

THOUGHTS, By Your Uncle.

Incidentally I want to speak of something that isn't exactly Socialism, but which will nevertheless help to make Socialists by and by, and which also gave me a new experience. It was an experience also that could not have been thrust upon me had I not visited this particular mining district where the capitalist class is more open in its disregard for the lives and property of those who foolishly interfere with capitalist profit making.

Sunday night late, after my last meeting, and after I had got good by to all the Comrades, I went to a certain place where only a Socialist can go without injuring his reputation. I had been out with the union band a few days before, and I went

the suspicion that they were frightened they did so. It was not until the next morning that it was discovered that nine assay offices, one but thirty feet from the dance hall, had been blown up with dynamite. Luckily no one was killed, though one woman, about to become a mother, sleeping in one of the buildings used as both an office and a residence, was shocked so that the result was considered serious. There are about forty of these "assay" offices. They make a practice of buying high grade ore from miners without asking any bothersome questions. The miners who sell the ore are supposed to find it while prospecting, but the mine owners say it is all stolen from their mines. However it

there is anything that makes a big robber mad it is to have someone rob him of what he has stolen. It may be added, though somewhat unnecessarily, that the troops have not been rushed into the district to protect "property." But suppose one, only one, of the sticks of dynamite had gone off under the office of one of the big mines?

Tuesday morning I doubled back to Colorado Springs, leaving the region of high altitude, high prices, and high explosives to visit the representative high-toned capitalist town of America. Here is where the mine owners live, a most beautiful spot, and where they educate their children at a high-class college. There are splendid street cars here, but no transfers, as it is evident that the riding of the working class should be discouraged as much as possible.

While waiting to see some of the Comrades I wandered around the boulevards near the college, where dock-tailed horses and dock-brained riders of both sexes were much in evidence during the springlike afternoon. Rigged out in English riding suits and habits, they cantered around in droves, looking supremely weary at times, and with an aristocratic cast of countenance that deepened in hauteur whenever they had to rein out to gaze at a plebeian market wagon or caught me peeping at them.

One of the Comrades is connected with the college, not by money, but by "municipal labor around the grounds, and he expects to be disconnected as soon as they find out he is a truly radical Socialist instead of the sentimental variety that an occasional high-class person assumes as a fad. Through his courtesy I sat at table twice with several hundred of the students and allowed myself for a few brief moments to imagine I was going to graduate with sheepskin honors and a bounden heart-felt desire to live by schooled sharpness of wit upon those who are half starved by labor.

It appears that the middle-class of Colorado are endeavoring to lessen their burden by shoving it upon the big capitalists, and in behalf of that endeavor they are pushing the passage of the Bucklin bill, a single-tax scheme, through the legislature. A few Socialists and many trades unionists have allowed themselves to be faked into support of this middle-class reform, which, though operative, could not in any wise moderate the conditions of the workers or render their position in any way less insecure. They had been endeavoring to debate the bill before the Y. M. C. A. of Colorado Springs, but had been unable to get anyone to oppose the bill. Through Comrade Jackson I got the chance to speak in opposition and did so Tuesday evening. Judge Hubbard spoke in the affirmative, and though he at first denied that the bill was a single-tax proposition, he finally admitted he was a single-taxer, and as such favored the bill. I didn't mention Socialism once, yet the Judge, in answer, denounced me as one as a Socialist. The Judge spoke loudly and wildly in behalf of the bill, principally because it gave the "people" the right of referendum. The kind of "people" the single-taxers and the rest of the middle-class believe in is shown by the fact that the bill gives the right of petition only to "one hundred taxpayers," i. e., those who can show a tax receipt. And to think that there are hundreds of working people, and trades unions as a body, rushing to support a measure which insults 99 out of a hundred of them by stating specifically that they cannot petition in reference to the legislation carried by the bill. If this does not show that the middle class, by their pushing of this bill, are capitalist class-conscious, despite their occasional wail that working-class Socialists will not treat them, then I do not know what would or could.

BUENA VISTA...

Left Wednesday morning for Buena Vista. Found a small but energetic local there, and had a fairly good meeting in the opera house, with about a hundred questions fired at me. The meeting would have been much larger but for two things. One was the postponement of the meeting for one week, and the other thing was the new owner of the opera house, who thought a half shovelful of coal in one stove and none in the other would warm a big opera house in freezing weather. The Comrades said he had talked to the local with the determination to make it pay, and I guess, with the racial instincts of economy, he will if he can get audiences in the habit of wearing bearskin coats and foot warmers.

From here I went to Leadville, and here, like Glenwood Springs and Grand Junction, further on, where I had no addresses save of members of the Appeal "army," the sentiment was not strong enough to arrange a meeting. In fact, the sentiment was not strong enough to invite anyone to the letters of either myself or State Chairman Fechyew.

So this winds up my meetings for awhile as national committee man from Washington. Am in Utah now and will take up the work immediately as national organizer for that state, and about which you may expect weekly reports.

UNCLE SAM.

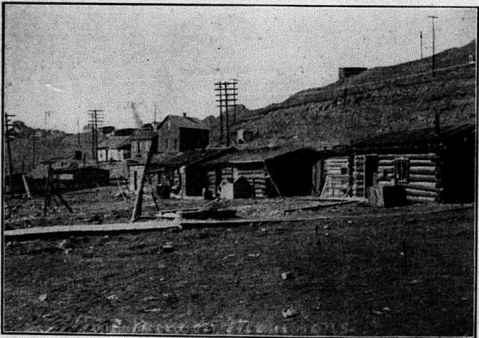


COLORADO STATE COMMITTEE, S. P.

(Beginning at Right). No. 1, James Gaston; No. 2, W. H. Fechyew; No. 3, J. C. Provost; No. 4, Chas. La Kamp; No. 5, H. Hansen; No. 6, Geo. E. Boomer, National Committeeman, Washington; No. 7, L. W. Fields, Altman, Colo. State Committee Devising Ways and Means of Bettering the Condition of the "Wage Slaves." —Taken by M. L. Mueller.

down to the only dance hall in Victor to say good by to the union musicians with whom I had got acquainted. They had just got through work, and I was shaking hands with them, when, all of a sudden, that end of the building seemed to go by in the air a foot or two; it swayed and rocked and settled down, and the windows fell in. For a moment there were a lot of scared men and women, and it was feared the "law and order" league had started in to clean out the tenderloin by breaking the law with dynamite. Nothing more happened, and as soon as everybody could go home without hurrying, enough to arouse

may be, the mine owners are the only ones interested in forcing the "assayers" out of business, and, as one big mine owner said, "there are thirty or forty others that ought to have been dynamited also." That it was a big plot behind which must have been both money and organization is proven by the fact that the nine places, miles apart, were all blown up within a few minutes of each other, and it must have taken at least twenty men working in concert to have done it. The "assayers" are all rebuilding, however, and further developments of the struggle between the big and little robbers may be confidently looked for. If



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THE COMMUNE

The Commune! What a wealth of tragedy and of heroic memory the words recall! And what inspiration there is for us in the Courage and Constancy of the brave men and women who raised the Red Flag above the Hotel de Ville on that glorious March morning in 1871! All over the world, during the coming month, their deeds will be recalled, and millions of Socialists will honor the memory of that short-lived triumph of the proletariat. The story of the Commune, ever new, though oft told, in spite of the many blunders of the Communards themselves, and their ultimate defeat, forms, nevertheless, a great chapter in revolutionary annals. From the 18th of March, when the women urged on the soldiers at Montmartre, to the 21st of May, when the Versailles troops forced an entry into the city and began that fearful carnage of blood and fire, in which so many thousands of men, women and children fell, victims to the relentless fury of the oppressors, Paris was governed better than at any time in its history. And that, in spite of the extreme difficulties which beset the administration.

Let those superior persons who sneer at the aspirations of the workers and declare that they could "never administer the affairs of a great city," think of the Commune. What of Theisz, the workman who was placed at the head of the post office? Working at ordinary artisan's wages he reorganized that great institution—paying, incidentally, higher wages for shorter hours of labor to all employes—and the beneficent results of his administration are felt even today. What of Camelinat, the bronze-worker who took charge of the mint?—of Jourde, clerk and accountant, who, at the head of the Commission of France, displayed much sagacity? No, there is nothing done for the workers which they could not do equally well for themselves!

But it is not in that the importance of the Commune lies. Nor is it in the heroic fortitude and courage of the brave fighters who fell in its colossal martyrdom. No, these are truly great things, but its chief interest for us lies in the fact that it was the first time in the history of the world that the working people had seized the reins of government and taken upon themselves the administration of a great city.

It is that fact, fraught with hope and sacred meaning, that we hail. We are proud of the heroism of those trying days; we are proud, too, of the ability shown by men of the working class itself to govern a great city wisely and with justice—a noble contrast to the cowardly reactionaries who forsok the city in white-livered frenzy! We see now, and have learnt from that dearly-bought experience to avoid, some of the mistakes they made; but, best of all, we see in the triumph of March '71 the glorious prefiguring of a greater final triumph, not alone in the city by the Seine, but throughout the world. And in that day the Red Flag of Socialism, doubly sacred by the martyr-blood of '48 and '71, will float, proudly and defiantly, from the battlements of all the great nations of the world, with a newer and more glorious lustre which shall not fade but grow brighter with the years.

With what malignancy the hirelings of the capitalist press throughout the world attacked the Commune! To them it was nothing less than a bloody reign of terror and the Communards a band of cruel and ferocious savages. The shooting, as a reprisal for the shooting of hundreds of their comrades, led a dozen hostages, by the revolutionaries, was magnified until it far transcended not only the shooting of those hundreds and the ill-treatment in prison, of hundreds more, but the savage butchery of innocent women and children in the streets! How great a stander upon brave men, whose weakness consisted, in part at least, in their failure to deal out summary punishment to their enemies! That men, goaded to desperation and vengeance by the wholesale butchery of their kin, should shoot back and kill six "respectable citizens," and one of them an Archbishop, was monstrous! But they had only praise for the "firmness" of the callous murderer, Gallifet, who in cold blood ordered the murder of hundreds without trial.

Gallifet! Murderer of the people! What a strange irony, and what tragedy, there is in the presence of one bearing the Red Flag of that same great struggle of the Cabinet with that unrepentant agent of tyranny! No wonder that the attitude of Millierand and his supporters has swung angry protests from "the greater part of the Socialist movement, not of France alone, but of the world."

Comrades, as we celebrate the great deeds of the Paris Commune, the memory of the great honored dead—Dombrowski, Varlin, Desclusez, Milliere, Rigault, and of the nameless heroes whose deeds abide forever, a glorious memory, let us remember that they have bequeathed to us not a glorious memory alone but a still more glorious mission. Milliere's last cry was, "Long live Humanity!" and one of the unnamed heroes, actuated by that same great human passion, when asked what he was fighting for, cried with his dying breath, "For Human Solidarity!"

We, too, are fighting for Human Solidarity—may we be as brave and true as were the defenders of the Commune! —John Spargo, Editor "The Comrade."

OUR SERVANTS IN WASHINGTON, D. C.

Springfield, Mo., March 4, 1902. Editor "The Socialist," Seattle, Wash.: Dear Comrade—I regret very much to see that the Royal Donbrowski, Varlin, Madden will not be allowed to rest on his oars, but his strenuous friends and neighbors are still forcing his royal nobility, E. C. M., to shovel on coal on the almost unquenchable fire that has been started in trying to suppress free speech and free press. I am happy to say I am a self-paid subscriber to "The Seattle Socialist" and will continue to be as long as our servants in Washington, D. C., will let me do so. Fraternally, FRED P. YOUNG.

"WILL INCREASE YOUR PAPER."

Sunburst, Cal., March 5, 1902. "The Socialist," Seattle, Wash.: I send subscription (50 cents) for a year to your paper. As soon as labor is sufficiently class-conscious he will get his own. I would like to have those pictures in your two last issues on glass, so that I could exhibit them by a highlight. I am delighted with your paper, and see you have trouble with the powers that be. It will increase your paper. Fraternally, S. COOPER.

PARTY NEWS

LOCAL NOTES. Comrade Bowley spoke to a good...

With Downey, Lindwall and Peters...

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QUESTION TO MADDEN. Young King County, Wash. Mr. W...

WORTHY TO SUFFER. Puyallup, Wash., March 5, 1902.

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BOSTON CORRESPONDENCE

Dramatic Events in Boston State House Socialist Members Electrify the House With Protests Against Prince Henry. Another Labor Bill Killed.

The writer considers himself fortunate in being one of the few Socialists present when the Socialist members of the Massachusetts legislature protested last Wednesday against official recognition of Prince Henry of Prussia. It came about so suddenly that speakers and listeners were alike unprepared: a full minute passed before those present realized what was taking place. Then there followed a most dramatic scene and one never to be forgotten. When the speaker authorizing the president of the senate and the speaker of the house to extend an invitation to Prince Henry to meet the general court of Massachusetts in joint convention was read, many of the members did not hear it. For some time the speaker had been mechanically reading off committee reports on unimportant bills, which were passed with one or two being taken. Some members were talking, others reading, and still others were sitting abstractedly watching the speaker manufacture laws. Messengers were flitting about and the reporters in the press gallery were jolting each other. The buzz of conversation ascended to the ears of the whispering visitors in the gallery. Suddenly Carey's voice rang out: "Mr. Speaker."

"Mr. Carey of Haverhill."

"There was an abrupt lull in the conversation. What was it?"

We leaned forward expecting, for Carey's bill to increase the number of hours on the calendar, and we thought he was going to speak on it. But Carey's first few words showed us we were mistaken and laid the whole situation clearly before every one. Then a murmur ran around the house, gradually dying away while the member straightened up in their seats. The messengers ceased their flitting about, the reporters got busy, and the visitors in the gallery glared greedily.

Carey had secured the floor when the speaker was half way through putting the question on the order. The latter gentleman appeared embarrassed and a worried look crept over his rubicund countenance. He fingered his glasses nervously, casting around the chamber a helpless glance which ended at the press gallery.

Speaking calmly and deliberately at first, Carey's speech increased in warmth and eloquence as he proceeded. The ringing words cut the silence with thrilling effect. Each moment the air of suppressed excitement grew more intense. Most of the members listened with intent faces, but the leaders of the house were restless. Reed of Taunton sat two feet away from me, twisting in his chair, his face white and twitching, his fingers beating a tattoo upon his desk; he could hardly contain himself. Suddenly he arose and moved noiselessly to his seat.

Carey spoke as follows:

"I hesitate and yet a sense of duty compels me to enter my solemn protest against the proposition to suspend the proceedings of a body of representatives of the people to do homage to one who appears by grace of a monarchy. I do this deliberately and dispassionately, with full knowledge of its significance."

"I conceive, Mr. Speaker, from what I have gathered in my youth and in my older years that this Republic is in itself a living protest against monarchy. I conceive a monarchy to be an insult, a wrong and a crime; an insult to the intelligence of the twentieth century, a wrong against man, and a crime against human progress. I cannot give the right of homage to one who is wrong; I cannot shut my eyes to his representative."

"I cannot forget that heroic ranks of the fathers marched to the graves that monarchy might not be. I cannot shut my eyes to the vision of the cold gray column on Burr Hill, which mutely told eloquently of a wrong against man, a wrong against monarchy, and I declare, if this Republic should not bat on its onward march, to salute a king."

"I would not stoop to do honor to a monarch, not wholly because of a feeling of enmity but because I love those things which make up a Republic. I believe it to be my right, as a citizen, to call the attention of those present against the calling of a halt in the progress of this legislature to receive the representative of a monarchy that tomorrow may be at our throats."

"It is an insult to those who struggled against monarchy and spared not their lives that a Republic might live to bow at the feet of a representative of a monarchy."

"I say it calmly and dispassionately that to any man who comes from any country representing the people, I am ready to give the hand of fraternity, but to those who come representing a monarchy I say, 'There is the door; go.' I say it in memory of those I have been taught to revere and not against any individual."

That makes him more of less than just a man."

"Prince Henry is reported as saying that New York is the haven of many Germans. Yes, Mr. Speaker, New York and the United States have been the haven for thousands of Germans called from their native land. It was the monarch who sent this man represents and his ancestors who tortured, imprisoned and exiled the best and noblest of the sons of Germany because they loved freedom and sought economic and political self-government."

"The monarchial system is maintained through the repression of men and women who spoke for what this Republic is supposed to stand. Human beings have been for ages murdered, imprisoned and sacrificed to sustain Prince Henry and such as he in power, and in the names of those murdered ones I protest today. I maintain that Prince Henry does not represent the German working people who compose that nation, and that the class that oppresses and exploits the worker and their wrongs cry to us to ignore him. Were he a chosen representative of the people, sent here by their will, no matter what color, race or creed they might be, I would welcome him, but he represents a system that divides humanity and profits by bloodshed."

"As a member of that international movement which seeks the solidarity of all humanity, I would give the fraternal hand of greeting to a representative of the people were he to enter here, but to a titled representative of monarchy I could only point to that door and say one word—Go!"

Carey had hardly ceased speaking when Reed of Taunton arose. The speaker, apparently wishing to prevent further debate, recognized him reluctantly. Reed, who was trembling with excitement and he blurted out his opening words as if he had been choking him.

"I am frank to admit," he said, "that I am not one of those who can sit in silence while words like these are spoken. Every one of us in this house recognizes that Prince Henry is the national guest, is not the guest of an individual but of the United States. I regret that a member of the Massachusetts house should have been guilty of such a breach of courtesy as has the gentleman from Haverhill. I am confident that with the possible exception of every member of this house who joins me in desiring to give a good welcome to him who is not only our guest but the representative of a great and friendly nation across the sea."

He hesitated for loss of words and then stammered out: "I believe the house stands ready to vote on this order now."

He sat down without a sign of encouragement to his fellows. His speech a pitiable failure. Immediately the speaker again attempted to put the question, but MacCartney was on the floor before a half dozen words were spoken. He was recognized, the worried, harassed look deepening on the speaker's face.

MacCartney could not have commenced a sermon more gently and shawily, but before he finished he had intensified the painful excitement by utterances accompanied by sarcastic delivery and graphic gestures which made them terribly effective.

He said:

"I regret very much that it has devolved upon two inconspicuous members of this body to enter a protest against the passage of this order. I regret the necessity for it, but duty compels me to protest."

"A mighty conflict is going on in the world between two philosophies—imperialism and democracy. This is no mere academic difference but a struggle which prevades all nations and the peoples of all nations are organizing for it. Prince Henry is the representative of imperialism and it is our duty and our opportunity to register our belief in democracy. We must know that there are definite relations between nations under anarchical form and those under democratic form. Official representatives should be treated as such, but Henry is not here on an official visit."

"The gentleman, so far as I know history, has done us wrong. Accident made him the son of a monarch and the brother of an emperor. His brother has had a boat built in this country, and he has come over to see it safely put in the water."

"He is a private citizen so far as we are concerned; yet the newspapers of this country, pretending to stand for the principles of the Republic, have been simply plasters over with pictures and descriptions of royalty. This person does not directly represent Germany. He is a member of royalty. He comes as a member of the royal family, and the great bulk of the German people are not royalists. In view of these facts we raise our voices in protest."

"We meet under this dome, around whose edge are set the names of men who preached and died for democracy, and yet we become saturated with the mania to give honor not to a representative of the people, but a representative of monarchy, and we see the American people led to prostitute themselves in the dust at his feet."

"King Edward is to be crowned, and this country will send a special envoy to his coronation, and these people, these representatives of democracy, will dress

up in pink lights—yes, pink pants! We will send over the daughter of the president of the United States to that coronation —we, the believers in the people—we, the believers in democracy will actually fall over ourselves to do honor to royalty in crowned in the person of King Edward of England."

"There is in this country today an imperialism more subtle and far-reaching than any imperialism in the past—an imperialism of wealth. This imperialism is leading the people to worship other forms of tyranny. Our industrial monarchs unite with the monarchs of the old world to establish a world-wide monarchy and to further this end our capitalists are bargaining their daughters to European profligates in return for titles."

"And who pays for all this? Five hundred thousand working men in Germany today are out of employment. In the city of Berlin alone there are 100,000 working men out of employment and the charitable institutions are strained to the utmost to provide for the necessities of life. Yet to provide for the private gentleman's yacht and his luxuries those people will be ground still further into poverty. And who pays the cost of the gorgeous reception given this representative of oppression? Who, but the working men of America? It is from their toil and sweat that the bills will be paid."

"We should oppose recognizing this man because he represents a philosophy anarchistic to progress, a system belonging to a past age, a doctrine that denies the equality of man and which lives on murder and persecution."

"Now, Mr. Speaker, the gentleman will be received with outstretched hands. The stamp of democracy upon it will probably be heard for the people and against monarch, imperialism and plutocracy. We will fight constitutionally, we will bear witness metaphorically, we will attempt to fan the dying embers of freedom while those who believe in the philosophy of liberty and democracy are entrusted as paying homage to royalty."

"Silence while MacCartney spoke and after he had concluded, Hayes of Lowell interrupted the speaker for the fourth time while the question was being put and was recognized. Mr. Hayes poses as the funny man of the house, and he proceeded to maintain his reputation. He was not very funny, but his remarks were very well more laughter than it otherwise would because it came opportunely and relieved the tension prevailing.

Hayes began by quoting the following from the Scripture: "The wind bloweth where it listeth; the sound thereof is heard but we know not whence it cometh nor whither it goeth, but it is mighty." He then wasted in the past few minutes that would keep the members of the house in breath for the next six months." He said he had felt terrified when the previous speaker was addressing the house and had momentarily expected the German army to enter the house and bear him away to a kommer. He suggested that the sergeant-at-arms and his subordinates surround the two Socialists during Prince Henry's visit in order that the two members be protected from contact with royalty and from the possibility of being taken captive by the Prince. From such a calamity he knew the house would wish to be delivered, for he said: "We should miss them. Oh, how we should miss them."

There was no applause when Hayes sat down. He was followed by Dean of Wakefield, a Democrat, who said the courtesies extended Prince Henry are not a recognition of a form of government, but simply an expression of good will for the people of another nation. He favored the order.

This ended the debate. The speaker hurriedly called for a rising vote, and all apparently stood up, except Carey and MacCartney, who afterwards voted in the negative. Carey asked unanimous consent to be placed on record. Hayes of Lowell objected. The speaker ruled that Carey's recollection could only be graded on a yea and nay vote. Carey asked for a roll call, but only MacCartney and he arose, thirty being required. This closed the incident. A large number of members escaped to the corridors to discuss it, and the house assumed its normal condition.

A few minutes afterwards the adverse report of the committee on Carey's bill requiring that railway tickets be issued to workmen on trains came to the chamber. Carey moved to substitute his bill and spoke for fifteen minutes upon it. His speech bristled with facts, showing the necessity for the measure. He was opposed by Sampson of Worcester, who claimed to be a railroad man of forty years' experience. He said the measure was unnecessary. Bullard of West Newton supplemented the two Socialists by the railroad workers consider the safety of their train men and passengers. MacCartney replied and roasted both statements in a scathing speech.

What followed was most interesting. A rising vote showed a tie—42 to 42. Carey showed only 10 yeas in present, sustaining the bill. Carey then moved that the sergeant-at-arms bring in a quorum. The members in the corridors were rounded up

and a quorum was had.

Carey then asked for a roll call, and in spite of protestations from some members he secured the necessary number—31 responding. This development was highly disagreeable to several members who had voted against the bill, but who did not want to be placed on record and it was amusing to note their bewilderment and disgust. The roll call resulted in 65 to 79, and another bill died at the hands of the majority's friends. Carey was especially important to the railroad men of the state who are a unit in its favor and who had a special legislative agent present.

Shortly afterwards the house adjourned, the most exciting session held in many years, and one which all Socialists can be proud to remember. It is no easy task for our representatives to stand in the face of the necessary numbers which run counter to the world's opinion; but they did it and did it with a dignified sincerity which commanded the respect even of their opponents and which entitles them to the approbation and support of Socialists everywhere.

INJUNCTION MADE PERMANENT.

The Occasion of the Great Strike Now on in Boston—Thirty Thousand Men Out in New England—Railroads Paralyzed.

The decision on the temporary injunction issued against the teamsters in the strike against the present writing, has a most serious aspect. The union leaders claim a strike is imminent that will paralyze the Boston situation. About 30,000 men will be involved. It is also claimed that the railroad corporations especially seem to be anxious for a strike, believing an opportunity would be presented to exterminate organized labor. If all the workmen involved in the transportation business were to strike the result would be disastrous.

In order to try and prevent a strike the allied council will appeal to the National Civic Federation and the State Board of Conciliation. As nearly all the unions meet on Sunday, it is impossible to predict what action will be taken, but the freight handlers and other unions are reported in deep sympathy with the Brine strikers and radical action is probable.

The Boston strikers men are considerably agitated over the court decision, but it is difficult to see how they could expect anything else. So long as they vote for their masters, they may expect their masters to control the courts.

W. M. Boston, March 1.

The account explains the big strike in New England. The dispatches today (13th) say that all New England business is at a standstill because of sympathetic strikes for the Boston teamsters. Hurrah for the sympathetic strike! Mayor usage! The railroads will win, of course. But Collins of Boston has begged Mark Hann of the Gompers Civic Federation's Conciliation committee to come and help. No working men will get another lesson and learn to strike at the Ballot Box.—Ed.

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