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A VOICE FROM THE SLUMS BY WAY OF THE GALLOWS

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Friday, April 23rd, 1904, was harvest day in Chicago. It seems that Chicago would rather hang her boys than make men of them. The three car barn boys were the fruit of Chicago's slum sowing and culture. They were born in the slums, and brought up in the slums and came at last to the gallows. They were the legitimate fruits of our social condition and the cheap saloon. Indeed, "our social condition" expresses it all, for the cheap saloon is the child of our social condition.

Neidermeir just before climbing the scaffold preached the greatest sermon ever preached in Chicago. It was not a long sermon, but every sentence contained a volume. In conversation with the priest he gave utterance to the following, according to the Terre Haute Tribune: "We grow up in the slums, half starved and always miserable. Chicago is full of boys like me growing up without advice or help. They drift into cheap saloons and if they are not good-natured they do not care if they kill other people. We see our parents work day after day and year after year like slaves and die miserable. If the churches did something more for those who need their aid in the struggle to earn a living they would do more good than they can by converting men who are about to be hanged." These words are an impeachment of our present social and religious conditions. Under our social conditions it is just as reasonable to hang men for having typhoid fever as it is to hang men for being criminals. We live under a system of commercial piracy, or cannibalism, where it is just as religious and patriotic for the strong to crush the weak as it is for the big fish to swallow the little ones. A fish has no conscience. He is governed only by his ability to swallow.

So sure as God's laws are true, that "we reap as we sow," there is something fearful for us in the future.

While we are chasing the dollar and hunting for a place of ease, the slums and the congested centers are breeding a set of men and women that will some day blow our institutions into smithereens.

In building character there are three things of importance, viz, birth, environment and choice. And in as much as the child has no choice in the matter of birth, we owe it to the child that it be well born.

How can we expect honest children from men, and especially women, who are moral degenerates? How can we expect good, honest citizens from children who are inoculated with the money microbe before they are born? How can we expect anything but crime so long as we are governed by "lust of

the flesh, the lust of the eye and the pride of life?"

And the environment has a great deal to do with the child, Marie Correlli to the contrary notwithstanding. She contends that it is all in the blood, and to prove her theory she takes the boy of vicious parents and puts him into the home of a rich woman, where he was given every attention that was calculated to make him an honest man. But after all he turned out to be a forger. The unfortunate thing for the child was that he was put into an idle rich family, where he was never taught to earn an honest dollar, and where he never saw anyone about the place earn an honest dollar. The only thing necessary was to sign a check or clip a coupon. And why shouldn't he do likewise?

The history of the world proves to me that should you bring up five hundred children in a community where it is the custom every Saturday at 2 o'clock to take a man and burn him at the stake, ninety-nine out of one hundred would grow up without a protest and think it all right because the custom was there before they were, and must therefore be all right.

And if one out of that number should question the righteousness of the custom or enter a protest, he would be called an anarchist and killed. And another generation would come along and build him a monument, and the orator of the day would speak in glowing terms of our great progress. If Marie Correlli had only remembered that idleness is the mother of crime, and that an idle brain is the devil's work-shop, and had taken the boy and put him in some respectable poor family, where he would have been taught honesty, sobriety, industry and economy, the results might have been different. For, be it remembered, that the great men and women of earth do not come from the rich homes.

Solomon, the wise man, said: "Give me neither riches nor poverty," showing that both extremes should be avoided.

If, therefore, a child's birth and environment are against him, the chances are at least ten to one that he will not make the right choice. And no theory can relieve the church of its responsibility for the blood of such boys as the car barn bandits.

The churches know that there are thousands of children in the slum districts of all our great cities who are left to the mercy of the cheap saloon and the anarchists.

Some few years ago it was reported that there were schools of anarchy into which the children were gathered on Sunday and schooled in crime in Chicago. The saloon with a saw dust floor seemed to be a favorite place. Will the church awake in time to save our nation?

Effects of Private Property.

The United States government owned the custom house in New York. Mr. Gage and Mr. Vanderlip, servants of the people, "sold" the custom house to Mr. Rockefeller's Standard Oil Bank.

Did the people get the money for it? Not at all. The purchase price was left on deposit in the bank, so that the Standard Oil Company did not actually pay out one penny for the custom house.

And ever since that time the United States government has rented the custom house from Mr. Rockefeller's bank and has paid an enormous sum in rental for the property that it formerly owned, and for which there has not actually been paid out one cent.

Remember that these are absolute statements of simple facts known to everybody. The custom house belonged to the government—which means to the people. It was nominally sold to the Standard Oil Trust Bank, without a dollar actually being paid over, and from that time on the government paid rent to that bank for the use of its own building.

A servant selling his master's overcoat to a crook, and then compelling the master to rent the overcoat at so much a year from that same crook, would seem quite improbable in fiction.

But that is the exact situation which obtains in the great national government that exists by virtue of your vote.—New York Journal.

Do you wonder that Mr. Gage left the treasury department to take a place at the head of one of Rockefeller's banks? If all property were public and could not be made private, this robbery of the people could not have been committed.—Appeal to Reason.

The 8 hour law is "done for" by congress once more by the same methods that have been employed for the last ten years. Will the workers keep on employing the same hopeless methods to get it passed? Why not try electing a party to power that will give it to you?

mand satisfaction. But in Colorado—the President does not know Colorado is in America.

Later reports state that the Supreme court of Colorado has refused the writ of habeas corpus in behalf of Pres. Moyer and sent him back to the Telluride bull-pen without bail. It also reversed the action of Judge Stevens who had fined Gen. Bell and Capt. Wells for contempt of court.

Thus in "free America" a citizen—even a prominent citizen like Pres. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners, an office similar to John Mitchell's—in the full light of day, is deprived of his liberty without bail and without trial, and confined in a bleak, filthy, comfortable, unhealthy "bull-pen," alive with vermin, as Guy Miller tells us, and fed on scant and loathsome food—all to prevent his influence in favor of outraged miners against heartless mine-owners.

"What fools we mortals be!" Pres. Moyer's sufferings, the brutal assault on Sec. Hayward and the innumerable outrages committed against the miners and their families will accomplish more in the long run against the operators than anything the miners themselves could do.

"The mills of God grind slow, But they grind exceeding small." Nothing can escape their just working, and the day of reckoning draws near.

The police of Portland, Ore., are interfering with the right of Socialists to hold street meetings, but the local comrades are determined to resist this usurpation of authority and will continue their agitation notwithstanding.

The Chicago team drivers threaten to strike for A TWELVE HOUR DAY! They now work 12½ hours. They also ask an increase of 10 per cent in wages. If the strike takes place it is feared it will be the worst since 1894.

There are 35,000 women members of the labor unions of Chicago, says Dorothy Richardson in Leslie's Magazine.

MILITARISM

(BY WM. R. FOX.)

I saw a gang of soldier boys (sold boys) on dress parade. One snob was making all the noise; The rest did as he bade.

"Right face—by fours!" 'Twas like a race. They sweat—"Keep step, I say!" "Halt—So—Dress-front!—Salute!—Left face! "Forward!"—for half a day.

With bayonets fixed and guns in hand, They turned and marched and stayed, Obsequious to the snob's command, He roared, and they obeyed.

The tyrant spoke in every word; Each tone was insolent: But eagerly, as soon as heard, They formed and whirled and went.

Better, I said, than thus with these Unmanly breaths to keep, To herd with apes in jungle trees, Or run with ram-lead sleep.

Machins and puppets! at command Of freed insatiate led To terrize the pillaged land, And strike their fellows dead!

What care they? Armed and drilled and vain To do a lord's behest, No thought must thrill the soldier's brain, No feeling fire his breast!

Ho, individuality! This age's precious boast! Are youn those who fall or flee, Or a yon slaughtering host?

Mere slaves, down trodden by such slaves! Tools, manag'd by such tools! Their deeds, in high, heroic staves, Wee—journal fools!

While wage slaves line the market way, And beg a master's grace, This curse or worse will with us stay, And ulcer on the race.



off as were the laborers and slaves of Egypt, Greece and Rome. We are as well off as the coolies of China, or the serfs of Russia and the peasantry of all Europe.

But if we are not contented with the lot of the laborer of former times, or that of the laborer of other countries, there is but one way to change it, viz: To cast our ballots against the system that breeds and fosters the ilk of Parry and O'Brien.

Socialism will wipe them off the face of the earth. The sooner you learn this truth and act upon it, the sooner you can enjoy freedom, and assert your dignity as a man. FRANK SENCE.

Preachers, Unions and Sabbath Desecration

The clerks of Springfield are demanding a half-holiday on Wednesday afternoon of each week. There is no reason in the world why they should not have it. Many of the merchants are reported favorable to the plan.

Every craft should have a half holiday both on Wednesday and Saturday of each week. Every man needs it, and business would get on just as well, in fact better. There would be less time lost waiting for customers or jobs, the men would be in better trim for work, the volume of business done would not be lessened, and life would have more meaning both for the workers and their employers too.

The preachers may preach against Sabbath desecration till they grow red in the face; they may persist in their labors till their hair turns gray, but unless the people have a regular holiday, or half-holidays every week, they will continue to ignore the preacher's view of Sunday. "The Sabbath was made for man and not man for the Sabbath," and the Sabbath is the only day that most people have for recreation, visiting, attending conventions, etc., and there is no use of trying to throw chaff against such a strong wind of natural necessity.

In addition to their preaching, the preachers should join with the labor unions in practical efforts to benefit working men. This would prove their love for the masses. The influence of the preachers on the Sabbath question has been futile, while the unions have already closed up most of the Sunday business. Both working together could do still more good along this line.

The preacher who thinks he would degrade his calling by uniting with labor unions in an effort to accomplish better results is a snob and an ass and a traitor to his Lord. Imagine Jesus drawing up his seamless garment and refusing to co-operate with workmen for good! He lost some measure of His precious dignity! The preacher who is so careful to preserve "the dignity of his profession" has long since ceased to care for the salvation of mankind. His own egotism has obscured the horizon of human need and Christian duty. His salt has lost all savor and is fit only to be trodden contemptuously beneath the feet of intelligent men.

PRISON LABOR ILLUSTRATES

Impossibility of Solving Labor Difficulties Outside of the Co-Operative Commonwealth

By accident it has been discovered that the Illinois prison authorities are planning to teach the convicts trades by which they can make an honest living, and the Danville Topographical Union has issued a circular to the other unions of the state which contains its own resolutions, and others from the Trades Council condemning the proposed plan, for it threatens seriously to interfere with union labor in the future, particularly the printers' union. The Labor Herald publishes the following prelude to these resolutions which we understand from the note above it to be put forth as an editorial comment on the situation:

"The usual results have followed the efforts of union workingmen to secure beneficial legislation in the state of Illinois. Many years ago labor organizations appealed to the legislature and state officials to remedy the evil of prison competition with free labor, showing the wide extent of sales made of goods manufactured by contractors of prison labor. It was shown how the system was worked for profit to contractors by the employment of this cheap grade of labor, and how a 50-cent day convict could reduce the wages of a \$2 a day honest, law-abiding mechanic. All the injurious consequences were made plain, and from the very start the only remedy, real and genuine, was clearly pointed out. It took ten years to convince the political office-holder that there was an injury, and ten more have been spent looking for some other remedy than the only one that could ever be effective. Another attempt is now being made to fool the people into the idea of being benefited by the "withdrawal of prison labor from competition with free labor."

"At the beginning of the next fiscal year, July 1, they propose to install a system whereby they can turn out a thousand brickmakers, a thousand furniture makers, a thousand silk goods workers, a thousand printers, and a thousand bookmakers a year, if there should be that many wards in the three state institutions. Think of it, ye honest mechanics! In two or three years, the state will release every year more prison-made mechanics (in lieu of prison-made goods) than the membership of any single local in the state. Trades unions have a fair and reasonable rule regarding apprentices, made with supplying all the necessary requirements of the trade. Now the state proposes to strike a most vital blow at the unions by starting an apprentice school on a large scale, which in a few years will largely increase the number of mechanics, thereby overstocking the market and reducing the wages. The trouble seems to be, and truly is, that public officials invariably refuse to recognize any suggestions which may come from the laborer's side of a question. The unions always present with their request for remedial action the very best and in this case the only remedy. But no Your intellectual official says that won't do. You must accept a plan which comes from the profit-taker's side and which you will in a short time find will prove the remedy worse than the disease."

The above sets forth so clearly the folly of depending upon the political tools of capitalists to work for the good of labor, that we wonder how a man who can write (or endorse) such a comment can at the same time oppose a workingmen's party and insist on "pure and simple" unionism alone. In what possible manner, EXCEPT BY GOING INTO POLITICS, can the workingmen obtain the laws they want? They are always put off, "fooled" and betrayed by the representatives of capital when they ask for laws in the interests of labor.

The Larger Difficulty.

But this situation illustrates the larger difficulty which "pure and simple" unionism can never solve, viz, WHAT TO DO WITH THE CONVICTS.

Under present circumstances there are only a few things possible. 1. Keep them in idleness. This means ALL THEIR INDUSTRIAL ENERGY ABSOLUTELY WASTED, a large expense to the people, the further demoralization of the convicts themselves and the turning of them out at last with no chance to make an honest living.

2. Use them at contract labor. This does them very little good, makes money for contractors without benefitting the people and brings them into injurious competition with honest workmen.

3. Use them solely to improve the public highways in a manner not to interfere with honest wage-earners. This avoids competition with free labor and benefits the people, but leaves the convict without means of an honest livelihood when his term is out.

tions show, it would flood the country with so many skilled, or half skilled, workmen that under this system unionism and union wage-scales would greatly suffer. It is a neat scheme of capitalism to get cheaper wage-slaves while appearing to do a noble service toward the convicts.

Clearly neither of the above plans reaches the heart of the difficulty. A plan must be found which will at the same time utilize the labor energy of the convict for the enrichment of society, afford him an opportunity to become an honest mechanic and protect other workmen from injury through competition with him. THIS CAN BE DONE IN A CO-OPERATIVE COMMONWEALTH. In no other way can the rights and interests of all parties to this problem be conserved.

Under the co-operative commonwealth the more the convicts labor, THE LESS WORK AND MORE WEALTH will there be for honest people, and the more skilled workmen there are the better it will be for everybody. It will mean a shorter work-day and more wealth for all.

No plan which puts either party at a disadvantage can be permanently relied upon. The unions must find a plan WHOLLY JUST TO ALL CONCERNED, and socialism is it.

Rejected Christianity.

Some time ago a Japanese commission was sent to America to investigate the results of the teachings of christianity. It is said that the Japanese commission, after a careful investigation, have pronounced christianity in America a failure and will recommend that Buddhism in Japan shall not be supplanted by the modern methods of reaching the "kingdom come." The commission must have gazed upon the factories, the mills and coal mines, the establishments where nearly 2,000,000 children under 14 years of age are selling their lives for the bare pittance that sustains a miserable existence. The commission must have beheld the so-called consecrated temples of God casting their shadows upon the ram-dives and the brothel places, where christianized American citizenship submerged itself in the leprosy and hith of up-to-date iniquity. They must have discovered that in christian America courts are bought, legislatures are bought, and that the "best people" are the dignitaries who glory in corruption as long as there is profit for the few under our rotten civilization. Christianity has become permeated with the foul odor that arises from corporate and commercial piracy, and as long as the present civilization is maintained and perpetuated, christianity will be merely used as a cloak or a mask to conceal the depravity of men and women who conceal their cloven feet behind the doctrines of a crucified Christ.—Miners' Magazine.

Driven From Their Homes

Pueblo, Colo., April 9.—Eighty of the miners and socialists who were exiled from Telluride by the Citizen's Alliance toughs returned to that city last night under the protection of the injunction granted by District Judge Theron Stevens, which injunction restrained the citizens of Telluride or the militia from interfering in any manner with the deported men should they return. When the train arrived in Telluride it was met by a mob of the "best" citizens, aided by the militia under the leadership of the unsavory Sherman Bell. The exiles were captured, prevented from even greeting their weeping families, and immediately ran out of town again. Judge Stevens' injunction was utterly ignored. Such is the state of respectable anarchism in Colorado. This time the helpless, unarmed men were not abused and beaten, but otherwise last night's occurrence was a repetition of the doings of the first Citizens' Alliance mob. —Henry O. Morris, in Appeal to Reason.

Extending Vacations.

The United States senate has passed a bill providing that after the date of the passage of the act thirty days' annual leave of absence with pay be given employees of the government printing office exclusive of Sundays and legal holidays. Existing laws relating to the granting of annual leave with pay to clerks and employees in the executive departments shall apply to clerks and employees of the government printing office who are paid annual or monthly salaries.

A letter was read from the public printer stating that the employees under the existing law are given twenty-six working days' leave with pay, the bill to make the leave thirty days. The provision relating to annual or monthly salaries will affect 175 employees. The bill was passed without debate.

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LOCAL LABOR NOTES.

The Stage Employes and their friends enjoyed a banquet at the Grand Opera House Tuesday night.

Music was furnished by the Ringgold orchestra directed by Prof. P. J. Breinig. Stories were told by several of those present.

The Retail Clerks' association has changed the time of its meetings from Sundays to the second and fourth Tuesdays of each month.

The Machinists' union will dance at Germania Hall tonight.

The Barbers report the unionizing of a shop at 1238 Lafayette avenue.

Striking plumbers will wage war on the bosses in a new way, and have organized a co-operative company to conduct a general plumbing business.

President Boyle went to Lyford Monday to assist in the settlement with operators at that place.

A few non union carpenters came to town last week, but after looking over the situation, all either joined the local union or left the city.

The Carpenters are making progress in their plans. The list of contractors who are now paying the demanded scale is growing larger every day.

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Fred Wilbers and T. X. Fitzgerald will represent the local lodges of Ironworkers at the national convention next month.

The Socialists are held to be bo-h fends and dreamers of a millennium that is so come. They call us farmers where our adherents are few, and fends wherever we have obtained strength.

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When the capitalist system is endangered by the organization of labor both political and economic, those who profit by the plunder they are able to wring from the working class seek for some means to direct their attention to anything which will make them forget the hard conditions which are their lot.

The large capitalist class, bloated and gorged with the surplus values they are able to take from the workers because of their control of the great means of wealth production, dare not for a moment attack the system that assures their enjoyment of these unearned values even though it should delude the workers and assure their support.

Instead of dealing with actual economic conditions an examination of which must inevitably lead to action by the workers, futile or intelligent, according to their knowledge, the ruling section of the capitalist class can only appeal to "old glory" civilization in the Philippines or "point with pride" to the last administration or appeal to the shades of the departed who served as faithful watchdogs of their interests.

But the smaller capitalists who are rapidly being denied what they are pleased to call their "legitimate" share of the plunder, are forced to struggle against their final surrender to their better armed "pals." The latter having at their command the great tools of production are able to gradually exterminate the smaller skinned.

This class, seeking to restore their privilege of sharing in the exploitation of the working class, must appeal to the latter also, for both sections of the ruling class are helpless without the support of the workers. The strenuous efforts of both to secure their votes is sufficient proof of this.

The smaller pests, feeling the crushing power of the large ones, see in certain tendencies of the capitalist regime not only their extinction but the final abolition of all class rule, though the latter is more of an instinct than intelligence with them.

This is the opportunity of a sensational and ambitious politician and he appears in Hearst.

Hearst is a "democrat." So is Hill, Cleveland and Bryan. Hearst is the degenerate son of a parasite millionaire—one who enjoyed plundering the working class out of millions and handed it to his progeny to continue the process.

Hearst is against unlawful and "criminal" trusts. So is the republican party. Hearst is in favor of "legitimate" combinations but against "conspiracies," and so is the G. O. P. Neither Hearst nor the G. O. P. nor any political defender of capitalism has yet pointed out where "legitimate" combinations end and the "criminal" trusts begin—and never will.

He belongs to the same party that first made the bull pen infamous in labor struggles and gave the cue to the G. O. P. which is now following the "good example" in Colorado. The same party that in the southern states robs the child of life before becoming of age just as the other party does in the sweat shops of the east.

And this Hearst is beset by labor fakirs and others with itching palms as

the Moses that is to "lead," yes, lead the working class out of bondage. The working class in the eyes of these gentry are not intelligent enough to care for themselves or guard their interests but must be led or driven like cattle by the representatives of a rotting parasitic class.

It is not surprising that a vulgar and conscienceless character like Hearst should rise on the crest of a wave of discontent and voice and express the life and interests of a dying class. Capitalism in its last stages throws to the surface these vicious types who strut their brief time till the class they represent can no longer resist its doom and they pass from public view and representatives (not leaders) of the working class rise as they sink.

The Hearst movement has no more interest for workingmen than has any other movement of capitalist politicians. Hearst stands on the same common ground that the rest of them do.

The working class must learn, as they are learning fast, that they and they alone can improve their conditions and finally abolish class rule in all its forms. No other class in society is interested in them except to continue their power to rob and exploit.

Whatever Hearst or any other capitalist may do for the workers they will never liberate our class. They don't get their living that way. Their living depends on our exploitation and stupidity at the ballot box.

Just now Hearst is buying discredited labor fakirs who preach "no politics in the union" when it is a question of the workers taking political action in favor of their class as advised by the Socialist, but who are always up to their ears in capitalist politics either trying to use their membership in the union to secure a soft snap themselves or selling their supposed "influence" to politicians.

It is fitting that this type in the labor movement should flock to Hearst for the treachery of one is only equalled by the brazen sensationalism of the other.

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The Socialist Party is the only party of the working class in America that has won its right of support. It bases its entire position on the interests of the working class and demands the surrender of the ruling capitalist class as the first essential "step" towards improvement of the workers' condition.

Let workingmen remember what Marx and Engels told them more than fifty years ago, and which is just as sound advice now as when it was uttered: "Workingmen of all countries unite. You have nothing but your chains to lose but you have a world to gain."

OBSERVATIONS.

Next Tuesday is election day in most of the cities and incorporated towns of Indiana. It is the one day in the year in which the workers united could make their numbers count.

The politician and "friend of labor" is abroad with free beer and bum cigars, telling the workers how, in his early days, he toiled long hours for small wages and that labor will always have his sympathy.

Last week J. Frank Hanley of Lafayette, who hopes to be governor of Indiana, and against whom the Indiana Federation of Labor has issued a circular stating that his attitude has been against legislation favoring labor, gave a hearing before two Terre Haute unions.

"Issues" between capitalist parties are very easy to find. At most of the town elections in Illinois last week the issue was "license or no license." Interpreted, this issue simply resolves itself into the question of whether the residents of the Illinois towns will buy their booze from a licensed saloon or an unlicensed drug store.

All the politicians in Terre Haute are now the very best "friends of labor." The municipal election occurs next Tuesday. Every candidate is busy distributing his cards, and every one of these cards bears the union label.

The great union labor advocate, Henry Schloss, who, to save the union printers from doing too much work, voted against the ordinance to have the union label on all municipal printing, although the people had voted five to one for such an ordinance, also has the label on his cards.

Ed Roach and J. M. Vickroy were also so deeply interested in the welfare of the union that they voted against the will of the people as expressed by a vote of five to one, in order that union men might not be overworked. They also have the union label on their cards.

The break in the democratic meeting last Saturday brought together strange companions. The meeting was called to take snap judgment in the Hearst crowd. Instead of the usual primaries, called by the county commission, the chairman called a "mass" meeting of all democrats in the county to a "public" hearing.

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the Manufacturers' association, which is officered by the officials of such notorious scab concerns as the car works, the stamping mill and the wheel works. The purposes of the organization are announced to be for social intercourse and mutual protection.

That article about New Zealand in the last issue of The Toiler was a piece of "plate" matter and hardly gives a correct conception of conditions there—at least from a workingman's point of view.

Clay Workers on Strike For Recognition and \$150 a Day.

Local union No. 32 International Brick Tile and Terra Cotta Workers alliance of Mecca is in a fight for its life. The contract with Wm. E. Dee expired the last of March and has not been renewed.

The manager of Dee's plant was approached early in April with a view to making a new contract. The men were ignored. A week before the contract expired the union submitted a scale calling for a nine hour day at the old wages, \$1.50 per day.

The strikers think it is the opening of an organized effort to disrupt all unions hereabouts, and are determined to resist to the last. They solicit the support of all union men. Send donations to Geo. Cunningham, Mecca, Ind.

God Give us Men. "God give us men," the poet cried, And still 'tis echoed far and wide Throughout our broad domain.

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attempted to outrage. Under such circumstances it must be admitted that his punishment was very severe—from the standpoint of the Citizens' Alliance and its band of hired criminals. The business element of Trinidad have held a meeting for the purpose of endorsing the actions of Peabody during the strike.

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Fellow Workingmen and Citizens:

It requires no argument to convince the average man that it is a hard struggle to obtain food, clothing and shelter for himself and those dependent on him, but it is a difficult undertaking to convince him that he can improve his lot by voting a certain way. This is especially so when the Socialists are trying to prove it. You are perhaps one of those who toil and struggle, and because you do not succeed better you think the fault is your own. You have little time or consideration for the Socialists who ask you to break away from your favorite political party and join the Socialist Party and vote for a principle which has a few supporters.

Your Boss Keeps You Ignorant.

If you have heard of Socialism, it all is from the enemy, and your mind is poisoned by prejudice and you do not want to devote any time to original investigation. This is just where you make a mistake. You let the other fellow do your thinking and he will teach you to act in such a way that you will serve his interest and not your own. And so the workingman has been stuffed with a lot of false ideas and kept from serving his own interest.

That there are some men doing well who do not have to work and worry except to find ways to spend and invest their surplus riches cannot be disputed. These men are known as capitalists, and they are in politics to the fullest measure, but they don't want you to go in; and they misrepresent every movement and vilify every person that aims to get the workers to think and act for their own interest.

Your Boss Controls the Government and All Sources of Information.

The capitalist class control every department of government. They can have any measure passed that they see fit, and can defeat and have defeated every measure that would redound to the interest of the working class. They violate the law without fear, and if they do not succeed in preventing the passage of a labor law they will influence its enforcement or interpretation in such a manner that it will be of little benefit.

By a process of miseducation through the newspapers, the schools and often the churches the working class is taught contentment and submission to the rule of the rich. The slimy and ignorant politician who comes around about election time and pats you on the shoulder and tells you what a good fellow you are, has nothing to offer you in the way of improvement in your industrial condition. He harps on the refrain of the capitalist that all is prosperity, when the daily experience of every man gives such a statement the lie.

The newspapers are controlled absolutely by the capitalist class and without exception do their utmost to fasten the chains on the workers. By misrepresentation and deception the mass of the people are kept in ignorance of their rights and powers and are prevented from learning by a prejudice created by capitalistic agencies.

What the Socialist Party Is

The Socialist Party is not a reform movement which aims to patch up the present disorder of things by electing good men to office. On the contrary it is not claimed that Socialists are any better than other men and it is not intended to mend the present system. It is aimed to abolish it and put a new principle of wealth production and distribution into operation.

Why Men, Women and Children are Hungry and in Rags.

Men, women and children are not hungry because there is not enough food for all; nor are they wearing rags and living in shanties because clothing and houses, or the means to produce such, are scarce. There is plenty for all but through an ingenious and villainous system of laws the wealth of the nation flows into the coffers of a few plutocrats. Rockefeller and his colleagues can raise the price of any of the necessities of life and every individual is obliged to pay tribute and there is no way to obtain redress. Our forefathers threw off the yoke of England for a few pennies tax on tea. And we must now submit to a more burdensome tax by a greedier set of robbers.

These men have come into possession of their great power through the ownership of the means of life. The law recognizes the right of the individual to own as much land, machinery and factories as he can get hold of, and in the competitive struggle the little fellow has been crushed out and the few have combined until all great lines of industry are controlled by a few men who charge monopoly prices for every thing we buy.

In order to maintain prices they close shops and turn out workers to tramp and starve. This enables them to reduce wages by having an unemployed army besieging for work. By forcing them up and wages down the workers are kept at a point of starvation. Improved methods and machinery, together with the employment of wretched children, puts the worker entirely at the

mercy of the capitalist whose only religion is profits. There are about two million children at work and a like number of women, while there is an equal number of unemployed men in the United States.

Business Failures.

It is like gambling for a man to embark in business with small capital. Failure is almost a certainty. About ninety per cent of the failures are those who go into business with less than \$5,000 and nearly all go out of business after a few years struggle. These failures swell the army of wage workers and further depress wages.

The entire tendency of the present system is to concentrate wealth into fewer and fewer hands and to spread poverty among an ever increasing number of the people. About ninety per cent of the wealth today is controlled by one per cent of the people and within ten years at the present rate all the wealth will be owned by one per cent.

What the Capitalist Parties Stand For.

What do the republican and the democratic or the prohibition parties offer as a solution to this alarming condition? Not a thing. All of them stand for the existing arrangement and while they may make a few promises to arrest the present tendency they will always do the bidding of the capitalists. Every law passed against the trusts has, for one reason or another, been found inefficient because the dominant party politicians are the tools of the rich and will see the workers robbed without making a move to prevent it.

The Socialists maintain that the right to privately own the sources and means of wealth production is the prime cause of the inequality in the ownership of wealth and the cause of corruption in government, and they seek to abolish that right. If some men have special privileges which enable them to obtain great benefits they will be interested in protecting such privileges and so the capitalists have not scrupled to use every means in society to bolster up their cause.

You may not relish the idea of common ownership in those things that all the people must use in common. You may cherish the fond delusion that some day you may be a great capitalist. You ought to stop dreaming. Your chances of such success are unworthy of a moment's thought, and you will, before long, be compelled to view matters as the Socialists do and will then cast aside your old political foolishness and vote for your interest.

As a working man or a professional or small business man there is nothing before you under the present industrial arrangement but insecurity of employment, anxiety and poverty.

Prosperity is Gone.

We have passed the period of so-called prosperity and the downward tendency has set in. Factories are being closed and a vigorous campaign of wage reduction has begun. The achievements of the labor organizations for the last four years will now be wrested from them. The large army of unemployed will enable the employers' organizations to break the unions and force them to submit to their terms. All along the line a well developed plan has begun to fight the labor unions, and the courts and militia are called on to aid the employers with the result that the unions are whipped at every turn.

The Folly of Want.

Why should men be idle and hungry when there is every means at hand to supply the wants of all. Does your chosen political party offer an explanation and show you a clear way of escape? Indeed it does not. The ignorant and unscrupulous politician does not know much else than to "boodle" and take pay from the rich for his perfidy. There is no reason why men should suffer poverty and involuntary idleness other than that the masters can no longer make a profit out of them because he cannot sell the things the men might make. In other words the men who own the shops, factories etc. of this country can no longer operate them and the time has come for the people to take them and use them for the common good and welfare.

But your republican party and your democratic party says nay! We must suffer from want until the present owners can see their way clear to resume operations. How silly this is! Yourself and family in need and you willing to work yet you cannot do so because the means are controlled by another who will not use them nor allow you to use them. This is the dog-in-the-manger principle that your party stands for.

What the Socialist Party Advocates.

The Socialist party advocates the taking over of the land, machinery, factories, stores and the railroads and operating them by the people collectively and abolishing private ownership in those things that we must all use in common in order to live. This will abolish idleness for every man will have an opportunity to work and will get the full product of his labor. The millionaire on the one hand and the tramp on the other will both pass away and no man will have the power to live off the labor of another as all must work to live.

The Socialist Party is the party of the future. It has the only practical and effectual solution for the evils of the present industrial and social system. It is a party of the working class and is absolutely controlled by such. It is the only party which comes before the people with a program of action designed to permanently remove the poverty, crime and demoralization of the existing system. It is the only party that has no connection or affiliation with the capitalist class or capital-

istic influences but aims to abolish the system that has given rise to hostile class interests in society.

The Socialist Party of Brazil comes before the workmen and citizens of the city with a full ticket composed of men of integrity who are pledged to put the program of the party into effect as far as the state laws will permit. Every person believing in the principles of Socialism is invited to join the party by signing an application blank. This entitles the member to vote in the management of the party and keeps the party out of the control of adventurers and politicians and other capitalistic influences.

Why You Should Join and Support the Socialist Party.

All over the nation industrial development is compelling men to embrace Socialist principles, but in order to realize Socialist ideals a strong political party with a practical program is necessary and everyone who favors Socialist ideas should join the party and help to organize and educate others.

We ask you to carefully read the declaration and platform herewith and if you agree with the ideas therein expressed you are invited to join the party and vote the ticket.

Municipal Platform of the Socialist Party

The Socialist party advocates the abolition of the present system of wealth production which permits a few individuals to own and control the means and sources of wealth and to despoil the man; and it seeks to establish in place thereof, socialism, or a system of industry whereby the means and opportunities will be collectively owned, and managed democratically by the workers.

The right of private ownership in the means of wealth production, such as land, machinery, factories and the means of transportation and communication has operated to concentrate the greater part of the wealth of the country in the possession of a small number of individuals known as the capitalist class who have the power to decree how, when and where the great mass of the people shall work and what they shall receive for their labor and likewise this small class sets the price on everything the workers buy.

Through the development of machinery and improvement in the methods of producing wealth, the things that minister to our material wants are no longer made in small shops occupied by a few skilled hand workers, but are now produced in great factories with complicated and expensive machinery operated by many workmen, each doing a small part of the work and all cooperating to produce the finished product.

This improved and expensive machinery and complex method of wealth production has destroyed the independence of the workers and they now must sell their labor power to those who own the factory and other means of employment. Thus society has become divided into two hostile classes with opposing interests.

The working class, deprived of the power of self-employment, must bid against each other for the chance to work, and as the number of workers under capitalism must always exceed the number of opportunities, wages always tend to the point of a bare subsistence.

The capitalist class not only control the opportunities of wealth production but also control the government and use its powers to protect and advance their material interests. The schools, the public press and often the pulpit are used to foster and defend the privileges of the capitalist class, while the stores and factories are filled with women and children toiling long hours for a miserable pittance while stalwart men are idle or half-employed all over the land.

To prevent the corruption of government and the prostitution of the schools and the press by the unscrupulous rich; to abolish the idleness, poverty and degradation of the working class and to establish a condition in which the cause of vice and general demoralization will be banished, the governmental authority must be secured by the working class to convert the means of wealth production from privately owned and controlled capital into public property and every individual be given a free and equal opportunity to work and be given the full proceeds of his labor.

But before this change can be completed the Socialist party must be in control of all the departments of government; and the capitalist class and the capitalist parties must be dislodged from all their entrenchments. During the transition from capitalism to socialism whenever the Socialist party obtains control of the government of cities it will use the powers so secured to advance the interests of the working class.

While the control of a city will give the Socialist party and its representatives only a small opportunity to put into effect the principles of socialism there are certain measures which redound to the benefit of the working class, which tend towards socialism and will be adopted to the fullest degree the state law will permit.

As progressive measures towards the concentration of industry in the control of the government and as a program for the guidance of Socialist representatives in municipal offices and councils, the Socialist party in every city and town where its representatives are elected pledges itself to put the following platform in force as far as the state law will allow:

1. All public utilities such as water, gas, heating and electric light works, telephone and street railway facilities and all industries requiring special grant of power shall be established, maintained and controlled by the municipality.
2. Socialist representatives will endeavor whenever possible to have all special privileges revoked and the functions so vacated assumed by the municipality.
3. Socialist representatives will oppose the doing of public work by contract and will have all work done by direct employment of the workmen by the municipality.
4. All employees of the public shall work not more than eight hours per day and shall receive the union scale where such exists, otherwise they shall be paid the highest rate of prevailing wages and the minimum at no time shall be less than \$2.00 per day, and in the purchase of supplies those made under fair conditions shall receive the preference.
5. Rigid inspections of factories and dwellings shall be provided that the lives and the health of the working people may be protected.
6. Ample school facilities will be provided for those desiring to attend school, and where parents are unable, the municipality will provide books and meals and clothes for children. Night sessions will be maintained for those who must work during the day.
7. The municipality will have public works established to furnish work for the unemployed and will give in payment of such work drafts on the products of such public industries, each worker to receive the full value of his product.
8. In the event of a conflict between the capitalists and the workers the power of government shall be used to sustain the workers.
9. That Socialist representatives

CLASS WAR IN COLORADO.

Whereas, the voters of Colorado, by a large majority, adopted an amendment to the state constitution providing for the enactment of an eight hour day in the mills and mines of Colorado, and

Whereas, the nominees of the democratic and republican parties pledged themselves to enact such a law if elected but utterly failed to fulfill their promises after election, and

Whereas, the mine workers of Colorado, in order to enforce the expressed wish of the people of Colorado, were obliged to strike at several points, and

Whereas, Governor Peabody, elected on the republican ticket, and pledged that he would aid in the procuring of an eight hour law, sent into the strike district at the behest of the Mine Owners' association, the state militia and placed them at the command of such association, and

Whereas, martial law has been put in force and the rights of the working class and their sympathizers have been ruthlessly violated and men have been driven from their homes and thrust into the military prison, and

Whereas, the Citizens Industrial Alliance, formed for the ostensible purpose of enforcing the law, has taken upon itself to forcibly deport peaceable workmen at the point of guns, and

Whereas, Governor Peabody has extended martial law over such district to afford protection to said alliance against an injunction issued by a civil court in behalf of the deported miners, therefore be it

Resolved that the Socialist Party of Terre Haute denounce the outlawry of the capitalist class and the perfidy of the capitalist politicians, and be it

Resolved that the working class be hereby warned to heed the experience of the Colorado workers and support a political party organized and controlled by the workers, such as the Socialist Party.



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For Councilmen--Third Ward
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For Councilmen--Fourth Ward
JOHN HAMILTON.
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Carey's Lecture.

The lecture by James F. Carey a week ago Sunday at Germania hall was poorly attended. Those who stayed away missed a great treat as Comrade Carey is without doubt one of the most effective and entertaining speakers in this country. His exposition of the predicament of capitalist politics and policies, the absurdity of accepted views on competition and industrial evolution and his advice as to working class action in politics were clear, comprehensive and logical. The humorous side of all his propositions was brought out and the audience was kept in a state of merriment during the lecture.

The speaker, by request, told of his experiences in the Colorado strike district a few weeks ago while on a speaking tour there.

Peabody's Latest Dirty Work.

In the dispatches from Denver announcing that Gov. Peabody had again sent the militia into the strike districts the real reason crops out in the words stating that the soldiers will "relieve the private guards of the mine operators who receive \$5 per day." These operators scoured the country for strike breakers, but it seems that their armed thugs have merely been an enormous expense, and if the truth is known probably they did not want the strike ended as long as they could stand around with guns in their hands and draw \$5 a day and feed. Finding that their experiment was a heavy drain, the operators saddle the responsibility upon the state of Colorado, and Peabody forces the militiamen to scab the thugs out of their jobs. That struggle in Colorado between the miners on one side and the trusts and state government on the other, has hardly if ever been equalled in this country. The miners claim that their men are as firm today as at the beginning and there is no predicting how the fight will end. The state has been completely bankrupted by Peabody and the operators.--Citizen.

TERRE HAUTE SOCIALIST NEWS.

James Onal visited in Terre Haute for a couple of days last week while the national headquarters were being moved from Omaha to Chicago. He describes the work in the national office as rather strenuous.

The campaign committee has gotten out a very neat and effective folder for distribution. Part of the matter contained in it appears in The Toller this week.

Comrade Bowlen came over from Indianapolis last week and spoke on the street two nights.

Terre Haute certainly has its share of delegates to the national convention. Comrades Debs, Jas. Onal and Reynolds have been elected. Comrades Barrett of Indianapolis and Gridley of Aurora are also delegates.

At the meeting of the branch last Sunday a committee was appointed to devise plans to extend the organization and get into it the unaffiliated Socialists of the city.

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MAILLY'S REPORT

National Secretary Sends News of the Socialist Movement

The national organizing fund still goes slowly upward.

State Secretary Jas. S. Smith of Illinois has issued a circular of information concerning hotel accommodations at the national convention.

People wishing to attend the national convention at Chicago May 1 can obtain a one and one-third fare for the round trip by securing a cash fare receipt when they buy their ticket to Chicago.

The referendum on the location of the national headquarters resulted in the choice of Chicago by a large majority. The vote was as follows: Chicago, 5,807; Indianapolis, 1,182; Washington, D. C., 506.

The office furniture is being moved, and it is expected that the national headquarters will be fairly well prepared for the convention visitors at the Windy City May 1.

The national headquarters of the Socialist party has been removed from Omaha and established at room 400, Boylston building, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago.

All communications for the national secretary should be addressed accordingly, and all remittances made payable to William Mailly, national secretary.

The meeting of the national convention will necessarily require the attention of the force in the national office and the national secretary therefore requests that correspondents take this into account and have patience if their letters do not receive immediate attention.

The removal of headquarters just preceding the national convention places the national office force at a temporary disadvantage, but the normal condition of affairs will be restored as soon as possible.

Reports to the national headquarters are to the effect that a large and representative gathering will be in attendance at the national convention which opens in Chicago May 1st.

The national secretary is arranging to have the official report of the secretary of the convention issued to the Socialist press as soon as the convention closes.

SOMEWHAT EDITED

If one wants to know how socialism destroys individuality he should attend a socialist convention.

There is more individuality to the square inch there than anywhere else, and its every inch alive.

The farm lands near Iowa Falls, Ia., have organized and demand \$30 per month and board—which is really less than \$1.50 per day without board, but farm hands usually get only \$15 or \$20 per month and board.

The eight-hour law is tyranny, says the capitalist. He knows which side his bread is buttered on.

But the average workman thinks it all right to work 10 or 12 hours a day and get only one-fifth of his product, so he keeps on voting for the capitalist party to kill all 8-hour laws that are proposed.

PROVOKED TO ANARCHY

Miners Appeal to Arms in Pennsylvania

Sumeret, Pa., April 19.—The striking coal miners at Garrett are reported to have taken possession of the town.

Armed men are said to be patrolling the streets and a mob armed with rifles and shotguns are reported to have surrounded the works of the Garret Coal company.

An outbreak is momentarily expected between the strikers and the miners in the company barricade.

The latter are nearly all Italians and are said to be ready to resist an attack if made.

The sheriff has reached the scene with 200 deputies. The state militia will be called out at once if necessary.

Please observe how promptly the anarchy of outraged miners is suppressed by military power, while the anarchy of Gov. Peabody, Gen. Bell and Operator Capt. Wells of Colorado is blandly tolerated by our capitalist government.

PREACHER TURNS A GAMBLER

To Save His Family From Want

BUTTE, Mont., April 22.—C. E. Henderson, a Methodist minister, 60 years old, who lost his pulpit in Salt Lake City a year ago on account of his age, came to Butte with his wife and two children. Since then he has been unable to get a call as a pastor.

He has eked out only a scant living for himself and family. He has worked on the streets and washed dishes at the hotels, but could not supply his wants.

Yesterday he called at the city employment agency, where he had for a year been a daily caller, and announced that he was going to Los Angeles.

He had a prosperous appearance and said he had suffered from want long enough. He had turned gambler and fortune had smiled upon him.

"I would have committed a crime to save my family from hunger, for I could get no assistance," said the old preacher. "I believe it was God that put it into my head to try my luck at roulette. I played my last dollar on the red and won. I doubled and won again. I played them all. Providence remained with me and lifted me from the quagmire of despair."

"Every day for two weeks, I have played and continued in luck. Today I have \$1,500 in my pocket and we are going to California to start life over again."

This incident shocks every reader, but what could the old man do? Try the board of trade where so many church members win or lose? Try brokerage and skin the poor by exorbitant commissions? Engage in "business" (already overdone) and crush some other poor fellow out? Try real estate and become a mere exploiter of the public?

In fact when one considers the matter fairly, ROULETTE IS NO MORE A GAMBLING GAME THAN MOST OF THE WAYS IN WHICH MEN MAKE A LIVING outside of direct productive industry.

The gambler comes as honestly by his money as any other man who gets wealth without producing its equivalent.

THE WHOLE PROFIT SYSTEM IS A GIGANTIC GAMBLING CONCERN by which the workers are fleeced out of the wealth they create. One kind of gambling is no worse than another.

Let us have an honest system whereby the producer will get the wealth he creates and the loafers, exploiters, profit-takers and all other gamblers will be put out of business forever.

We are all tarred with the same stick. People can not be fully honest or kind under a system of dog-eat-dog. Competition means war, cruelty, deception—anything to win. It is the infernal system that is to blame. Away with it.

CHILD LABOR EVIL. URGENT DEMAND FOR STRINGENT LAWS REGARDING IT.

The Fight in Great Britain in Behalf of Children—Need of Legislation in This Country to Check the Growth of the Pernicious System.

In a recent discussion of the child labor problem Hon. Hoke Smith, former secretary of the interior, said:

"In 1890 the census report showed us that there were employed in our stores children between the ages of ten and fifteen to the number of more than 800,000. Unless legislation prevents the increase in the next ten years it will be even greater. What are we going to do about it? Are we to wait or act? It took in England three-quarters of a century of fighting by the friends of the children before legislation was secured to fairly protect them from the factories, the mines and the workshops. The oldest statesmen of Great Britain in the early part of the last century began the fight. They were told that the industries of Great Britain would be ruined, and that Germany and France would outstrip her. The same kind of arguments are made in most of our states today. It took a long time then for the friends of the young to overcome the influence and power of those who were using children, and the willingness to let them work, the willingness not of masters, but of idle and fatal fathers. All during that history reports to the English parliament are filled with records of shame and suffering and misery. Before her count looks the noblest doctors of Great Britain remonstrated to such an extent that the use of children in factories and workshops that a permanent law was passed to protect the physical condition of man."

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"But we need not go to the records and reports for information. Turn to your own children. See what is needed to train them. Suppose they were to be confined long hours in dark walls and close rooms, without leadership, without instruction, without direction, at monotonous work. What would happen to them? Think of all your loving care and training by the best teachers in the best schools and all that is done to strengthen them. Then think of that all taken away, and put your own children in such places as these child laborers fill. Let the president be as kind as he may—and I want to state that so far as my observation goes the large majority of the men at the head of cotton mills in my section are kind and helpful to their children and to their employees—but in spite of that fact you will find ignorant and pallid faces, dejected countenances, appearance which indicates sickness and the lowest vitality.

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MAILLY'S REPORT

National Secretary Sends News of the Socialist Movement

The national organizing fund still goes slowly upward.

State Secretary Jas. S. Smith of Illinois has issued a circular of information concerning hotel accommodations at the national convention.

People wishing to attend the national convention at Chicago May 1 can obtain a one and one-third fare for the round trip by securing a cash fare receipt when they buy their ticket to Chicago.

The referendum on the location of the national headquarters resulted in the choice of Chicago by a large majority. The vote was as follows: Chicago, 5,807; Indianapolis, 1,182; Washington, D. C., 506.

The office furniture is being moved, and it is expected that the national headquarters will be fairly well prepared for the convention visitors at the Windy City May 1.

The national headquarters of the Socialist party has been removed from Omaha and established at room 400, Boylston building, 269 Dearborn street, Chicago.

All communications for the national secretary should be addressed accordingly, and all remittances made payable to William Mailly, national secretary.

The meeting of the national convention will necessarily require the attention of the force in the national office and the national secretary therefore requests that correspondents take this into account and have patience if their letters do not receive immediate attention.

The removal of headquarters just preceding the national convention places the national office force at a temporary disadvantage, but the normal condition of affairs will be restored as soon as possible.

Reports to the national headquarters are to the effect that a large and representative gathering will be in attendance at the national convention which opens in Chicago May 1st.

The national secretary is arranging to have the official report of the secretary of the convention issued to the Socialist press as soon as the convention closes.

SOMEWHAT EDITED

If one wants to know how socialism destroys individuality he should attend a socialist convention.

There is more individuality to the square inch there than anywhere else, and its every inch alive.

The farm lands near Iowa Falls, Ia., have organized and demand \$30 per month and board—which is really less than \$1.50 per day without board, but farm hands usually get only \$15 or \$20 per month and board.

The eight-hour law is tyranny, says the capitalist. He knows which side his bread is buttered on.

But the average workman thinks it all right to work 10 or 12 hours a day and get only one-fifth of his product, so he keeps on voting for the capitalist party to kill all 8-hour laws that are proposed.

PROVOKED TO ANARCHY

Miners Appeal to Arms in Pennsylvania

Sumeret, Pa., April 19.—The striking coal miners at Garrett are reported to have taken possession of the town.

Armed men are said to be patrolling the streets and a mob armed with rifles and shotguns are reported to have surrounded the works of the Garret Coal company.

An outbreak is momentarily expected between the strikers and the miners in the company barricade.

The latter are nearly all Italians and are said to be ready to resist an attack if made.

The sheriff has reached the scene with 200 deputies. The state militia will be called out at once if necessary.

Please observe how promptly the anarchy of outraged miners is suppressed by military power, while the anarchy of Gov. Peabody, Gen. Bell and Operator Capt. Wells of Colorado is blandly tolerated by our capitalist government.

PREACHER TURNS A GAMBLER

To Save His Family From Want

BUTTE, Mont., April 22.—C. E. Henderson, a Methodist minister, 60 years old, who lost his pulpit in Salt Lake City a year ago on account of his age, came to Butte with his wife and two children. Since then he has been unable to get a call as a pastor.

He has eked out only a scant living for himself and family. He has worked on the streets and washed dishes at the hotels, but could not supply his wants.

Yesterday he called at the city employment agency, where he had for a year been a daily caller, and announced that he was going to Los Angeles.

He had a prosperous appearance and said he had suffered from want long enough. He had turned gambler and fortune had smiled upon him.

"I would have committed a crime to save my family from hunger, for I could get no assistance," said the old preacher. "I believe it was God that put it into my head to try my luck at roulette. I played my last dollar on the red and won. I doubled and won again. I played them all. Providence remained with me and lifted me from the quagmire of despair."

"Every day for two weeks, I have played and continued in luck. Today I have \$1,500 in my pocket and we are going to California to start life over again."

This incident shocks every reader, but what could the old man do? Try the board of trade where so many church members win or lose? Try brokerage and skin the poor by exorbitant commissions? Engage in "business" (already overdone) and crush some other poor fellow out? Try real estate and become a mere exploiter of the public?

In fact when one considers the matter fairly, ROULETTE IS NO MORE A GAMBLING GAME THAN MOST OF THE WAYS IN WHICH MEN MAKE A LIVING outside of direct productive industry.

The gambler comes as honestly by his money as any other man who gets wealth without producing its equivalent.

THE WHOLE PROFIT SYSTEM IS A GIGANTIC GAMBLING CONCERN by which the workers are fleeced out of the wealth they create. One kind of gambling is no worse than another.

Let us have an honest system whereby the producer will get the wealth he creates and the loafers, exploiters, profit-takers and all other gamblers will be put out of business forever.

We are all tarred with the same stick. People can not be fully honest or kind under a system of dog-eat-dog. Competition means war, cruelty, deception—anything to win. It is the infernal system that is to blame. Away with it.

CHILD LABOR EVIL. URGENT DEMAND FOR STRINGENT LAWS REGARDING IT.

The Fight in Great Britain in Behalf of Children—Need of Legislation in This Country to Check the Growth of the Pernicious System.

In a recent discussion of the child labor problem Hon. Hoke Smith, former secretary of the interior, said:

"In 1890 the census report showed us that there were employed in our stores children between the ages of ten and fifteen to the number of more than 800,000. Unless legislation prevents the increase in the next ten years it will be even greater. What are we going to do about it? Are we to wait or act? It took in England three-quarters of a century of fighting by the friends of the children before legislation was secured to fairly protect them from the factories, the mines and the workshops. The oldest statesmen of Great Britain in the early part of the last century began the fight. They were told that the industries of Great Britain would be ruined, and that Germany and France would outstrip her. The same kind of arguments are made in most of our states today. It took a long time then for the friends of the young to overcome the influence and power of those who were using children, and the willingness to let them work, the willingness not of masters, but of idle and fatal fathers. All during that history reports to the English parliament are filled with records of shame and suffering and misery. Before her count looks the noblest doctors of Great Britain remonstrated to such an extent that the use of children in factories and workshops that a permanent law was passed to protect the physical condition of man."

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