

## Dumb Labor Suffers Still

### A Strong Militant Working Class Press the Supreme Need of the Working Class

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 30. At the close of the session there was a lot of slush about the mine owners having conceded to the demands of the union and abolished the card system and open shop. After the constabulary bill had passed the senate and had had its preliminary hearing in the assembly the legislators from Esmeralda county began to think of possible complications that might arise with an oppressive legalized force of gun men ruling the Goldfield district, the union defied and the scab enthroned. So they got busy and wired to the mine owners association asking them to concede the relinquishment of the card system and the establishment of the open shop as the condition of their passing the constabulary bill through the lower house. They were well fortified in making their point as they emphasized the fact that the blacklist was opposed to the statute of Nevada. These Goldfield "legislators" are little two by four merchants. Whenever the union is drawn from any mining district and industrial troubles prevail, this is the class that suffers, goes bankrupt and finally has to leave the place. These merchants don't want to see any trouble, even to increase the revenue.

The mine owners are not heavy buyers in a camp but the well paid miner is. So the mine owners after all their using of Sparks were up against it with the little fellows they had sent to the legislature to do their bidding. The union remains intact still able and ready to strike at any time and the sole function of the police now will be to protect the scabs and deport aggressive union men.

**Stock Juggling with Agitator.**  
There is no question but the mine owners have used the worst tales of agitators that could be manufactured in order to enable them to juggle the stock market. The sale of rotten Goldfield stocks has been something scandalous. To keep the wrath of the market from descending on the robbers, the blaming of the whole condition on the industrial agitators was a god-send. The daily papers in quoting the market have claimed right along that stocks rose with favorable report from Carson and were depressed whenever the course looked choppy for the constabulary bill.

At the first reports that the union was to be left intact, the papers hastened to assert that stocks had fluctuated.

Wingfield and Nixon, chief owners

of the Consolidated properties, are up against it with the Guggenheims. It is said that Senator Guggenheim loaned them a million dollars some months since and Wingfield is now in Washington consulting with the Guggenheims.

**Political Action Only Resort.**  
The crushing and overwhelming blow dealt the union by the physical power of the state is a tremendous commentary on the present impotency of the policy of organized labor. If there had been just one socialist on the floor of the assembly at Carson City, he could easily have stampeded the whole corrupt frame-up. These servile and craven hirelings are dumb and stupid with no reason in them and no guide but the smell of the pig trough.

A socialist—a well posted, intelligent socialist which is the only sort that should be put up for positions of responsibility, knows exactly what he should do at every turn, is not fooled by the lying and corrupt persuasions of justice and by his forceful presentation of the side of the workers if he does not influence legislation in their behalf sends the protest of the proletariat ringing through the social structure.

Another case where the Nevada working class lamentably showed its weakness, the general weakness of the working class is that it has no organ, no power of the press whatever to counteract the lying attacks made by the debauched and hopelessly partisan press of its enemies. A journal stating the union side should have been circulated every morning exposing the lies and the foxy misrepresentation of the capitalist paper. The working class was completely at the mercy of these sheets and compelled to occupy a ridiculous position. The union treasuries should go to support a class press ahead of every other consideration. It is the super-important weapon.

Political power hurled on the capitalist and a strong class press—these are the objective points for the working class and not until they possess them, can they overcome the enemy.

Ida Crouch-Hazlett.

**What They Voted For.**  
The Morse Dry Dock Co., of Brooklyn advertised for 50 men. 3,700 answered the ad.

Factory doors closed on 3,000 men at Ft. Wayne, Ind.

Jobless army 30,000 strong driven from the City of Boston by police.

200,000 jobless men in Chicago.

## JUST A COMMON WORKING MAN

He was a hod-carrier, about 37 years, born in Sweden. He lived in Reno, Nevada, and there he committed suicide last Monday in his lonely cabin, because, as he said in the note that he left, he had been robbed of his hope of physical existence, and hope to man is the same as a rudder to a ship.

They found his body three days after.

He left a statement which he wished published. The Reno Journal in commenting upon it said his theories of life showed him to be unbalanced. Let us look over some of them and see if a man was crazed because he could think such thoughts.

"Good-bye, old earth, good-bye. I am done with thy sorrow and thought. I have done my duty. I refuse to be any longer a material slave.

"I have like all selfish men sown richness so I would be able to enslave others, and not be a slave myself; for that is all that richness means; to take advantage of others' efforts; I failed, and I am glad of it.

"I was born in the Province of Wornland, Sweden. My mother died soon after I was born, and so I was brought up an orphan and in poverty. When I was of age to look out for myself I agreed to render my service for a year at a time for a salary less than I can earn here in a month. But here is where that blessed land differs from this; when I entered that service I

received the same consideration as the sons in the family, social, moral. Yes, in every way we trusted one another; and the result, no hate, no crime. I worked with joy and the years passed by, and soon I had the price of a ticket to America. But in this rich land at the same occupation, I found myself looked upon as a one of the implements of the farm; and at my leisure time soon found myself peeping out into the great Nature through a manure hole in the barn.

"Ah, thou beautiful land of the midnight sun, thou may be short of gold, but thou art rich in love.

"I would rather leave this earth a coward than to be a hero and dwell in prisons; and I refuse to beg. For that is about all that the present selfish idea of life produces, lunatics, cowards, criminals and beggars. The idea of naming this a high state of civilization, with the money spirit in man.

"I could be of some use to myself and others under a natural system for I can do anything from tilling the soil to building a mansion. I have not been idle. I have helped to refine millions of pounds of copper in Butte, Montana. I have helped to build railroads; to erect landmarks in every city along the Pacific coast, in the shape of homes, art galleries, mansions for idlers, and devil factories for men.

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## Russian Rules For Miners

### Not One Member Is Able to Give Economic Interpretation to Political Events

### Legislators Elected on Working Class Ticket will Legislate for the Working Class

Carson City, Nev., Jan. 29. On Monday Jan. 27, 1908, America entered upon a Russian policy of leading with labor. The Cossack bill for handling strikers and dealing with troublesome socialists and labor agitators passed the assembly, only eight having the stamina to vote against it. The fram-up was a shameless bulldoze almost as bad as when Senator Nixon did all the filthy buying work for the Southern Pacific in the legislature.

He tood in the lobby and openly held up his fingers as an indication of how his pulling retainers were to vote. All the senate came in and the members sat beside each assemblyman to watch his very act.

Congressman Bartlett was there with his sly, dishonest, foxy face and his reputable old sports, supreme judges, all bought too, probably. Wingfield has taken up a \$25,000 note for Supreme Court Judge Sweeney, it is said and other "dignitaries" that might lend awe and grandilquent power to the occasion. Even a "priest" was not wanting ready to call down a blessing upon this mass of filth, corruption, lies, deception, bribery, robbery, man betrayed of his brother, gamblers, ex-pimps, the harlot house of Winfield's prostitutes.

**Pleading For Justice.**  
In the morning several petitions were read from Hogen citizens, from the Rhyolite union, from the Buckskin union, protesting against the passage of the constabulary bill as class legislation in the interest only of a few corporations and subsidized papers. The bill was characterized as the overthrow of civil authority and the establishment of a military despotism and conflict with the constitution of the United States. According to the organic law no state can make or enforce any law against personal privileges or liberty, and no state can make any in conflict therewith.

When Husky, the lawyer, to who corporation money looks good, chairman of the special standing committee on the police measure, reported the bill he said its recommendation was unanimous. Hamilton got up and said it was not, several test votes were taken previous to the passage of the bill that showed how completely debauched the entire legislature was. One motion insisting that the governor present the entire correspondence relative to the Goldfield matter in accordance with a measure passed by the assembly some time previous was voted down with only twelve in the affirmative.

**Skaggs Obstinate.**  
Speaker Skaggs made a brave fight all through surrendering the chair to take the floor against the bill. He moved to refer the bill back to the special committee for various reasons, one being that it was in conflict with the constitution of Nevada which gives no authority to the governor to declare martial law for which the bill provides. He said the law was utterly unable to stand the test of the courts and was so expansive that its enforcement would bankrupt the state; that it provided for a lot of fat salaries for people who wanted to live easy and was an outrageous graft. Only eight votes were given for the motion.

Some half dozen amendments were presented, all were snuffed completely under. Hamilton made an amendment to have all special authority subordinate to the civil. Voted down.

There was not an orator on the floor, no one who would say one thing to defend a righteous measure. Mr. Hamilton made as strong an effort against the bill as he was able to. Hamilton is a member of the Federation, but as always opposed its socialist tendencies, so that the union men never felt assured of how much confidence they

could place in his powers of resistance. He deserves all credit, however, for his efforts in this legislature. He was a member of the special committee and fought the bill continuously there. He had made enemies of all the "powers that be" so far as his future is concerned, and he is an old gray-haired man but he has won the respect of the working class and those that value manhood and allegiance to justice and decency. The papers in reporting his speech spoke of it as a socialist arraigne—as close as they ever get to truth in speaking of one who opposes their unprincipled venality. Hamilton abhors socialism.

**Legalized Kidnapping**  
He spoke on the clause in the bill which allows the governor's Cossacks to arrest any person whom they wish "with or without warrant" and makes it mandatory on any railroad employee to transport persons whenever asked to by these legalized thugs without cost and turn in the bill to the state. This deportation is made a legal act by the state, and the state pays for it. John M. O'Neill, editor of the Miners Magazine, brought by telegram from Denver, to present the cause of the miners, was not allowed to speak, every contemptible effort was made to shut off free discussion.

Fessler made a bitter attack on the officers of Esmeralda county and said the people could never get protection under them, Fitzpatrick replied by saying that if the officers of that county had done their duty, many in the legislature would now be in the penitentiary. Fessler is one of the lowest characters that the Nevada mining country has ever known. He was vaggued out of the country as ex-pimp, gambler and saloon proprietor but he is chairman of the Nevada committee on morals and has been the mine owners most faithful and willing prostitute.

Under the bill these special officers are clothed with judicial authority, power to arrest and power to dismiss.

**War Congress of Nevada.**  
In Skaggs speech against the bill he denominated the present session the "war congress of Nevada". He said the present bill was the most vicious ever enacted in the United States. It took from the people the right to govern themselves by legislation and was a political trick to destroy organized labor in the state.

A creature by the name of Williams who claimed to be a Federation man, has been the most abject traitor that the union men had had to face. The boosters for the bill have depended on him to give the brief speech in its support, as it would appear to be from a "reliable Federation man." He was loaded with facts and figures and showed how the increase in the value of property had been so great in the last two years that even with the extra expense of the constabulary the state treasury would have a considerable surplus. The Federation will make a big mistake if it lets that Judas retain his card.

**Gun Fighters Alone Will Do.**  
Hamilton said in the course of his speech that when he had asked some of the mine owners why they did not deputize the miners they replied "Hamilton, we couldn't break a strike with such men as you." He said the worst gun fighters in the whole country had been brought into Goldfield.

After the bill had been passed, old bachelor Bray got off a lot of tommy rot about patriotism, law and order and pulled out a flag and waved it. But the response was very faint-hearted to such made-to-order enthusiasm.

Fessler said now that the bill passed, about twenty of those dynamites would be taken out of camp at once so the deportations will probably commence at once.

## Labor Gets No Rest

### Latest Decisions of the Court Czars who Control the Destinies of Organized Labor

The United States Supreme Court has handed down another decision against organized labor making the third anti-labor decision within thirty days.

The verdict rendered was in the case of Loewe versus Lattier, the latter a member of the Hatter's union and the former a hat manufacturer of Danbury, Conn. The case involved the applicability of the seventh section of the Sherman anti-trust law relative to conspiracies by labor unions to boycott articles entering into interstate trade. Under the terms of that provision the complaining party may recover three times the amount of his loss if the charge is sustained. The union fought the case on the ground that the law was applicable to such boycotts only by the court, where it was announced by Chief Justice Fuller, failed to accept this view, and in effect held that the unions could not be indicted. There was no dissenting opinion.

**Justice Gives Reasons.**  
After quoting many precedents and reciting the complaint in the case, Justice Fuller continued:

"The averments here are that there was an existing interstate traffic between plaintiff and citizens of other states and that the direct purpose of destroying such interstate traffic defendants combined not merely to prevent plaintiffs from manufacturing articles then and there intended for transportation beyond the state but also to prevent the vendees from reselling the hats which they had imported from Connecticut, or from further negotiating with plaintiffs for the purchase and transportation of such hats from Connecticut to the various places of destination. So that, although some of the means whereby the interstate traffic was to be destroyed were acts within a state and some of them were in themselves as a part of their obvious purpose and effect beyond the scope of federal authority, still, as we have seen, the acts must be considered as a whole, and the plan is open to condemnation, notwithstanding a negligible amount of interstate business might be used in carrying it out. If the purposes of the combination were, as alleged, to prevent any interstate transportation at all, the fact that the means operated at one end before physical transportation commenced at the other after the physical ended was immaterial. Nor can the act in question be held inapplicable because the defendants were not engaged in interstate commerce. The act made no distinction between classes. It provides that 'every' contract, combination con-

spiracy in restraint of trade was illegal. The records of congress show that several efforts were made to exempt by legislation organizations of farmers and laborers from the operation of the act and that all these efforts failed, so that the act remained as we have it before us."

The Sherman anti-trust law was practically a dead letter until corporation judges found a way to apply it to organized labor.

Other decision against labor made by the House of American Czars was on January 6th, when the Employer's Liability Act was declared unconstitutional and the railroads are therefore exempt from any damages that may raise through any of their employees being killed or wounded if they can saddle the blame on another employee or get another employee to take the blame for the consideration of promotion or holding a job. January 23d the Czars declared that corporations could blacklist their employees and it was nobody's business.

A few weeks ago in the federal court in Helena, we listened to a great harangue given by a Federal Judge on the wickedness of union men trying to prevent scabs from working. In sentencing the union men Judge Hunt declared that God gave man his hands to work with and that no man had the right to prevent another from working if they desired. Of course, this meant a union man preventing a scab from working and not a corporation from preventing a union man from using the hands God gave him to work with.

Of course, there is no difference between corporations and union men before the law.

What is a crime for union men to do, is quite legal for corporations.

Fine precedents the capitalist judges are making for the socialists when they get into power. The time is coming when the representatives of the working class will sit on the benches. Three decisions given against labor in one month and the last one allows corporations to put their hands into union treasuries, take out three times the amount of money they claim to have lost by a boycott put on them by the unions.

Fine rulings, your imperial highnesses, but be careful you have given an impetus to the socialist propaganda and have increased the socialist vote by three. Keep up your good work, you are deciding the votes of union men next November.

All hail to the wisdom of the American Czars.

## TRYING TO SHIFT THE BLAME

The Billings Enquirer recently went after the republicans, blaming them being the chief supporters of government by injunctions and one man rule and declared the democrats spotless in this brand of vicious legislation by corporation judges.

Yet, in the city of Billings a democratic judge, appointed by a democratic governor, gave the first injunction against labor that was ever given by a district judge in Montana.

The case was Mayor Lindsay, White-shirt anarchist of Helena, against the Montana Federation of Labor, the unions of Billings, Bear Creek and Red Lodge.

Lindsay fought the battles of the scab phone company and against union labor in Helena. The unions throughout the state retaliated and the bottom went out of Lindsay's business, the same way as the bottom went out of the republican fool dinner pail.

Merchants of Billings went on the witness stand and swore that the unions had not intimidated them or threatened them if they expand for sale Lindsay's goods, but that the working men, being patriotic, would not buy white shirt anarchist wares. Yet, in the face of this, Judge Fox, democrat, issued a perpetual injunction against organized labor in Montana.

Democratic judges are just as ready

to enforce government by injunctions as any republican judge ever was and the working people are past learning that the corporations own both republican and democrat judges alike.

**Switzerland.**  
Laws against strikes are the order of the day in Switzerland. The canton Berne recently passed a law to limit this right of the worker so as to practically rob it of all its most essential qualities, and now Zurich is following this example. True, the Zurich act looks harmless enough at first sight. All that it proposes to punish are threats and acts of violence against strike-breakers, but then, as it is left to the discretion of the policeman, and in many cases prejudiced judges, or at least men whose training prevents them from understanding the worker's point of view, to define these terms, it will probably become all the same a most efficacious instrument of class injustice.

**Japan.**  
There has been a strike of 500 compositors in Osaka, but, owing to police oppression and the weakness of the union, it failed.

**Chile.**  
The labor trouble in the nitrate industry at Iquique is said to have ended and work is proceeding as usual.



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THE WORLD'S REVOLUTION.

The world is storm-swept by panic; it is storm-swept by hunger; it is storm-swept by revolution. My paper this morning bears the titles: "Revolution in Portugal"; "Socialists beaten by Chicago Police"; "Haytian Revolution Blocked"; "Goldfield Miners Defend Red Flag." Yes, the world is in revolt against the established order. How splendidly that message of hope flames across the planet! Heretofore the unknown millions have suffered and died in quiescent misery. Now they raise the red banner of defiance whose crimson drum beat throbs around the world, and march on to the conquest of a new and better life.

The world is in revolt, and the senile tyrants of the world are shivering in their chambers of conspiracy. The cry of terror and helplessness thrills along the electric nerves. The cossacks appear; they ride the old world, and they are conjured into being in the new. Bullet, bayonet, scourge and dungeons, councils of pride and hate against the insolent and insistent workers. But the workers hold the trump card. It is the universal and indispensable necessity of their labor. Lawgivers thunder from court and legislative throne. Cheerfully the workers go to their cells. There is bread there. But they have shaken this order with the thunders of their coming tread. Bread, bread and the makers of bread—these alone shall build a life-vibrant cosmos from a tyrant's chaos of panic, hunger and revolution.

The march of those that demand bread, the banner of hope, the revolutions in every clime—ah, that sounds good to those that have watched wearily for the dawn to break over the hills.

Brother, for God's sake, move on. The day breaks even for les miserables

In "Up-To-Date Farming" of Feb. 1st appears an editorial on "Farmers and Business Men" the main purport of which seem to be to ally a growing suspicion on the part of the farmers that the "business man" who stands between the man who raises the produce and the man who consumes the produce is not an absolute necessity in the economy of production. In fact the article reads as if it might have been written by one of those "business men" (of whom every western town has examples) who have risen from a peanut stand to a department store in twenty years on the profits made off the farmer. The writer deplors any "antagonism between farm organizations and business men." He says: "Merchants, particularly local merchants, and the farmers in the country adjacent to them, ought to be the very best of friends."

Any merchant will agree to that. The first thing to do when you want to fleece a man is to get his friendship. The next best thing is to prevent friendship or create antagonism between men you want to fleece.

Now, the merchants do not consume a very large percentage of the product of the farm. Of course they get the choicest, but the great bulk of it is consumed by the industrial workers in the towns and cities. These industrial workers also produce goods that the farmer uses, which goods the local merchant also handles—at a profit. Thus the business man stands between the two classes of producers and consumers and gets his profits both ways. Last year a movement was inaugurated to establish in towns and cities "Equity Exchanges" for the purpose of exchanging the product of the farm direct to the consumer and cut out the profit of the "business man." These

friendly relations between the two great branches of the working class the editor of "Up-To-Date" deplors as much as he does the antagonism between the farmer and the business man and it was the opposition to this movement, led by Mr. Everett, that caused the split in the American Society of Equity, at the National convention in Indianapolis.

The writer speaks about "Equity in all the business relations of life." In all the business relations of life and yet in this long article there is not one word about that vast army of men and women who work in mine and mill and shop and factory whose lives are vitally affected by every penny's raise in the price of the product of the farm. And yet Mr. Everett is seeking to build up an organization of farmers to put an arbitrary price on their product and leave the middle man still to make his profit. We believe the organization is built on sand. And we hope the farmers soon will see that it is only through the co-operation of all the working class that we can hope for any permanent benefit and that we must rise or fall together.

The Helena Independent in an editorial on socialism and the unions, says that while the British Labor congress declared for socialism, the largest and strongest unions are coming out against this action.

The Independent has the wrong dope again. The largest and strongest unions sent their delegates to the conference instructed by a referendum vote of the union to vote for socialism.

The Amalgamated Society of Engineers—British Machinists Union—the oldest and strongest labor organization in the world, sent its delegates to that conference instructed to vote for socialism and those instructions were endorsed by over seventy-five per cent of the membership on a referendum vote.

The British machinists can not be classed as illiterates by the enemies of socialism. British capitalists demand that all boys who desire to become apprentices to the machinist's trade, shall pass an examination. Because of the educational qualifications required to pass this examination the machinists in the British Isles are recruited from the most intelligent members of the working class.

The Independent also says "The socialists are trying to capture the unions there as well as here." The Independent is wrong again, it is just the reverse; it is the unions that are trying to capture socialism. The time is coming and coming soon when no respectable union man will be found endorsing the republican or democratic party, with their boodle, booze and injunction methods and further more the time is very near when the unions will vote assessments from their treasuries to pay the campaign expenses of the socialist party, just the same way as corporations and trusts vote campaign assessments for the benefit of the democratic and republican campaign funds.

Last week we commented on an article in "To-Morrow Magazine" in which the writer spoke of the socialist as egotists who wear creased pants and ape the customs of capitalism. Since then we have received a letter from a woman comrade in a new rural community who is secretary of the local where a number of members recently dropped out and weakened the local. We quote the following extracts for the perusal of Mr. Sercombe:

"Now, what are we to do? We are doing all we can to keep it going. I think our storm is over and we are on the road to recovery but I tell you comrade, it was a mighty effort. You see Comrade — loves 30 miles away, Comrade — 15 miles and only a bicycle to come on. Comrade — about 15 miles so you can see what an effort we all have had. Comrade — rode all night last meeting and didn't get here till four o'clock in the morning of the meeting day. We still have our meetings here. Well if you come down here, come here and we will give you the best we have but 'tis mighty poor. \* \* \* I trust you will give us a little encouragement for I have just about worn myself out trying to keep up this affair. I am not the one to lie down but I am not strong and I am sick nearly every meeting day. I won't complain if only we can live to see a better order some day. You see with the comrades so far I have them to dinner and at night most of the time. I don't care for that if we could have something decent for them to eat or a good house. We only have two rooms."

Mr. Sercombe says that "with millions of theoretical socialists, there has not yet arisen one with the zeal, the courage and the self-denial" etc. Bah! Get out of your office Sercombe and learn something about the real people of the world who do not court the lime light.

Comrades, your attention is called to the letter from Local Fridley in another column. Let March 17th be the date for an united effort to equip our own newspaper plant.

Just a Common Working Man

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"You may say if I had saved my money I would be all right. I say if you would spend yours we would not have hard times in the midst of plenty. For it is at the expense of the unselfish, industrious people that you cry prosperity.

"The man with a money spirit hoards up millions—more than he can use—for no other satisfaction than to see his brother in want. Even if you pay labor all it produces you would not have accomplished all; for with all consideration, love and harmony driven from the land, the condition, the very atmosphere the American employer creates is enough to prohibit everything above the spirit of a mule.

"My blood is boiling in every vein when I see the way you use your press to brand those helpless brothers of mine that you gather up on the saloon floors in the early mornings, and put them on the chain-gang, and brand them good-for-nothing criminals, lazy, will not work. I beg of you to go out and get experience. Put on laboring men's appearance; go out to the grading camp and after that go to Los Angeles, and see if you, as a common laborer, can procure a job without buying it through the slave market trust. I have passed through the large slave markets of California. I have traveled on slave passes, and have traveled on my own money. I have been in nearly every large city of the United States; and all over this broad land of ours I have not met with a man that I believed would not work under a decent condition.

"When I first came to this country I worked hard, but I found life so cold and cheerless. I could not see how it required all this experience to see that it was not wages that one wants, but trust and love.

"The mining class asks no questions so long as the industrial man is willing to go into nature's storehouse of raw materials and work. But when you seek to put a lock on the door of that store house I believe you have undertaken more than you can handle and it will soon take all of your surplus capital to care for the lunatics and criminals, for they are not all going to commit suicide.

"Ralph Waldo Emerson has said a man has a right to be employed, to be trusted, to be loved. The power of love as the basis of the state has never been tried.

"I do not require the service of a priest or any other Holy Ghost misleader at the disposal of my body. As a seal that I have told the truth as I have received it, I hereby lay down my body."

Was the man crazy, or was he simply one that couldn't fit into a crazy system?

What can we say of a system that can do nothing but murder men like that?

PREAMBLE.

We the members of Local Union No. 1164 Carpenters and Joiners, of Sparks, Nevada, recognizing the power of capital as it is today, and its attitude toward our brother union men of Goldfield, and realizing that the same course will be taken sooner or later against all bodies of organized labor in the state, and whereas the fact that many organized bodies have assembled and passed resolutions denouncing the acts of certain high officials for the part taken in the attempt to down labor organizations, and whereas copies of these resolutions have been sent to the leading newspapers for publication that the expression of the laboring men may be known to all citizens,

And whereas, the Associated Press have not only refused to print these resolutions, but have misrepresented the action taken at said meetings, thus giving the public to believe that the unions not only tolerate but sanction the bringing in of troops to further the interest of capital.

Recognizing these facts and the usefulness of hope for a better condition, or any recognition through the Associated Press, Now, Therefore be it Resolved, that for the purpose of placing the wants and demands of the laboring people before the public, and as a means of labor unions communicating with each other, upon topics of vital interest that may arise from time to time, and especially in the event of election to public office of proper persons to represent the interests of the common people,

It is therefore further resolved to establish to own and to operate a weekly organized union newspaper.

The only interest and policy of this paper will be the untiring battle for the interest and uplifting of Union Labor.

Financing.

The financing and promoting of this paper will be left to committees appointed for that purpose, there to be declared ways and means for the best interest of all concerned.

JUD HARRIS, WES MAYFIELD, Committee.

Official Seal.

RESOLUTION ON UNITY QUESTION

Adopted by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party at Its Session of Jan. 6, 1908. Butte, Mont., Jan. 12, 1908. Jas. D. Graham, State Secretary: Dear Comrade—The enclosed resolutions were read at meeting of Local Butte and the action approved. It is ordered that he same be forwarded to you for publication in the Montana News, and our party select a like committee of seven for the purpose of trying to find a basis for a United Party.

C. C. McHUGH, Sec'y. FRANK CURRAN, Chrm.

Whereas, The International Socialist congress, held in Amsterdam in 1904, adopted under the title of "Unity of the Party" the following resolutions: "The Congress declares:

"In order to give to the working class all its force in its struggle against capitalism, it is indispensable that in each country there should be but one socialist party against the capitalist parties, just as there is but one proletariat

"Therefore, all comrades and all factions and organizations which claim to be socialist have the imperative duty to do all in their power to bring about Socialist Unity on the basis of the principles established by the International Congresses and in the interest of the International proletariat, to whom they are responsible for the disastrous consequences of the continuation of their divisions.

"To help reach this aim the International Bureau and all parties of Nationalities, where Unity exists, place themselves at their disposal and offer their good services."

"Whereas, After this call was issued the various warring factions in the socialist movement of France—the Socialist Party of France, the French Socialist Party, the Revolutionary Socialist Labor Party, and four Independent Socialist Federations of different parts of France—after some preliminary work of a Unity Conference, met in a joint Unity Convention in Paris and established the present Socialist Party (French Section of the Workers' International); and, likewise, the warring factions in the Social-Democratic movement in Russia—the "majority" and "minority" factions of the Russian Social Democratic Labor Party, Lettish Social Democratic Labor Party and the General Jewish Labor Union of Russia, Poland and Lithuania (The Bund) met in a joint Unity Convention in 1906 in Stockholm and organized the United Russian Social Democratic Labor Party, and

Whereas, The experience of the socialists of the above two countries, as well as that of other countries, where a united and developed party of socialism exists, demonstrates—first, the possibility for all socialists, recognizing the principles and decisions of the International Socialist Congress, to present with immense increased effect a united solid front against the common enemy, the capitalist, and to address a united, harmonious appeal to the working class which is so much more responsive when confusion, distrust and demoralization, created by internal strife and diversion in the socialist camp, are eliminated; and, second—it demonstrates the possibility of such co-operation based upon the recognition of the right of minority divisions of a United Party, to advocate their particular views through their own publications and their own minority delegates to National conventions and International congresses; and

Whereas, The necessity for a United socialist movement in America is ever more keenly felt, and the demands for it are ever more persistently and insistently voiced by the most active workers, the rank and file of both parties; and

Whereas, The decisions of the recent International Socialist Congress, held at Stuttgart—both upon the matter of immigration, which recognizes the soundness of the Marxian motto for the working class, "Proletarians of all Countries Unite!" and, even upon the vital question of unionism, which, while the congress has not yet taken the advanced industrial position, does take a position that clearly rejects the principle that the economic organization is a "transitory affair," accordingly, a position that holds that the economic organization is something more than simply a recruiting ground for votes and funds, but is essential to the revolutionary act of the proletariat—are, in so far as they affect the issues of the American movement, of a character to present a more acceptable common working basis for the two parties, and in view also of greater necessity for unhindered constructive socialist work and greater opportunity for it furnished by the spreading of the present industrial crisis in America; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Labor Party, in semi-annual session assembled, desiring to free the Socialist Labor Party in the eyes of the working class of America and of the International proletariat, of its seeming share of responsibility for the divided,

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demoralized and retarded state of the movement in this country, hereby take the initiative toward remedying such conditions, by electing a committee of seven members and inviting the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party to elect a committee of like number to a National Socialist Unity Conference, to meet not later than the third week of the month of March of this year, in order to consider whether Unity of the two parties of socialism in America is possible, and on what special basis; and be it further

Resolved, That if such conference takes place and succeeds in agreeing on conditions for uniting the two parties, such decisions of the conference be immediately submitted to a general vote of the membership of both parties for approval, and the date for the closing of such vote be such, that, in the event of the vote being in favor of the proposed basis of unity, steps be immediately taken that one joint National convention, instead of two separate ones, be held to adopt—on behalf of the United Party and in conformity with the Unity basis accepted by the general vote—a platform, constitution and resolutions, and nominate candidates, etc.; and finally

Resolved, That copies of these resolutions be sent to the National Headquarters of the Socialist Party of America, the International Socialist Bureau at Brussels, and the leading socialist and labor publications in the United States and other countries.

Transvaal. The Johannesburg Trades and Labor Unions unanimously supporting the enforcement of the Asiatic Registration Act in its entirety.

In accordance with the resolution of the Stuttgart congress on colonial policy, a socialist committee was formed to protest against the action of the Natal government in trying to drive the Zulus into rebellion, in order to rob them of their lands and force them into wage slavery. A meeting was held for this purpose on Sunday, December 22. Two thousand copies of the Stuttgart resolution were circulated among the audience, another resolution being printed on the back as follows:

"In view of the fact that the greater part of South Africa's population is black, and that these people are essentially workers, we, the white workers, who have had better opportunities of learning the meaning of capitalistic exploitation, pledge ourselves to support the black races against the encroachment upon them by the executives of capitalism, such as the colonial government, in attempting to force them into rebellion, with the view of having an excuse for dispossessing them of their lands, and making of them more submissive wage slaves of the capitalist, who, like leeches, batten upon the blood of all workers, irrespective of color."



MA CAN'T VOTE.

Ma's a graduate of college, and she reads 'most everything; She can talk in French and German, she can paint and she can sing— Beautiful! She's like a picture! When she talks she makes you think Of the sweetest kind of music, and she doesn't smoke or drink; Oh, I can't begin to tell you all the poems she can quote: She knows more than half the lawyers do—but ma can't vote.

When my pa is writing letters, ma must always linger near To assist him in the spelling and to make the meaning clear, If he needs advice her judgment, he admits, is always best; Every day she gives him pointers, mostly at his own request; She keeps track of the legislation, and is taxed on bonds and stocks— But she never gets a look-in at the sacred ballot box.

Ma is wiser than our coachman, for he's not a graduate, And I doubt if he could tell you who is governing the state; He has never studied grammar, and I'll bet he doesn't know Whether Caesar lived a thousand or two thousand years ago. He could never tell us how to keep the ship of state afloat, For he doesn't know there's such a thing—but ma can't vote.

Once when Mr. Jones was calling they got up a short debate That was on the tariff question; he supposed he had it straight, But before they'd finished talking he threw up his hands and said That he'd not read much about it, nor remembered what he'd read He is too badly rushed to study how to better human lives, Still he looms up like a giant when election times arrives.

Mrs. Gookins does our washing, for she has to help along, Taking care of six children, though her husband's big and strong; When he gets a job he only holds it till he draws his pay, Then he spends his cash for whisky or else gambles it away; I suppose his brain's no bigger than the brain of any goat, And he'd trade his ballot for a drink—but ma can't vote. —Exchange.

IDAHO NOTES.

Emmett, Idaho, Jan. 30. January is a month of awakening to activity in socialist matters in Idaho. May it continue with redoubled numbers.

Locals Elmira, Fairview and Middleton have reinstated. New charters have been granted to comrades at Bonners Ferry, Kooskia and Riggins. Membership cards given to two members-at-large.

Secretary of Local Bellgrove writes that he is quite certain that they will carry their precinct next November.

Several letters of inquiry from different points show a general interest that will soon begin to count.

Let us hear from all that wishes to help rush the good work in Idaho from now until success is written upon our banner and justice can be expected by the wage slave.

Write me items of interest that I can give out to encourage others.

Fraternally THOS. J. COONROD.

What is the matter with Boise. Nothing doing there and a city election approaching. Wake up!

The socialists of Mountain Home should get together and apply for a charter. Invite a bunch of socialists there if they will only get together and work! Organize Comrades! Organize!

Have your local make a request to the state secretary for a lecture date. Comrade Coonrod will be glad to hear from you.

Clear the organization of all debts, should be the slogan of all locals.

Let us have a few socialists in the next Idaho legislature, so as to fight the mine owners when it comes to appropriating money to pay off the delinquency warrants issued in prosecution of the officials of the Western Federation. While Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone have been acquitted, the Socialist Party has still work to do.

Write your state secretary for lecture dates. Work commences his lecture tour in Idaho March 1st.

Have your local take action towards clearing off the indebtedness of your state organization and be in shape to carry on the campaign that the country expects of you.

Three new locals organized in January. Let us organize three more in February.

International

Russia.

Unemployment is said to be terribly prevalent in St. Petersburg at present. In the last two weeks no less than 2,000 wood workers have been put out of employment. The various trade unions are collecting funds to support their unemployed members.

Having succeeded by the most unscrupulous jerry-mandering in procuring the election of a subservient Duma, the Russian government is now about to utilize it for the purpose of carrying out further autocratic designs. The ministry of marine, it is stated, is about to submit to the Duma for official endorsement a naval programme for the construction of a coast defense navy, at a total cost of 28,000,000 pounds, the sum to be spread over a period of four years.

But this is merely the thin end of the wedge. The ministry, it is stated further, has also another programme under consideration — a programme comprising the creation of five fighting fleets—two for the Baltic, two for the Pacific, and one for the Black Sea—a scheme which will involve a colossal expenditure reaching from 300 to 400 millions pounds.

Thus, after inflicting upon the Russian people the horrors of war and the night-mare of famine, the government of the Tsar has in hand a scheme which will rob many of their last rouble and plunge the whole people still deeper into the abyss.

France.

The chambers meet again this week. It is said that among the subjects for discussion are to be the bill providing for the shortening of the service in the reserve, the abolition of courts martial, and the purchase by the state of the Western Railway. All these measures are urgent, and as they have been discussed over and over again for a long time, it is quite time that efforts should be made to carry them into effect. Parliamentary discussions are all very well, and speeches make very good reading, but there comes a time when discussion may well be dropped and action take place. If an opposition is unscrupulous in dragging on a debate it is quite time to stop speeches and come to voting. A parliament is not merely a debating society, and has to take action sometimes.

England.

The tin box girls on strike at Messrs. Barclay & Fry's have, through the instrumentality of the National Federation of Women Workers secured a settlement with their employers, by which they will receive higher wages that will compare favorably with those paid at other similar factories.

Australia.

The arbitration court decided against the Newcastle (N. S. W.) colliery hands who have returned to work.

M. Paul-Beaulieu, who is a well-known writer on politics and economics, has an article in the 'Revue des Deux Mondes' on France and Morocco. He shows in this that the conquest of Morocco would need an army of at least 100,000 men, that it would be more difficult than that of Algeria, which took 17 years, and that the stealing of Tunis in 1880-81 affords no analogy at all, as the circumstances are quite different. He also points out that even if Morocco was conquered, France would not be allowed to retain it unless she was prepared to go to war with Germany; and he also demonstrates that it would be a source of weakness and not of strength to France. Now, M. Beaulieu is a man of moderate opinions, by no means protesting on moral grounds but simply on economic grounds, but it is very remarkable how his opinion coincides with that of M. Jaures.

For many weeks people have been talking about Jeanne Weber who was accused of strangling a child. She was kept in prison though, in the opinion of experts, the child had died from typhoid fever. At first public opinion was very much against her, because she had been tried and acquitted on a similar charge, but at last she has been released as there was no evidence against her. It is pointed out that she has no claim for compensation, but some charitable people have found her a home.

Affairs are still more embroiled in Morocco, for Fez, the capital, has proclaimed the Sultan's half-brother. It looks as if the present Sultan had little support except in the ports which are covered by the foreign men-of-war. If Abdul-el-Asiz has to rely on French protection—and it is said that French soldiers are going to his assistance at Rabat—that will make him more unpopular than ever. The longer time goes on the more difficult the position of France becomes, and the more she will be weakening her position in Europe, where she may at any time require all her strength to resist an enemy far more dangerous than the Moorish Sultan.

National News

Many of the Milwaukee trade unions this winter have voted to devote one evening every month to an open meeting to be addressed by a socialist speaker. This is a plan which has been followed for years by some Milwaukee unions, and the hard times are making up the rest. Judging from the splendid results of this plan in the past upon those unions which have already adopted it, we predict that soon there will be few if any working men left in Milwaukee who are not thorough socialists.

The Hippodrome, the largest hall in Milwaukee, was too small for the Social-Democratic mask carnival last Saturday. Although the hall was overcrowded, the best possible order prevailed. As usual many of the groups had a political significance and contained good hints at the capitalist system. 'The Fallen Angels of Capitalism' received the second prize.

A discussion on socialism took place at the Twilight Club in Fond du Lac last week. The opponents of Socialism were well answered by our Fond du Lac comrades—not a very difficult task, as can be seen from the following specimen of the anti-socialist arguments which were supposed to 'do up' International Socialism. 'Think,' said a lawyer, 'of the Anglo-Saxon race, with all its abilities for great production being compelled to divide with the Fiji Islanders!' The Fond du Lac comrades want more such debates.

Th Goldfield Gossip, printed in the interest of the mine operators contains the following temperate observation: 'A cheaper and more satisfactory method of dealing with this labor trouble in Goldfield last spring would have been to have taken half a dozen of the socialist leaders in the Miners Union and hanged them all to telegraph poles. Speaking dispassionately and without animas, it seems clear to us after many months of reflection, that you couldn't make a mistake in hanging a socialist. He is always better dead.'

If a labor editor wrote sentiments like the foregoing in reference to mine operators he would have been jailed long ago. The charge is made in Chicago that Flower, the editor of the Goldfield Gossip, is a grafter who formerly worked the people with the so-called medical cure-all termed 'Vibrations.' All crooks hate socialists.

Chief of Police Shippy, of Chicago, is endeavoring to become a sort of American Treppoff. The brutal manner in which he piled upon a few hungry men last week, who were parading to attract attention to their deplorable condition, stamps Shippy as a pretty low-grade barbarian. Worst of all, Shippy is a law-breaker. The constitution of Illinois guarantees public assembly and free speech, and the supreme court has decided that parades are lawful and that the police officials have no right whatever to decide what parades shall or shall not be held. But that made no difference to the capitalist brute Shippy. He's above the law because he has the backing of the Manufacturer's Association. Just the same the socialists may proceed against Shippy in the courts. They have given warning to his bondsmen.

Jack London landed in San Francisco last week after being missing for several months on the broad Pacific. London left San Francisco last May on the little boat, the Snark, for a trip around the world. It had been many days since he had reported his whereabouts. It was feared that the boat had met with an accident. London will return to his boat, which was disabled and is now being repaired, in a few weeks, and continue his tour and grind out socialist literature.

Contrary to general reports, the New York Volkszeitung intimates editorially that August Bebel, leader of the German Socialists, will pay a visit to America to study conditions, but will probably speak in only 10 or 12 places. Following his former announced visit Bebel was swamped with invitations to make speeches and got scared.

At the convention of the United Mine Workers of Pennsylvania a resolution was adopted calling on all workers to sever their connections with the capitalist parties, and also protesting against sending federal troops to Goldfield to aid the mine owners.

Minnesota Socialists are the first in the field with a full list of presidential electors. Beecher Moore, of Minneapolis, for governor, heads the state ticket. The party membership in the state increased 150 per cent during the past two years.

The state of Idaho is mourning the loss of nearly \$200,000 on account of the conspiracy of a Mine Owners' Association.—Miners' Magazine.

'Machine Politics', ten cents each, twelve for \$1.00, fine material for the campaign.

Women's Clubs

All communications for this department should be addressed to Jessie M. Myer, Editor.

'No, it is beneath my dignity to vote, \* \* \* I am the queen of my home \* \* \* women are superior to men, and I, for my part, do not wish to sacrifice my position by dabbling in political mire,' so said a lady of my acquaintance, who is a type of many, many women.

What put these ideas into her vain little head? Desiring men-folks, who just wanted her for a plaything. I happen to know her husband, dirty scoundrel. There is nothing too low for him if it only nets him a profit. Yes, they've an attractive home, and I guess no wants of theirs go unsatisfied. They are fairly glutted with estates, clothes, and bric-a-brac, and the maid of the house keeps the two little girls clean and sweet-smelling. And they all have delightful manners, on state occasions anyway. The husband (while he winks the other eye) coddles his wife into believing that her self-effacement is what constitutes queenliness and that soft hands and heavenly eyes that disdain to touch or look upon the sordid outer world, are signs of superiority.

Wake up, deluded creature! To be a queen is to be a woman so sympathetic, so human, and so wise, she will have a mother-interest in every home in the land—her own fireside will be but a part of that great fireside that now can scarce secure fuel to keep itself warm.

'Superiority!' I know not the article you speak of. Possibly at your lord's request it is padded away among other worthless baubles—an heir loom of your family? These are times when such superfluous articles are obstructions to society. All artificiality, all superficial culture—cast it aside. It is a burden to us now. We need you! Just you, if we can find that precious quality in your person.

'Sacrifice your position!' Why, you have no position worth the name unless you are doing your part to help destroy the system that is crushing to the very earth your brothers, your sisters, and your children in their struggle against wage slavery. At least do this much—if you are on their backs, for God's sake climb off. If you are too cultured, too refined to fight, stand out of the way! Don't tell me you are a 'queen', a 'superior-being until you have earned that distinction.

Rouse up, O Womanhood! Cast off indifference and blind credulity! Quit feeding your brains with flattery, predigested food, and mythical dogmas. They require no effort on your part. They do not put your mind and heart in training for the great world-wide struggle.

If most of the women of our land were searching out vital facts, digging at the roots of our social problem instead of devoting their time to church catechism and shadow embroidery, we could hope that soon every home might be wholesome and every woman a real queen.

A short time ago the Pacific Coast Co. raised the price of coal, claiming there were prospects of a shortage. Now they have shut down the Lawson mine, near Seattle, claiming there is an overproduction. But the price has not been lowered. Meanwhile thousands of families in Seattle are suffering from want of coal, and hundreds of laborers are sleeping, of nights, in the Seattle jails, because they cannot find work. If there is an overproduction of coal, why isn't it supplied to the people at lower prices? If there is a shortage, why close down the mines while thousands of laborers are seeking a job?

A friend of mine traveling in China, observed that in the big cities along the coast, are thousands of American men engaged in various kinds of traffic, who are single and who regard marriage as wholly impracticable and do not respect its laws. My friend asked various ones 'Why don't you get married?' One fellow answered 'Business is too uncertain.' Another said 'A woman must have a horse and carriage. I can't afford it.' Still another answered 'There's nothing in it, it's bondage for life. If I want a woman I can hire one cheap.' These are only a few of the warped conclusions that our industrial system has given rise to. It has made men cowards.

Better say, with Robt. Blatchford, 'I would work my fingers off, craze my brains, break my heart, tramp the whole face of the globe and die like a man before I would repeat that coward's lesson that I could not afford to marry the woman I loved.'

A bright young lady who entered the university this year, said to me 'I am not satisfied with the training I am getting. I had hoped to prepare myself to earn a living, but the prospects look discouraging. I have almost

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concluded to enter a business college next year.' Have you talked the matter over with your classmates? 'Yes, —but they looked at me in vague wonder, and some of them told me they were just here because they didn't know what else they would be doing. One girl brightened up and said 'We will have the distinction of having finished college, we will have acquired lots of pretty, naive ways and a diploma—that's something.' That's the way my class consoles me.' 'Really,' I said, 'Mary, what are you learning?' 'Oh, don't ask me! I suppose, with the rest of them, I go into ecstasy about the poets; abhor mathematics; pony in French; polish my finger nails pink; frouze my hair; and 'root' for our side on field-days, then help plan, for the heroes, dainty menus and balls. A continued round of frivolity that unfits me for any serious work.' 'Most certainly the faculty does not approve—'. 'The faculty I don't think they dare interfere. They don't want to run any chance of losing their positions.'

People's Theaters in Russia. It is noticeable that nations which are backward in one respect may be advanced in another, and that even the most backward of all can occasionally give points to nations in the van of so-called civilization. Take Russia, for example, which as a system of People's Theaters unequalled in any other country. Cheap theaters for the people are to be found all over Russia, not only in the towns but in small villages. In the Government of Samara, for instance, there is a village theater in which operas are produced and a chorus of thirty trained peasants; and the charge of admission is one farthing. This system of cheap theaters grown up within the last twenty years or so. The majority of them springing from the co-operative societies and the local governing bodies. The Temperance Boards, established in 1894 to provide counter attractions to the public-house have also built people's theaters. The theaters are often built on land given by the municipality, and they are sometimes subsidized, but often self-supporting. Many of them are surrounded by parks, and have an open stage for use in the great heat of the Russian summer.—Labor Leader.

What a London Daily Says. The London Daily News is inclined to give the socialists a fair deal in the great fight that is now in progress in Britain, for it makes the following correct observation: 'Socialism has all the vitality of a new religion. It has no secret party fund. It lives by the subscriptions and the levies of the members paid in pence. Its work is done by ardent volunteers, who go out 'without purse or scrip' to preach and teach, giving their services from disinterested zeal, and when it fights a contested election it wins with a fourth of the outlay on which the Conservative loses.'

China. Chinese revolutionists in Tokyo, Japan, are publishing two socialist papers, the 'Nimpao' and the 'Tien Yee.' FOR SALE Singer sewing machine. Almost new; will sell cheap. Enquire at Montana News, Office 15 North Park Avenue, Helena, Mont.



## State Department

### A Call For Action.

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Comrade McHugh, writing from Butte says that at their last local meeting they decided to send 25 cents per member per month to finance the state office until some action is taken to increase the dues paying membership. So far the party organization has been a burden on the paper. The dues must be increased to supply steady funds for the coming campaign.

Butte is taking action in the right way. Let all the locals line up now and get ready for the race and we will be crowding the old parties when they go under the wire next November.

Comrade Buzzell sold 22 copies of "Principles of Scientific Socialism" in Conrad in one afternoon and then ran out of books. That man would keep a printing press going to supply him with books. He says the Montana News is a power in the state but nothing to what it will be.

A comrade sends 20 cents in silver to apply on his subscription. He says: "Will send balance as soon as I can, but this busts me for the present."

We'll bet his man never heard of Sercombe and his creased pants, but it is such people as this that are going to do things.

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On account of Comrade Graham not being well have had to help in News office since Jan. 16.

Fraternally,  
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Local Livingston orders \$9.00 worth of due stamps.

### Well-to-do Intellectuals.

There was a very good article the other day in the "Petite Republique," whose falling away from socialism is only another instance of the danger for socialists of backing or buying any organs which do not belong to them, on the position of well-to-do socialists in the movement. The writer, M. Naquet, pointed out that while the workers might be right in looking with suspicion upon men who joined the socialist ranks from among the plundering classes, those who did so can be of the very greatest service to the proletariat whose cause they honestly take up. They have education, leisure, health and opportunity which they could turn to the greatest advantage. Moreover, it is not of the slightest use to despoil themselves of the property, or to abandon the position which enables them thus to serve the oppressed. They will only cripple their own usefulness without doing any good, and may quite easily become a drawback instead of being a help. Brought up to no skilled trade, and unaccustomed to continuous toil, the "intellectual" of means who strips himself of his possessions and joins the proletariat is only a cultured nuisance. On the other hand, if he remains for ordinary affairs of life in his own class, but uses all his spare time and such cash as he can part with to help on the revolution, he can do far more to bring about the complete change in his own day than many workers could accomplish in combination. That is true.—London Justice.

The coffers of the Pinkerton Detective Agency can boast of an additional \$50,000, looted from the treasury of the state of Idaho. When corporate combinations can utilize state officials to mortgage the tax payers with an indebtedness to carry on a prosecution of victims, that have incurred the enmity of exploiters, simply because those victims have stood unflinchingly for the supremacy of the principles of unionism, such tax payers deserve but little sympathy, if they fail to drive the political ring into the limbo of oblivion.—Miners Magazine.

### Butte Answers Stetson

Butte, Mont., Jan. 12, 1908.  
Jas. D. Graham, State Secretary:  
Dear Comrade—The enclosed resolutions were read at meeting of Local Butte and the action approved. It is ordered that he same be forwarded to you for publication in the Montana News, and our party select a like committee of seven for the purpose of trying to find a basis for a United Party.

C. C. McHUGH, Sec'y.  
FRANK CURRAN, Chrm.

Mr. James D. Graham:  
Dear Comrade—In the News of Jan. 16th there appears an article headed "A Voice From the Other Side." Local Butte, after a thorough discussion of the article, has authorized me to answer it. We take it that the article is very misleading and full of unqualified statements.

Realizing that the News is going into the hands of many new beginners in socialism, each week, we feel that they should be enlightened as to the true facts of the case. Therefore Comrade Editor I ask for space for this article.

First, Comrade Stetson infers that our paper is inclined to be partial to the W. F. of M. and as he calls it, its offspring the I. W. W.. The comrade is surely not familiar with the News or he could not make such a statement. Our policy has always been to stand unqualifiedly with Labor in its fight with capital, no matter what the form of their organization is.

He states that the W. F. of M. will either go out of business or join the A. F. of L. and it sounds like the prattle of a child. It is true that the A. F. of L. is doing all in its power to cripple it! This is plainly shown by their recent actions in Goldfield. What

do the readers think of that magnificent specimen of Gomerism, Grant Hamilton, who went among the miners in Goldfield and tried to break up their solid union by reorganizing them into a lot of small unions and trying to place them in a position so that they would be fighting among themselves? Who sent him there? The answer is easy. It was Gompers, the man who owns the A. F. of L. body and soul. What he got for it no one except the Civic Federation knows.

By the way, where is the easiest place to find this great Gompers? Generally in the company of the most prominent members of the Civic Federation, of which he himself is a worthy member. Why is he there? He has but one object and that is to sell his goods which is the rank and file of the A. F. of L.

It is true that the W. F. of M. has been the loser in its latest fight with capital, but it is only because they have been persuaded into following A. F. of L. tactics. But how is it that the comrade has entirely forgotten the many defeats the A. F. of L. has suffered lately. He hasn't even mentioned one of their victories. Did they win the late Frisco strike? Did they win the late boiler-makers strike? These are only two of their latest defeats, but only two of many. Why did they lose them? Because it is the nature of craft unions to scab on one another in time of trouble. In fact it is impossible to avoid it. Such weapons as contracts, jurisdiction and apprenticeships breed nothing but scabs. And it takes cabs to break strikes.

The proofs of it are so well known that it is a sin to waste our valuable paper in citing them. It is enough to say that it was good union electrical engineers that furnished power for the scab carmen in Frisco to run cars with. Was it the scab carmen that broke the strike or was it the scab electrical men? It was good union machinists engineers, firemen, conductors brakemen and switchmen that pulled the trains hauled by engines that were corked by scab boiler-makers, in the recent strike in the Northwest. Who broke that strike, was it the scab boiler-makers? No, it was the other railway unions. It took good union railway telegraphers, union operators and union postal clerks to break the recent strike of the Commercial Telegraphers. They were all good union men who pulled the soldiers into Goldfield for the purpose of shooting down men who were demanding money and not scrip for their toil. Does all this show any tendencies on the part of the A. F. of L. for industrial unity?

The comrade says that the W. F. of M. is out of trend with the labor movement. I say it is not. But it certainly is out of trend with organized seabery. Why, more than half of the time the A. F. of L. conventions is taken up with calling one another scabs, fighting over jurisdiction, or trying to build the walls of apprenticeship stronger.

When the comrade says that we have reached the time in the industrial development of our unions, that there is not room for two unions, he is right. But when he says that the A. F. of L. has the frame work and the skeleton upon which to build he knows not what he says.

Let us see what there is to build upon. First, they have craft autonomy. Second, they say a fair day's wage for a fair day's work. Third, they say capital and labor must get in harmony. Fourth, they say that labor is powerless without capital, but that capital must first be purified before it can be of any use to labor. And last but not least, they say, keep politics out of the unions. Does that look like a very reliable foundation upon which to build an organization to free the wage class? No, not one sound plank is there to work upon. And if they fear it all down, they have nothing left to start with but a lot of ignorant wage slaves, who, as the comrade says, have been unconsciously following a few leaders.

Now, let us look at the frame work of the W. F. of M. has to build upon and if it is not some better. First, we hold that an injury to one is an injury to all. Second, we hold that labor produces all wealth and is entitled to the full product thereof. Third, we hold that the capitalist class and the working class have no interest in common and that the struggle for bread will continue so long as we permit a part of society to hold the tools of production which we must use in order to live. Fourth, we hold that the world is not big enough to hold two classes and that the capitalist class must come down off its perch into the sweat shops and ditches with us. We are able to manage ourselves and do not need any purified capital. And last of all, we cry with all our might get Politics into the Union.

Speaking of the harmony that the comrade says is growing so steadily in the ranks of the A. F. of L. I fail to see it. In fact they seem about as harmonious as a strange cat and dog who met for the first time. How about the harmony of the Brewery Workers and the U. M. W. of A.?

How many times have these two unions threatened to draw out and go it alone? And how long is it since the last threat? But John Mitchell holds the U. M. W. of A. in as strong a hand

as Gompers does the rest of the A. F. of L. The left hand of Gompers is always to be found clasped lovingly in the right hand of Gompers and their other free hand is always in the greedy palm of the Civic Federation.

The comrade says that capital is fighting the A. F. of L. at every turn of the road. I will admit that they sometimes use the injunction. But that is to teach them their place. He forgets that capital says that the A. F. of L. is all right in its place. What do they say is its place? Why, to take care of their sick members and the widows and orphans of their deceased brothers. Is not that a noble work to be engaged in? Taking care of worn out slaves that the master has no more use for. The capitalist class would not abolish the A. F. of L. for the world but they want them to understand that they must tend strictly to affairs of caring for worn out slaves and not try to butt into business.

Speaking of the manner in which the W. F. of M. conduct their strikes, the comrade does not want to lose sight of the fact that when a camp goes on strike that the whole camp strikes. We don't have any W. F. of M. engineers hoisting or lowering scab miners. Neither do we have any mill and smeltermen working the ore mined by scab miners. Can he say as much for the A. F. of L.?

As for the vaudeville performers that started the I. W. W. is the comrade aware that many of the members signed the manifesto calling the first convention were prominent members of the S. P. and men who had spent years in the A. F. of L. movement? These men saw that there was nothing to work upon in the A. F. of L. and who should be better able to judge than they.

My paper is getting so long that I will not say anything about the labor movement in England only this, if the movement in England is ten years ahead of the movement in this country, the movement in Holland, Austria and France is fifty years ahead of England.

In closing I ask the comrade to look at the skeleton he is trying to get the working class to hide behind to fight their battle with capital. He has named it right, it is a skeleton but it is covered with such a mass of rotten flesh that he who hides behind it long will perish of the poisonous fumes that arise from it. Wake up, Comrade Stetson, and see what a rotten nest you are trying to get us to lay in. Come out of it and climb into the new nest. The organization which says to the wage class "We want the whole earth and all there is in it," join us and we will get it.

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