surely dawn whenever its society is divided into two classes—the unemployed rich and the unemployed poor—the former a handful, the latter a host.—Daniel Webster.

FOR ITS HEALTH.

Pueblo, Colo.—Dr. E. O. Nash has a Maltose cat which came all the way from Chicago for its health. It had a bad case of asthma and purred with a wheeze. It became so sick that life in the east was no longer possible. After being here several days the cat showed remarkable improvement, and professional opinion is that it will entirely recover.

TRADES UNIONISM OF TODAY AND OF THE FUTURE

(From the American Pressman, Official Organ of the I. P. U.)

The following address by John T. Moran:

The following reply to the toast of "Trades Unions of Today and the Future," delivered by Mr. John T. Moran, the veteran pressman delegate of No. 51 of New York, at the banquet given the delegates attending the fifteenth annual convention of the I. P. U. and A. U., by Cincinnati Pressmen and Assistants' Unions, should be read with thoughtful interest, as it clearly outlines the duties and privileges of the laboring masses for the future, if they but wisely exercise the important prerogative—the ballot—in their control for their future well being. Mr. Moran's address was listened to with much interest, and elicited warm and hearty applause. The reply to the toast is as follows:

"Fellow Members of the Pressmen's Union: The title, 'The Trades Unions of Today—What of the Future?' embodies in a very few words the question that must appeal to every intelligent trades unionist of the country. Trades unionism during the last five years has made giant strides. It is today the recognized instrument by which intelligent workmen may secure to themselves the hours of labor and the compensation that seems just to all fair-minded men, be they laborers or capitalists. With energy and prudence, the trades union movement has been steadily pushed until today throughout the country, from San Francisco to Portland, Me., from the Canadian border to the gulf, a vast army of intelligent, patriotic men are welded together in aspiration, in sentiment, in spirit—if not in fact—for the noble purpose of bettering the condition of the wealth-producers of the country.

"Mistakes have been made by organized labor in instances—yet who does not make mistakes? The hot-headed and hasty have at times brought about situations that might well have been avoided. But on the whole, we workmen may well feel proud of the intelligent and sagacious administration which has marked the conduct of our union affairs, both locally and in the nation.

"The people of this country believe in trades unionism. The people of this country believe that the laborer is worthy of his hire. They believe that every man, no matter how humble his occupation, should have a certain amount of rest and recreation every day; and that he should earn money enough to supply his family with the comforts that the American spirit declares shall be the portion of all men. They believe that the public school system should be so excellent that the children of the poorest may rise to the places of the highest.

"There are great reforms to be accomplished yet. The path to perfection lies through the valley of discontent. When workmen are dissatisfied with their condition it is a good sign. When workmen use every possible effort to better their condition, it shows that they understand their rights and appreciate the spirit of institutions of this country. For this country, unlike any other, is intended for the people of the country, not for a select few; not for a high caste element; not for those mentally gifted, but for the every-day man, the laborer, the bricklayer, the mechanic, the tiller of the soil, the workman at the forge and furnace—the artisan in every line of American endeavor.

TO OUR READERS.

In this issue appears an offer on the part of the American Newspaper Association which means much to the toiler, particularly those whom circumstances denied an opportunity for much schooling. It also means much to every one, no matter what his station, since it places the "sum total of human knowledge within the reach of the humblest pocketbook. It will be of incalculable value to families where children are of school age. We ask our readers everywhere to investigate this splendid offer. It costs nothing to inquire. Cut out the coupon on page 4 and mail it to the address given. It will bring you sample sheets of the Encyclopaedia Britannica, which is a whole library in itself.

NEW "L" ROAD UNION.

A Cincinnati paper of recent date says: Daniel McDonald, president of the American Labor Union, is in Chicago looking after the interests of that organization and local bodies there. Coincident with his coming it was announced that the United Brotherhood of Railway Employees, a western organization of railroad men, practically had organized the employees of the south side "L" system, and is about to make demands on the management.

Helena Laundry Workers are in a prosperous condition.

"It behooves us, therefore, at this time to consider what trades unionism shall do in the future to benefit itself. Shall it remain divided as to the best methods of bringing about needed reform? Shall it be split up into countless factions when the ballots are cast so that the shrewd unmanipulating few may be able to secure the pernicious results desired by them? Shall it, when the sacred ballot box is put before it, remain supine and a slave to tradition—a slave to partisan prejudices instilled during the last three decades, or shall it act as one great army? Shall it support the men who stand for the advancement of labor, who stand for the education of the humble young, who stand for living wages and decent hours for the toilers of the land?"

"It is my belief that the duty trades unionism owes to itself at this time is to seriously consider the propriety of striving through the ballot box for a restoration of the principles laid down by the fathers of this country: 'Equal rights to all; special privileges to none.'

"Fellow workmen, do not be misled. Beware of the wolf in sheep's clothing! Beware of the smooth flatterers who desire to turn you from the path of duty at this critical hour in the history of this country! Beware of the man who befores the issue, who tells you that union labor must hold itself aloof from participation in public affairs. That man is an enemy. That man does not want the laboring element of this country welded into one compact mass, fighting for its liberty. In this glorious country, which today is the greatest in the world, we have a sovereign remedy at hand; we have the privilege of going to the polls and voting our choice. More than that, we have the privilege of taking part in the councils of political parties. We can, if we are so disposed, tell the party—whichever it may be—that represents most nearly the hopes and aspirations of the masses, who the champion of the masses shall be. We can, if we are so disposed, spread across this country, from the Atlantic to the Pacific, a sentiment which will force the recognition of our ideas; * * * * *

"Men of the Pressmen's Union! I am no longer young, as you all can see; the frosts of 60 winters having settled upon my head. For 45 years I have toiled in the newspaper press rooms of New York, and I am still active in the service. This, I think, gives me the right to speak, as few others have, to the pressmen of this country. In a few years, at most, and it will be all over, and the good that we do on this earth is all that lives after us, but while life and memory lasts, I shall never fail to advise the pressmen of this country what I think is for their best interests.

"I tell you that a solemn duty confronts us, and every one. Strikes are to be avoided whenever possible. Violence is never to be countenanced by the true friend of union labor. We have the means of effecting a peaceful revolution at the ballot box. Our duty is clear, and in suggesting that as a duty, I assure you that in my innermost soul I believe that I am advancing the cause of organized labor, the cause of the people of this country and the interests of this country as a nation. We are friends of property, and simply want equal opportunities for all and special privileges to none.

CAUGHT BOTH WAYS.

University Endowments Obtained Not From Oil Alone—This is a Free Country, All Right.

Here are a few of the grievances which caused the Colorado coal miners to strike:

- 1. Miners are cheated in the measuring of coal, and if they complain they are instantly discharged.
2. They are compelled to trade at the company's store, where they pay a high price.
3. Farmers who sell food to the miners are forcibly driven out of town by the company's police.
4. Miners are not allowed to talk against the company. Those who do so are discharged.
5. The miners are not paid in money, but in scrip, which is good only at the company's store and saloon.
6. The miners are sometimes kept waiting seven weeks for their wages. Is there anything in the old world to equal these? Go to. Whoever says America is not the land of the free, is an anarchist and should be deported. The miners do not have to submit to these regulations if they do not wish. They are at liberty to quit—and starve. God in giving control of the mineral to a few doubtless intended that such regulations should be in order that the proud spirit of the miners should be humbled and thus passage through the pearly gates insured.

CURE IMPOTENCY

"I make no misleading statements or unbusinesslike propositions to the afflicted; neither do I promise a cure in a few days or offer free treatment in order to secure their patronage, but I guarantee a perfect, safe and lasting cure in the quickest possible time, without leaving injurious after-effects in the system, and at the lowest possible cost for conscientious, skillful and successful service."

Men's Diseases

There is seldom a day that I am not consulted by an unfortunate sufferer who, if he had consulted me in regard to his condition in its early stages, I believe, is due to lack of knowledge on the part of the one who has previously treated the case, therefore, I say to you if you are suffering from any disease or condition peculiar to men, or if you have been a victim and been disappointed in not getting a permanent cure elsewhere, I would ask that you come to my office, I will explain to you OUR SYSTEM OF TREATMENT, which I have originated and developed after a whole life's experience in the treatment of special diseases of men. I will give you a thorough examination, together with an honest and scientific opinion of your case. If I find you are incurable I will honestly tell you so. If I find your case curable I will give you a legal guarantee to cure you.

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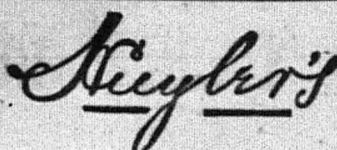
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NOTES OF THE AMERICAN LABOR UNION

THE STATIONARY FIREMEN.

Greater New York's Workingmen Look to the A. L. U.—Another Star is Added.

Edr. American Labor Union Journal. New York, Dec. 15.

I am glad to see that the American Labor Union is growing in the east, and there is no doubt in my mind but that it is the coming organization to maintain the rights and privileges of the working masses.

While Bro. Coates, the vice-president of the A. L. U., was in New York he issued a charter, No. 466, to another body of wage earners.

On Dec. 14, in Odd Fellows' hall, the president (Patrick Rock) of District 10 with the assistance of the president of (Patrick Colleary) of 308 and myself, pledged the members in the secret works and installed the officers of L. A. 466, A. L. U. (Garment Workers). They are an intelligent body of young men, not because they are good orators, but they had the principal, courage and manhood to withdraw from Sammy's American Fakeration of Labor.

They promised that they were in the American Labor Union to stay, and to organize the different branches connected with their industry until they were all under the one grand banner of the A. L. U. Yours fraternally,

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A WORD OF APPROVAL.

"I admire the tone of your Journal and the advanced stand you have taken on economic and industrial lines," says R. E. L. Connolly, vice-president and general organizer of the United Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners of America.

Woman's Protective Union, of Butte have voted \$100 for labor temple stock. They now have \$125 invested in this enterprise.

Idaho Falls Union No. 330 reports the strike assessment collection as coming in rapidly and cheerfully. "Oh, when will we learn to strike at the ballot box," exclaims our correspondent.

The Grain Counter Workers of Lynn, Mass., informs us that the Cripple Creek strike assessment passed by a unanimous vote. They hope it will bring a little sunshine to the homes of their struggling brothers.

Phoenix Federal Labor Union No. 155 of British Columbia, levied the 50-cent strike assessment and then doubled it by a donation out of their treasury. The light of true brotherhood burns with a steady flame, across the line.

GRIM VISAGED FAMINE.

The Toilers of a Nation Prostrate at Feet of Wealth—Starvation the Lot of the Worker.

The press dispatches report conditions existing among the idle coke workers of the Connellville region as being frightful. With the rigors of winter, men are now reduced to want. They are becoming desperate and cases of petty stealing are frequent.

Charitable organizations in near-by cities have been directly appealed to for aid.

Since October less than 70 per cent. of the ovens have been in blast. This affects more than 35,000 men. Many of these are foreigners. Those who have funds are leaving the region.

The announcement of the Frick Coke company of a 17 per cent. cut in wages for the thousands of men working is to be followed by a similar reduction by the other operators. The men affected are non-union.

Organizers are sending money into the field to draw the sufferers into an organization. Efforts are being made to have them strike. Were it not for the actual want such a result would follow. Now any and all work is pleaded for.

Four thousand coke workers in the employ of the Somerset company, who are on strike, have been paid off. Eleven hundred men of the Niver company are also out.

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ACTORS ORGANIZE.

Frisco Theatians Combine for Mutual Benefit—Good Membership, Much Interest Displayed.

A meeting was held by the San Francisco stage folk on last Thursday afternoon and an organization was perfected under the name of "Actors' Alliance." Matt Trayers, president; William Morton, vice-president; Fred Gambold, treasurer; Ed Carter, secretary.

It is the aim and object of the Actors' Alliance to induce the best actors to join their organization. No body is eligible to membership except he can show good programmes, has played in good houses and has followed the stage as a profession for two years or more. The object of the organization is benevolence, and they will combine with the actors' fund of America. The initiation fee will be nominal and all those in good standing will have direct benefits, namely, in case of sickness, doctor and medicine, and in case of death a decent burial. Already on the roll are 153 names, both male and female. A committee on resources has been appointed and also a committee is now looking for suitable headquarters. It is the intention to fix up elegant rooms, and it is also the aim and object of the alliance to work in harmony with both manager and performer. Two hundred and fifty dollars has already been subscribed by the different members.—The Examiner.

The Actors' Alliance has made application for a charter to the American Labor Union.

The Bitter Root Lumberman's Union put the Cripple Creek strike assessment through in the record-breaking time of one minute.

The Helena teamsters are making things pleasant for Benson Carpenter. There were four cars of freight recently which this firm might have had, but did not get.

C. D. Stewart, Herman Bartels, C. D. Cook, Sam Milton, M. H. Lute, J. R. Stabluecker and John Hoffman have been expelled from No. 104 Federal of Telluride, Colo.

The Stree Laborers and Excavators' Union of Chicago has elected the following officers: President, T. S. Mahoney; vice-president, Robert Booker; secretary-treasurer, Murty Mahoney.

KallsPELL union men are feeling much pleased at the steady growth of organization in that locality. Occasionally it was found necessary to resort to argument to bring a man in, but usually they came to time of their own accord. Prospects are accord.

ARE WE FROM MISSOURI?

Miners Enjoined From Striking, Picketing, Boycotting or Interfering in Any Way.

Following an agreement made with the local electrotypers' and stereotypers' unions by the United States Printing company, an Ohio corporation doing business in Brooklyn, that after Jan. 1 it will retain only union men in its employ, Justice Marcan in the Supreme court has granted a temporary injunction restraining the company from discharging its non-union men.

An order was issued against the company and the electrotypers and stereotypers directing them to show cause why the injunction should not be made permanent. The complainants allege conspiracy to make the shop a union concern.

Justice Marcan's order is sweeping in its provisions and restrains the unions from organizing a strike against the company, picketing, boycotting or in any other way interfering with its business. There is nothing left the unions as a war weapon after an order of this kind. To be sure, they might try voting, but that would be taking political action, a thing most abhorrent to men who take their opinions from the capitalist press. The man whom Justice Marcan has not caused to think is not "from Missouri." He is deaf, dumb and blind. Nothing could show him.

San Francisco teamsters are up in arms against a clause in the National Constitution which requires all who are not actively engaged in team driving to withdraw.

A Catholic priest was stoned and beaten by his parishioners because he was found to be working in the interest of Rockefeller's Coal company and against the strikers.

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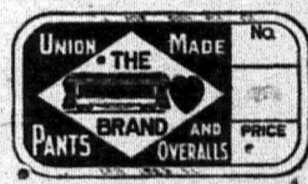
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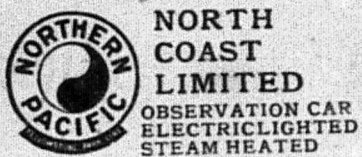
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MORE THRIFT. John W. Gates recently paid \$8,000 to ride to Washington Park, Chicago, from his hotel.

WILL JAIL HER. Wyoming Coal Company Making Di- Threats Against Mother Jones. Grant Small Raise.

A PERSONAL NOTE. My attention has been called to a statement made by National Commit- teeman Mills, of Kansas, in a circular issued by him which would imply that I am still drawing a salary as a member of the Fellowship of the So- cialist Spirit.



National Secretary Socialist Party. arrangements could be made to meet the changed conditions brought about by my unexpected election to the office of National Secretary.

To the Friends of Socialism: You will be glad to note the following report of the work which I have done in Nebraska during the last month:

1. Locals Organized--Laurel, 9 members; Lynch, 15; Dorsey, 9; Elgin, 10; Bartlett, 15; Spaulding, 16; Greeley, 7; total new locals organized this month, 7; total last month, 7; total Nebraska Locals organized, 14, opening 10 new counties; Locals organized in South Dakota, 4; total Locals organized, 18.

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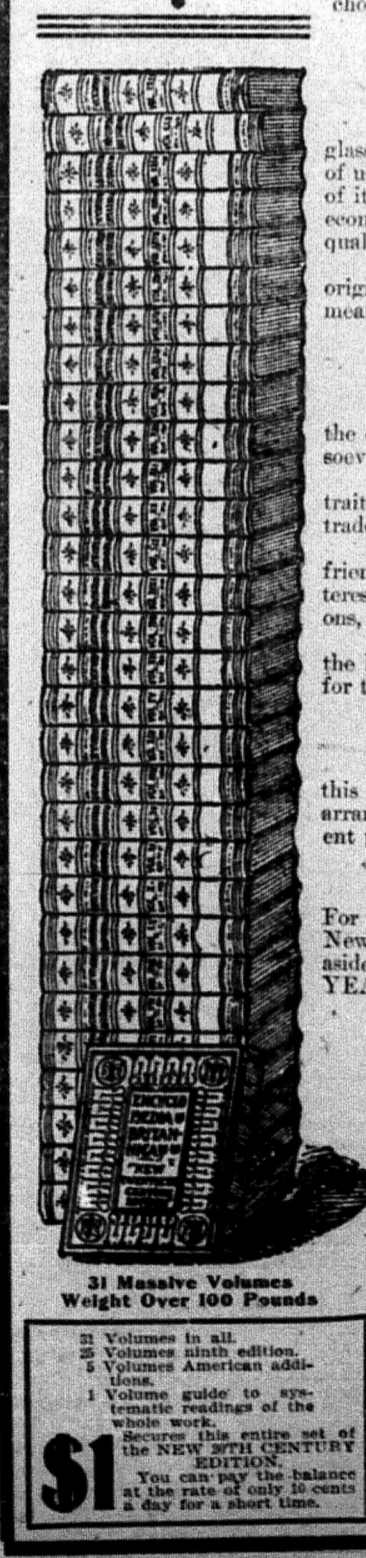
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