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who were incensed by the unfair, scabby attitude taken by the merchants of Helena against the strikers and showing favoritism to the scab corporation by carrying on its warfare against the unions by injunction methods. At noon Monday there was little need for a strike, as most of the employers had disconnected their phones or ordered them taken out. The street carmen were on strike two minutes, when the phones went out of commission at the barns and offices of the company.

The horse cuffers struck, but by two P. M. the last phone was cut out of the livery stables.

At the present writing two electricians are still on strike; eight or nine teamsters most of whom are employed by coal dealers are still out. Three pressmen, one printer and an apprentice printer who were employed at the State Publishing company are on strike, as the phone has not been removed from that shop, and that is the only place in town where there is liable to be a prolonged fight.

The phones are out in all restaurants, saloons, theaters, brickyard, mops, livery stables, contracting shops, in fact every place where union men were employed.

The only places in town that use the phones are some stores and meat markets, but they will soon be in line, as they will need blacksmiths to shoe horses and repair delivery wagons and the blacksmiths do not intend working on horses or wagons that belong to an unfair firm.

The spirit of solidarity that was displayed by the unions of Helena, was magnificent and speaks well for the future industrial development of the unions. The Western Federation and A. F. of L. craft unions together with the chartered unions of the Montana Federation worked hand in hand for the common cause although but a short time ago the entire union movement was split up in factional strife over the I. W. W. Scab telephone girls were operating in the exchange, a bull-dozing corporation was trying to break up the unions by injunctions, the workers solidified and presented a united front and gave a display of the way strikes will be carried on in the future, throughout the entire length and breadth of the land.

The trades assembly will take action towards settling the coal question. Plenty of coal will be brought to Helena and will be delivered by union teamsters and no scab phone will direct their actions either.

## IN BUTTE CITY AND GREAT FALLS

Great Falls has at last come to the front in the telephone trouble and action is being taken in that town to put the scab injunction company out of commission.

Considerable discord has existed in the ranks of labor in Great Falls for over a year. Two trades assemblies are in existence; one composed of the I. W. W. unions and the smelters, who are organized under charter of the Western Federation of Miners, and the other assembly is made up of the A. F. of L. craft unions. Considerable friction, jealousy and factional quarrels existed at the time, until the corporation got out the blanket injunction, then both assemblies got together, appointed a joint committee to handle the telephone trouble and now the workers of Great Falls are showing a united front and are doing as much as the union men of any city in the state towards battling the injunctionizing scab phone company. Telephones are being rapidly moved from residences and places of business in Great Falls and before long the scabs in that town will have to suck thumbs for an occupation.

How They Do Things in Butte.

Butte, Sept. 23.—The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company lost the first round in its trouble against the

striking linemen in the courts of this county yesterday. The matter came up in trial of A. F. Edwards and R. Clayton, accused of larceny in the alleged theft of a number of telephones belonging to the Bell company.

The defendants are linemen, and a few days ago they were taken into custody on the complaint that they removed a number of telephones without having the proper authority from subscribers. The wagon in which the phones were being carried bore a sign reading "Rocky Mountain telephones going home." When it came to a showdown, the Bell company would not receive the load of phones nor would the police authorities, and they were unloaded in front of Carpenters' Union hall.

The testimony yesterday was in relation to the fact that the telephones had been removed, some of them, it was alleged by the prosecution, without proper authority.

The arguments of the defense were that grand larceny had not been proved, as only one phone at a time had been removed. The value of each of these instruments does not exceed \$12.50. Larceny as bailed is another contention advanced. However, a case of grand larceny was not made out, and the justice dismissed the case.

## LESSONS FROM THE CONGRESS

The great gathering that took place at Stuttgart was something more than might appear to the casual observer. It was the greatest peace gathering the world has ever seen.

Not at the Hague, but at Stuttgart, were things being done that are even now bringing closer the day when war shall be no more, when workers will refuse to fight that masters may feed and fatten.

The ardent campaign against militarism which was organized there, based upon the drilling of the young for peace instead of war sounds the coming of the time when the energy and enthusiasm and devotion that are now being exploited for murderous greed will be used to overthrow all exploitation.

The Stuttgart congress was many-fold the greatest international woman's suffrage gathering that ever assembled. When it is compared with the dilapidated gathering of confusionists that met in Chicago last year in the name of woman suffrage the contrast is something striking.

At Chicago all was confusion and compromise and cowardice. The suggestion of a resolution of sympathy with the imprisoned officials of the

Western Federation of Miners threw the delegates into a panic.

At Stuttgart the hundreds of women who met to discuss ways and means by which they could obtain their political and economic rights were troubled with no such scruples, were disturbed with no conflicting interests. They were proletarians, with nothing to lose but their chains, and without fear that if they told the truth and stood for justice that they might lose the support of those who are interested in the perpetuation of justice and falsehood.

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It is amazing what trumped up charges have been brought in to play to rid the Western Federation of its most active and self-sacrificing members in the interest of the organization of the working class against the oppressive measures of the employing class. The evidence was so flimsy during the first trial that it has been a matter of general surprise that a second attempt was going to be made to convict Adams on the meager showing that the prosecution could make against him.

Clarence Darrow and his wife with President Moyer and Mrs. Adams came to Rathdrum with Steve. Darrow and Moyer were looking up every possible detail of the situation to see that there were no heavy odds ready to be interposed against his Federation man whom the mine owners will next strive to make the victim of their murderous designs.

Adams is confined in the county jail at Rathdrum. So close is the watch on him, that he is not even allowed to cut wood for exercise, a privilege that is granted to all the other prisoners. The jail is surrounded by great stacks of wood which the prisoners have cut, many of them even without guards stationed over them; and they are even taken out to saw the wood of the citizens in the town for which they receive pay. But Adams is allowed none of these privileges.

Mrs. Adams has taken a small partially furnished house in Rathdrum. Being a small country town, it was impossible to find desirable living quarters. She took the only house she could find that had even a pretence of being furnished, and it had such meager accommodations and was so filthy dirty that she was discouraged. Being a practical and energetic young woman, however, she went to work with soap, water, lye and brushes, and even paint to make the place habitable, and even then was feeling down-hearted over the out-come.

Mr. Moyer had told me in Spokane that I must go and see her as she was feeling very lonely. As soon as I got there she hunted every hotel and rooming house for me. But I was with our good comrades, Mr. and Mrs. Von Holsten, and there she finally found me. I spent one afternoon with her and she urged me to lie over several days and stay with her, and I should have done so had I not been dated ahead.

Mrs. Adams is the daughter of Mr. Dimon of Telluride, Col. Her first husband died leaving her a widow

with two boys, Charles and Adolphus. She then married Steve, who simply adores her, and her strong capable character has much influence over him. She has never faltered under the senseless persecution that has been heaped upon them both. After being taken to the penitentiary at Boise, it was she who put heart into Steve, wellnigh dead through the sweating and the machinations of McParland and his gang, and caused him to boldly repudiate the confession to which he had been virtually forced to affix his name, after threats and misrepresentations, and what amounted to attacks upon his life.

This confession business of having lawyers, detective and typewriters fix up a page of hog-wash, and then having a poor persecuted devil of a working man sign it after he has been doped with all sorts of lies, has been one of the unique features in this persecution of the Federation. Orchard stuck to his, and played the part that the mine owners wanted him to for the emoluments thereof, good clothes, cheap notoriety and his life. He is spineless enough to be a good tool. But because Annie Adams was at his side, and because he was an honest and sincere working man, and not a card sharp or any kind of a grafter trying to live in any way without work, Adams denounced the diabolical confession and its framers, regardless of what the consequences might be.

Neither has Annie Adams ever faltered at what the consequences might be. She tells Steve to stand by the truth and the right and the interests of his class regardless of everything else; and even went so far as to say, she would leave him if he didn't. She will go down in history as one of the heroines of the working class, who have fought the battle and endured the pangs of working class emancipation.

She was arrested and kept in the penitentiary at Boise six months without even an accusation against her, trying to get her to help betray the Federation into the hands of its enemies. Official Russia has no worse record. The ruling class enact the same crimes here whenever it suits them.

Mrs. Adams' oldest boy, Charles, is with her sister in Goldfield, Nevada; Adolphus, the next, is with her in Rathdrum, and has started to school. He is a beautiful, bright, sturdy child of seven years, with most bewitching dimples.

Then there is the baby, Dave Adams, he says, twenty months old, and the image of his father, whose only child he is, the other two of course being step-children.

Everything looks now as though the Adams trial would come up at the term of court that begins October 14. Mr. Darrow has withdrawn the motion for a change of venue, relying on the utter lack of evidence against Adams for the happy outcome of his case.

Appearances indicate that this trial will come off before the Pettibone trial at Boise. Judge Wood has stated that the Pettibone case would not be tried till after the Borah case was disposed of. Borah's trial, as one of the timber thieves, begins Sept. 23, and it is not likely that it will be finished by Oct. 1, the date set for the Pettibone trial. Moreover, George Pettibone is dangerously ill with cancer of the stomach—so bad that his life is despaired of, and it is extremely doubtful if that trial ever takes place. He is in the hospital—so weak that his door is never even locked.

There is much in our favor in connection with the Steve Adams case at Rathdrum. We have the finest bunch of socialists there in the state of Idaho. They are aggressive, self-respecting and hold their own against the court house ring, always a clique of corrupt penny politicians, to such an extent that they poll 75 straight votes, with about 15 or 20 splits, a splendid record for a little prejudiced country town. And the socialists are always the watchdog of the working class, wherever the class fight is defined.

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## Solidarity of Workers

### Injunctions of Scab Telephone Co. Do Not Hinder Union Men to Fight for the Suppressed

A general strike was billed to take place in Helena last Monday, but did not materialize to a great extent, owing to the employers conceding to the demands of the various unions.

On Wednesday of last week the Trades Assembly had the telephone strike under consideration and after much debating it was decided to call a strike of all union men at noon Monday whose employers used the scab phones. The various unions were ordered to call special meetings and take the necessary steps to notify the employers that unless the use of scab phones would cease at noon Monday their employees would strike.

From then on till Sunday night, the various unions or committees and sub-committees were in continuous session. Committees from the assembly visited every union and the most active, aggressive union work that was over done in Helena was done in that time.

The brewery workers voted to strike unless the phones were removed from the breweries, they were determined not to brew beer that was ordered over a scab phone. The brickyardmen took the same action and notified the company of their intention.

The Horse-Cuffers union notified the livery stables that unless the scab phone was cut out on Monday at noon the livery stables would be tied up with a strike.

After the last street car had stopped running Thursday night the carmen met at the Workers' Club and at 12:30 A. M. Friday morning the union was called to order. A vote was taken and it was decided that either the scab phones be removed from the car barns and the companies' office by noon Monday or the cars quit running.

The linemen and electrical workers voted to take the same action as the carmen.

Painters, steamfitters, plumbers, cement workers, pressmen, teamsters, barbers, cooks and waiters, miners, bartenders in fact every union affiliated with the trades assembly voted to strike against the scab phones. There was no referring to their respective grand lodges or general executive committee for sanction or approval of strike. Helena had to be made a union town, radical action had to be taken against the scab telephone company, and the strike was called. The trades assembly met Sunday night and put the finishing touches on the job.

It was also decided to boycott the state fair, this action was taken through pressure being brought to bear from the unions outside of Helena.

who were incensed by the unfair, scabby attitude taken by the merchants of Helena against the strikers and showing favoritism to the scab corporation by carrying on its warfare against the unions by injunction methods. At noon Monday there was little need for a strike, as most of the employers had disconnected their phones or ordered them taken out. The street carmen were on strike two minutes, when the phones went out of commission at the barns and offices of the company.

The horse cuffers struck, but by two P. M. the last phone was cut out of the livery stables.

At the present writing two electricians are still on strike; eight or nine teamsters most of whom are employed by coal dealers are still out. Three pressmen, one printer and an apprentice printer who were employed at the State Publishing company are on strike, as the phone has not been removed from that shop, and that is the only place in town where there is liable to be a prolonged fight.

The phones are out in all restaurants, saloons, theaters, brickyard, mops, livery stables, contracting shops, in fact every place where union men were employed.

The only places in town that use the phones are some stores and meat markets, but they will soon be in line, as they will need blacksmiths to shoe horses and repair delivery wagons and the blacksmiths do not intend working on horses or wagons that belong to an unfair firm.

The spirit of solidarity that was displayed by the unions of Helena, was magnificent and speaks well for the future industrial development of the unions. The Western Federation and A. F. of L. craft unions together with the chartered unions of the Montana Federation worked hand in hand for the common cause although but a short time ago the entire union movement was split up in factional strife over the I. W. W. Scab telephone girls were operating in the exchange, a bull-dozing corporation was trying to break up the unions by injunctions, the workers solidified and presented a united front and gave a display of the way strikes will be carried on in the future, throughout the entire length and breadth of the land.

The trades assembly will take action towards settling the coal question. Plenty of coal will be brought to Helena and will be delivered by union teamsters and no scab phone will direct their actions either.

## IN BUTTE CITY AND GREAT FALLS

Great Falls has at last come to the front in the telephone trouble and action is being taken in that town to put the scab injunction company out of commission.

Considerable discord has existed in the ranks of labor in Great Falls for over a year. Two trades assemblies are in existence; one composed of the I. W. W. unions and the smelters, who are organized under charter of the Western Federation of Miners, and the other assembly is made up of the A. F. of L. craft unions. Considerable friction, jealousy and factional quarrels existed at the time, until the corporation got out the blanket injunction, then both assemblies got together, appointed a joint committee to handle the telephone trouble and now the workers of Great Falls are showing a united front and are doing as much as the union men of any city in the state towards battling the injunctionizing scab phone company. Telephones are being rapidly moved from residences and places of business in Great Falls and before long the scabs in that town will have to suck thumbs for an occupation.

#### How They Do Things in Butte.

Butte, Sept. 23.—The Rocky Mountain Bell Telephone company lost the first round in its trouble against the

striking linemen in the courts of this county yesterday. The matter came up in trial of A. F. Edwards and R. Clayton, accused of larceny in the alleged theft of a number of telephones belonging to the Bell company.

The defendants are linemen, and a few days ago they were taken into custody on the complaint that they removed a number of telephones without having the proper authority from subscribers. The wagon in which the phones were being carried bore a sign reading "Rocky Mountain telephones going home." When it came to a showdown, the Bell company would not receive the load of phones nor would the police authorities, and they were unloaded in front of Carpenters' Union hall.

The testimony yesterday was in relation to the fact that the telephones had been removed, some of them, it was alleged by the prosecution, without proper authority.

The arguments of the defense were that grand larceny had not been proved, as only one phone at a time had been removed. The value of each of these instruments does not exceed \$12.50. Larceny as bailed is another contention advanced. However, a case of grand larceny was not made out, and the justice dismissed the case.

## LESSONS FROM THE CONGRESS

The great gathering that took place at Stuttgart was something more than might appear to the casual observer. It was the greatest peace gathering the world has ever seen.

Not at the Hague, but at Stuttgart, were things being done that are even now bringing closer the day when war shall be no more, when workers will refuse to fight that masters may feed and fatten.

The ardent campaign against militarism which was organized there, based upon the drilling of the young for peace instead of war sounds the coming of the time when the energy and enthusiasm and devotion that are now being exploited for murderous greed will be used to overthrow all exploitation.

The Stuttgart congress was many-fold the greatest international woman's suffrage gathering that ever assembled. When it is compared with the dilapidated gathering of confusionists that met in Chicago last year in the name of woman suffrage the contrast is something striking.

At Chicago all was confusion and compromise and cowardice. The suggestion of a resolution of sympathy with the imprisoned officials of the

Western Federation of Miners threw the delegates into a panic.

At Stuttgart the hundreds of women who met to discuss ways and means by which they could obtain their political and economic rights were troubled with no such scruples, were disturbed with no conflicting interests. They were proletarians, with nothing to lose but their chains, and without fear that if they told the truth and stood for justice that they might lose the support of those who are interested in the perpetuation of justice and falsehood.

It was the largest and most representative gathering of legislators that has met in modern times. At the inter-parliamentary congress that met during the sessions of the regular congress more than three hundred members of national legislative bodies of the world met to discuss the best means by which they could use their power for the benefit of the working class.

This same congress was the largest gathering of trade union representatives that ever met in the history of the labor movement. There were representatives of more than six million organized workers upon the floor of the congress, and these the most progressive, intelligent and revolutionary of the trade unions of the earth.

All these things were the congress at Stuttgart, besides being the largest and most enthusiastic and representa-

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