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Getting Results

The Illinois miners have been on strike since the first of April. The strike is not yet settled, but nearly half of the operators have signed up and started their mines.

The operators are pretty much divided, and there is very little doubt that the strike will be completely won within a short time. The difficulties that the boys have been running up against have been many.

In the first place, the operators stored away an immense amount of coal prior to the strike. This supply has kept the mills and factories going so that no distress in industry has been felt.

In the second place, the cost of living has been fearfully high, so that the small strike benefits have not been adequate to the situation in most families.

In the third place, unemployment in general has made it practically impossible for the miners to get odd jobs during the strike. In the fourth place, the international president and his henchmen have held out promises to the operators that the strikers would give in and accept a compromise.

Many other obstacles have been put in the way of the miners, but they have stuck together and are getting results. The victory of the miners is not accidental. Some very definite factors have entered into the struggle.

UNITE AND WORK

MAX S. HAYES

Labor Day is the occasion when we, as workers, should take an inventory of the movement and point out its faults and defects, as well as its advantages. That the principle of organization is fundamentally correct no sane person will dispute—not even the most extreme individualist.

From the Diary of a Lawyer

BY JOHN N. LANDBERG

This one was a Russian Jew, a carpenter by trade, whose tale of woe follows: 'On Monday morning, April 12, I donned overalls, and was passing by the rear of one of a row of dwelling houses, now in process of erection on Sixtieth and M. streets, carrying a bundle of wooden strips on my right shoulder, which I held up with my right arm. It was 7 a. m., and I had no idea that any one was already at work on the third story of the building where I was employed in the construction of bay windows and porches.'

Crime Among Italians

BY VINCENT JULIUS

The foes of Italian immigration are increasing daily in the United States, because of the numerous crimes committed by Italians. Even the newspapers are using the adjective "Italian" almost as a synonym of crime, murder, etc., and a general prejudice against Italians is gaining in strength.

The Significance of Labor Day

(Amalgamated Sheet Metal Workers' Journal)

BY H. E. STINER, President Local No. 46.

Within a few days organized labor will once again honor the one day set apart to celebrate the victories won during the past year. It seems too bad that only one day can be called Labor Day, after all the sacrifice and hardship the workers have stood. But, like evolution, the labor movement is slow but sure.

But so long as there is one little child working in the factory, or a worker saving long hours in the sweatshops, mills or mines, there can be no real rejoicing even on this one day. For when we cast our eyes around us and on every hand see the suffering caused by this damnable system which forces thousands into a life of crime and shame, while it makes it possible for others to roll in the luxuries wrung from the labor of the workers.

FOR COLLECTIVE LEADERSHIP

By WILLIAM ENGLISH WALLING.

In his letter of acceptance I notice that the Socialist candidate for governor of Connecticut says that he was chosen "to lead the party in the present campaign."

OPEN FORUM

THE WORKERS AWAKENING A few years ago, when Upton Sinclair revealed to the gaze of an astonished American people the horrible conditions under which the employees of the stock yards of Chicago were forced to work and exist, those who had never made a study of industrial conditions and those who never had seen the inside of a mill, mine or factory, seemed to be very shocked and mortified, but found consolation in the belief that the conditions in the stock yards were quite exceptional.

Now, then, the Socialist party has a foundation school. What is it? Why, Nationalism, of course. If the Socialist orators, writers and lecturers would take more pains to explain this, they wouldn't have to go through so many brainstorms, and claim their heads with such a great volume of political economy. I tell you, they will have it to do before they will ever succeed.

William Taft (To the tune of Sir Joseph in "Pinafore.") O, once I served a term or more In the cabinet of Theodore; And while I worked that little graft I laid some plans for William Taft. I laid my plans so carefully That now I lead the G. O. P.

Chorus—He laid his plans so carefully That now he leads the G. O. P. 'Twas in '82 when I began To serve the state on the salary plan; And since that date, 'twixt you and me, I've lived on government salary. I've drawn my wages so faithfully That now I lead the G. O. P.