









GARBAGE CAUSES MINERS' STRIKE

Enterprise, Iowa, Company Tries to Tax Toilers for Cleaning of Alleys

(SPECIAL TO THE DAILY SOCIALIST.) Des Moines, Iowa, Sept. 12.—The tyrannical practice in mining towns of...

Garbage Cause of It All The present strike was brought about by trouble that started last May...

Threaten to Sell Houses They say that the company has threatened to sell the houses to some other person...

Consider Strike Violation The men also offered to go to work in the mines pending settlement...

Miners Must Repair Houses Many of the houses have broken from the walls near the inboard...

PLAN 20-STORY SKYSCRAPER AT DEARBORN AND MONROE The erection of another big skyscraper is said to be contemplated...

FOOD AND DRUG BOARD TO FIGHT EXCESS WEIGHT MEN Washington, D. C., Sept. 12.—A hearing will be held at the Department of Agriculture...

BIG DECREASE IN OUTPUT OF ILLINOIS COAL MINES Springfield, Ill., Sept. 12.—Reports of state mine inspectors to the state board of labor...

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THE HUSTLERS' COLUMN Conducted by H. G. Creel

Hustlers, let's take a little subscription. Those sub getting muscles of YOURS are stiff. You need lumbering up...

So the work went on. Precincts, wards and towns that had slumbered for years became and ARE veritable hotbeds of Socialism...

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Speaking of advances and mountains, here's a prospecting party of four. They struck pay dirt and donated a dollar each to the Daily...

William Beck has staked out a claim at Lawrence, Pa., consisting of a bundle of sample copies with which to work it.

Arthur J. McGee, Havre, Mont., is after placer gold. He, too, sends for a bundle of papers as help.

A gringo dollar in a native envelope comes from a thousand miles from the Daily and is used in a dollar donation.

Andrew Wisniet, Graniteville, Vt., takes \$1.50 from the reservoir and donates it to his paper.

The irrigation continues when Andrew Wisniet, Graniteville, Vt., meets his monthly pledge with four quarters.

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DEMOCRATS MEET AND SET SNARE

Eastern Party Leaders Draw Up Program of Principles and Policies

Saratoga, N. Y., Sept. 11.—The Democratic party, pro-possessor of "Fingy" Connors, "Tim" Sullivan, "Hinky" Diak, William Jennings Bryan and other such notables, has just brought to a happy conclusion a conference of the elect whereat the United States constitution was indorsed...

The Program Adopted Evidently the practices of fraud and chicanery have not brought enough popular esteem to the party, so the conference adopted the following program:

"A strict construction of constitutions, both state and federal, that the rights of the state and people, respectively, may be preserved."

"Loyal support of the federal government in the exercise of all its constitutional powers, eternal vigilance in watching and detecting and vigorous and persistent opposition to any and all extensions of federal power that trench upon those reserved to the states or to the people."

"A tariff for revenue only, no government subsidies to special interests either directly or through protective tariff."

"Equal and uniform taxation, taking no more money from the people than the just needs of government economically administered require."

"The abandonment at the earliest moment of the Philippine islands, first safeguarding their independence by sufficient guarantees."

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'SEATLESS' GOWN IS NOW WITH US

New York, Sept. 12.—The "seatless gown" of which New York women had their first inkling last June, is at last a reality.

The "seatless" gown is really a straight back gown and there is soon to be a straight back corset to wear with it, and then the stout woman can be comfortable and beautiful, and to repeat the designer's words, she can't possibly "look wide."

The originator of the seatless gown doesn't believe in backward curves. To avoid these he has cut his model seatless gown, which is a pretty straight frock coat and skirt, so that while it fits with delicate close curves over the hips the material is carried down in a straight line from the center of the back to a little below the waist...

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MYERS RENEWS WAR ON FOSTER

The Rev. Johnston Myers got back to Chicago yesterday from the east and took up his fight against Prof. George B. Foster of the university at the point where he left it two months ago.

"When Prof. Foster says there is no Baptist creed, he says that there is no true," was Dr. Myers' answer to one statement in the book. "Every Baptist must believe in the integrity of the bible, as the word of God; must uphold the principle of baptism of believers only, and must believe, finally, in the deity of Christ."

"If Prof. Foster had not subscribed to these truths, he would never have been given his ordination papers. If he has no right to the papers, or to be called a Baptist, to disbelieve the divinity of Christ is to be no Christian, but an atheist."

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Parliamentarism

Ten years ago the entire emphasis of Socialist propaganda was laid upon the necessity of capturing the powers of government through the election of representatives of labor to parliamentary bodies.

Then came the inevitable reaction. A movement arose, at first largely in the Latin countries, which rejected parliamentarism, and insisted that the triumph of the workers could be obtained directly by the action of organized labor.

It must not be forgotten that this new union movement could never have appeared had it not been for the gains made by the use of the ballot. The French Syndicalists, for example, could never have formed their organizations under the legislation which existed prior to the election of Socialist representatives to the chamber of deputies.

Unfortunately, but very naturally, this activity on the part of the new trade unions has been accompanied by a direct attack on parliamentarism. As is usual with any new, or apparently new, idea, its followers are at once transformed into fanatics, and are elevating their idea into a cure-all.

The fact is, that all such questions are not so much of principle, but of emphasis. It is not a question of whether organized labor shall be the only method of achieving social emancipation or whether we shall capture society by some successful election, but simply a question of which method is best applicable to any given case.

Police Registration of Vice

The evidence in the McCann trial has brought to public notice a fact which has long been known to those familiar with the relations between the Chicago police department and the red light traffic.

Detective Mulvihill testified that the names of all inmates of such houses are registered with the police and that all new recruits are brought to the station before registration. In other words, the police are brought in constant personal connection with these unfortunates, and in such a manner that the women are completely in their power.

Under these conditions it is absolutely inevitable that the police should work in more or less close co-operation with white slave traders, panderers and keepers of houses of ill fame. Since this whole traffic in all its phases is a crime in the eyes of the law, the police are forced to make terms with criminals. They must decide who are to be permitted to commit these particular crimes and where they shall commit them.

Does anyone with an ordinary amount of brains believe that the Chicago police department is such an incorruptible body that it would distribute these extremely valuable privileges without compensation?

Does anyone imagine that if the distribution of these privileges in the west side, where they are least profitable, was accompanied with such wholesale graft as is alleged, that the vastly more profitable privileges on the south side were distributed without any profits accruing to officials?

Had You Forgotten?

Perhaps you have lost sight of the fact that we are trying to raise the debt that threatens the life of the Daily Socialist. Perhaps you have been intending to send in your contribution, but overlooked it or postponed it.

Our creditors are not forgetting or overlooking anything. They are here all the time. Had it not been for the fact that the regular income has been a little, just a little, better than we told you it would be, the crisis would have been upon us by this time.

As it is, there is need for immediate action. It is not a case where the paper will stop by the end of the week if we do not hear from you. If there is a proper response from all those who are able to do a little the days of such heartbreaking crisis are over.

If all those who have been intending to contribute to the fund to clean up the debt would do something within the next week all would be well. Have you been one of those? Have you been waiting and waiting for someone else to act? Or have you been postponing doing something day after day? Or had you just forgotten that your paper is in need?

In any case, you would have done none of these things if you had realized how much is depending upon you.

A Slight Jolt... No Use... Up to His Ears... The Summer Household... Cave Dwellers... A Slight Jolt... No Use... Up to His Ears... The Summer Household... Cave Dwellers...

AMERICAN HEROES AGAIN

BY ROBERT HUNTER

I hope Mr. Charles W. Elliot, August Belmont and other gentlemen of the Civic Federation are reading the papers these days.

The true nature of the scab is becoming known. Some of the distinguished members of the federation consider the scab as a hero.

To them he is a strong, honest, independent, liberty-loving American. He will not bow the knee to the tyranny of trade unions.

He intends to fight against the slavery of unions and to insist upon his right to work when, where, and how he pleases. That's Mr. Elliot's idea.

But I hope John Mitchell, who is now employed by the Civic Federation, will mark the Associated Press dispatches from McKees Rocks, Pennsylvania, and beseech Mr. Elliot and Mr. Belmont to read them.

It appears that several hundred men

had been picked up on the Bowery to serve as strike breakers at McKees Rocks. Some of them were poor, helpless bums, others were ex-convicts and criminals.

One was a member of Monk Eastman's East Side gang—a thug, burglar and cut throat. This collection of American heroes were hidden away in box cars under the guard of detectives with guns and clubs.

They were secretly shipped into the works at McKees Rocks on the promise of plenty of whisky, good food and high wages.

But the heroes were deceived and when they got to McKees Rocks they discovered that what was wanted was hard labor at low wages.

They rebelled. Their guns were then taken away from them and they were told to work or they would get a hiding from the police.

Work! Did you ever hear of heroes working? My, but they were indignant. How-

ever, the guards had the drop on them and so the heroes fainted.

They thought they were to be employed as gun men to shoot "hunkies." But the constabulary were on that job and maintained a closed shop.

So after a day or so of riot and disorder they trooped back to the good old Bowery where heroism is appreciated, and the man of action rewarded with free lodging, a cool schooner and lucrative employment at the polling place.

I begin to understand what Mr. Elliot and others of the Civic Federation consider as heroes.

Certainly no man would consider as heroes those underpaid, half starved, slave like toilers, who labor twelve hours a day year in and year out to support their wives and children.

And strikers can't be heroes because they rebel against their bosses and belong to unions.

The heroes then must be those men, who, whenever the bosses are in trouble, are perfectly willing to do everything but work to help them out.

"Whom the Gods Wish to Perish, They First Demoralize"

BY DR. AXEL GUSTAFSON

The class struggle now convulsing Spain and Sweden afford striking examples of the truth of this adage. Every sane and sensible person outside the charmed circle of capitalism must see that the methods pursued by the exploiters of Spain and Sweden inevitably will cause their downfall.

Lies always come home to roost. And when these big capitalists, finding that all kinds of pressure, political and economic, including within their scope bribery and corruption, fail to buy or cow or crush their wage slaves, and resort to lies, slander and defamation of them to co-

justify whatever violence they may adopt to force them, they are lost.

The clay feet of the golden Colossus are crumbling and its fall will be great. In what position will the Spanish government be placed before the Spanish people and the whole civilized world when the exact truth about the Barcelona tragedy as well as the Moroccan Infamy become known? Already the capitalist organs find it necessary to state some truths regarding the matter.

The other day the Earlston Ledor (The Evening News) published an interview with Francisco Ferrer, the celebrated founder of the "Modern School" of education at Barcelona. Mr. Ferrer is in London, England.

A little while ago the Spanish government sent out a report of horrible excesses by the populace of Catalonia, and especially in Barcelona. He informed the world that Catalonia has seceded from Spain and that Six Ferrer had organized a provisional government in Barcelona, but that the swift and vigorous action had nipped the secession in the bud.

All the revolutionary leaders had been captured and shot, excepting Six Ferrer, who was accused of being the instigator of the burning of the cloisters. These government reports state that he had been thrown in the Mont Jubeh dungeons and reserved to be made an example of to future revolutionists.

The Six reporter knew, of course, that the Spanish news of Six Ferrer languishing in prison was not true. But he wanted to know what part Six Ferrer had taken in the uprising. Ferrer replied, "None whatever. All those statements are false from beginning to end."

He had been living for several months in London pursuing studies in connection with his school. Just before the uprising he had been called home because of illness in his family. Neither he nor anyone else as far as he was aware had been preparing for any revolt.

It was a wholly spontaneous affair. Two days before the fatal 26th an anti-war protest meeting had been called. When the people arrived they found the hall closed and guarded by the police. This angered them and the general strike for the 26th was the result. But Six Ferrer took no part in the manifestation and left immediately for London.

He then told a reporter how, when the government found that he was out of their reach they had invaded his home, and although they failed absolutely to discover anything of an incriminating character, they arrested his family, his parents, friends and acquaintances, his teachers and assistants, even young girls 14 years of age. They closed his school and library, and all secular schools in Catalonia smiled at his humiliation.

In view of the praises bestowed on Maura by the great French, Austrian and English papers for the "tact" and "fine energy" with which his government had suppressed "the Hooligans" and "Criminal aliens of Barcelona" and the "ability and foresight" he had displayed in the conduct of the Moroccan war, it certainly is of interest to know what the probably greatest expert on the Moroccan situation, Villaneuva, former cabinet minister of Spain, has to say.

Le Peuple, the enterprising Socialist organ of Brussels, has just reproduced the words of Sig. Villaneuva's protest against the Moroccan war, which was published in the El Correo de Gulpuzco, at the commencement of the war. And this is what he says: "This government of incapables has compromised the country's interest in north Africa for the past five years and are on the road to complete their deadly work. What titles, what legitimate interests, what aggressions, can we invoke before the civilized world to justify those acts of war which we are committing? We invite an ambassador of the Sultan to discuss and devise terms of peace to discuss and devise terms of peace to discuss and devise terms of peace."

In Swedish Von Sydow, president of the Employers' Federation, has established a central lying bureau. All news concerning the strike passes from this bureau directly into the hands of all the Swedish papers, the great foreign journals and the correspondents of the Havas agency and the Associated Press located in Stockholm.

This bureau has for the last three weeks constantly sent out press reports about the failure of the strike, the return of the workmen to work, disturbances in the ranks, and little disturbances to industry and business.

Yet the strike is going on. The latest news shows that it is growing, some 50,000 peasant farmers having joined the strikers. Furthermore, it is the employers who are weakening; they have offered from 5 to 10 per cent increase in wages as well as profit sharing and partnerships in factories to bring the strikers back to work, but all in vain.

Secretary Lindquist has announced that with only three-quarters of a million dollars the strike can be won now. Now, these are the truths, and yet the Swedish consul at New York the other day said the strike was not a serious matter; it did not hurt seriously the employes of industries.

"Dagens Nyheter" (The Stockholm Daily News), which at first made light of the strike, now in the copies last to hand cries out for government intervention; it declares that "industry and commerce have been ruined; the railroads do not pay running expenses; the whole economic future of Sweden is jeopardized by the strike."

The Stockholm chamber of commerce has sent out a public notice that the Swedish industries are sustaining a daily loss of one million dollars.

OUR OKLAHOMA HOME

(Adaptation of "Old Kentucky Home")

BY WINFIELD GAYLORD

In a crowd at the Elk City, Okla., Socialist encampment this summer, out of about 200 farmers present, 18 held up their hands to signify that they owned their own farms. The rest were either mortgaged or farmed by tenants. Out of that picture the following adaptation of the old song came into my mind—

O, the sun was bright in my old Kentucky home, In summer, our hearts were so gay, When the corn was ripe, the tobacco all in bloom, While the birds made music all the day, But the judge came by, when the sun was setting low, And the moon in the sky was so bright, And the crops couldn't pay, so he said we'd have to go, Then we sang, "Kentucky Home, Goodnight."

On the Firing Line

BY MONOSABIO

Socialism is the great eye-opener of the twentieth century.

Poverty and discontent are reported as approaching the acute stage in China. Hail, almond-eyed comrades of the Celestial—Hades!

"What shall we do with the old?" asks Richard Washburn Child, in Everybody's Magazine. What, is Dr. Osler's alleged advice so soon forgotten?

The capitalist newspapers are bragging of "our record-breaking eight billion dollar crops." Very little of it you will get, however, poor pencil pushers, who write and gloat over the headings. To the princes over the captains of industry belongs that pronoun "our."

Rev. Capitalist H. Parkhurst finds "that the condition of society which robs a child of its inalienable right to play is murderous." In that case, why not adopt Socialism and rescue the little ones from the factories and sweatshops and other places where capitalism demands that they shall be sacrificed!

The Portland Oregonian is against Chief Forester Gifford Pinchot, who is apparently trying to save what remains of the public domain from land and waterpower grabbers, on the ground that he is "striving to supplant private irrigation with a Socialist program."

There, Mr. Pinchot, that certainly ought to settle you.

"I demand a school which will teach boys and girls to work," exclaims E. W. Weaver, an instructor in the New York Boys' high school. All right, but teach them that they must not go to work under legal age, and that when they are of legal age they have the inalienable right to a job without cringing for it as a favor. Tell them the constitution will soon provide this.

Justice James F. Minton, of the New Jersey Supreme Court, in a recent lecture said that the United States, like ancient Rome, is beginning to decline because of the amalgamation of the small farms into large estates by the moneyed interests. What shall be done to save the small farmers from becoming hired men and serfs? Why, that is easy, dear judge. Let them help vote Socialism into power and serfdom of every description will disappear forever.

Next is a short item about Isaac Smith who after falling out with his own church at Droberville, Pa., built a church of his own. That churches were not much in demand there is proven by the announcement that Smith is going to shut up shop, his congregation having diminished to one—the sole worshiper being himself. The church did a thriving business at first but those who attended were all curiosity seekers. And so religion is now going at par in Smith's church for all of the curiosity of his worship shop has worn off.

The story that Rockefeller entertained the press humorists during their convention in Buffalo, N. Y., goes to show that he has everything but happiness. Rockefeller being wiph-like probably is going to try that Mianle-Ha-Ha stunt of getting fat on laughter.

Stanley M. Davis of Pilot Point, Tex., is serving an eight-year sentence in prison at Tonala, Chihuahua, Mex., because he saved an American from being stabbed to death by a "greaser." If the friends of the American whose life he saved had aided him he might now be strutting around wearing one of Carnegie's medals. Davis killed the Mexican as he was bending over the American with a knife. The American fled and Davis, who could talk like a Spanish and whose wife believes his story, was "railroaded," which, by the way, is an every day occurrence in the realm of Diaz.

Another chapter of the Van Vlietingen case is recorded in this morning's paper. Van Vlietingen is being sued for divorce by his wife. She doesn't want to bear the name of a felon although it does sound a bit aristocratic. Several years ago just about the time Van Vlietingen "took to forgering" he came to the United States as a millionaire benefactor. He adopted the Wiltrix boy to keep him from going to the juvenile home "where he would be ill kept." Joliet prison life must be doubly hard for the benefactor now, especially as he showed signs of dissolving prison life a long time ago when he befriended the Wiltrix boy.

An Easy Way to Do It

I have worked out a plan whereby we can clean up the old debt without making it a burden on anyone.

It will enlist 5,000 people, and I would rather get this sum from that number than to get it from a few.

There will be a lot of fun and enthusiasm in this little game. You will not only raise the debt, but you will do a lot of propaganda.

Here we are, 5,000 of us, and we will line up with one of the three crowds:

Table with 2 columns: Amount and Total. 1-4,000 at 5 cents a day for 5 days: \$1,000. 2-2,000 at 5 cents a day for 10 days: \$1,000. 3-1,000 at 10 cents a day for 10 days: 1,000. Total: \$3,000.

There are still \$625.50 to get, but we are going to make the intellectual finish that up. They will have to pitch in those six hundred odd dollars or fof- ever keep mum.

We proletarians are going to tackle the three thousand.

Go right into the group you like best and start as many of your friends as you can to help you. We will begin right away to give you credit on the group you choose. You can start in now and send your amount.

But we will start for good on Sept. 15 and Group One will save a nickel each day for five days. Your amount should reach us by the 21st.

Group Two will also start to save a nickel a day for ten days. Your amount should reach us by the 26th of September.

Group Three will save 10 cents each day for ten days, and yours will come in on the 26th also.

The intellectuals will have to hustle if they are going to get in their \$625 by that time. We'll beat them if we can.

This will not be hard on anybody and we can clean up this old, miserable debt and have a lot of fun in the meantime.

Let me hear what you think of the scheme.

If you still have it in your bones to send that half day wage do so. It will all go in to clean up.

Table with 2 columns: Item and Amount. Original amount: \$5,300.00. Previously reported: \$1,639.43. Received today: 14.50. Total so far: 1,673.93. Balance to get: \$3,626.07. By order of the Board of Directors. J. O. BENTALL, Secretary.

The Meeting of the Presidents on the Border

The following is the reason given by the St. Paul Dispatch for the meeting of Taft and Diaz:

"The meeting between President Taft and President Diaz of Mexico is said to have some political significance not in the United States, of course, but in Mexico. It was arranged at the instance of the Mexican ambassador at Washington and is supposed to have been planned for the sake of the effect of this show of cordial friendship upon the government of Mexico as well as upon their sympathizers and abettors in the United States.

"There is to be a presidential election in Mexico a year hence. Diaz is a candidate to succeed himself and will probably have no opposition. But Diaz is 80 years old, and that he can live out another term is regarded as no doubtful fact by the people of Mexico are really more concerned about the vice presidency than the presidency.

"Diaz wants Ramon Corral, the present vice president, to be in the line of succession. But a large element of the people is opposed and favors Gen. Bernardo Reyes, now governor of the state of Nuevo Leon, and former minister of war in Diaz' cabinet. Reyes is a showy fellow and has taken up the campaign issue of 'Mexico for the Mexicans,' and is making some headway.

with it where jealousy of Americans already exists.

"There are between 30,000 and 40,000 Americans in Mexico, and approximately \$800,000,000 of American money has been invested in Mexican mines, ranches, railroads and other enterprises. The Reyes movement means danger to the Americans and their investments, and Diaz and his supporters seek to counteract that influence by a strong show of cordial relations with the government of the United States and the moral support of Americans for the Diaz regime. This is expected to be operative on both sides of the boundary, checking the spirit of revolution at home and discouraging sympathy for it on this side.

"It is a Mexican idea that an exchange of felicitations between the two of either in his own country, and is like an exchange of visits between two crowned heads of Europe being taken as evidence of an alliance between their kingdoms. It may work in Mexico; it has no such significance, of course, on this side of the Rio Grande, the meeting meaning nothing more here than a pleasant exchange of courtesies without significance whatever as to the future relations of the two republics or any possible effect upon our own politics."



The die is cast. The white ballots have fallen, and now it is all over but the counting—and the shouting and the weeping. I am too late to save the day with my instructions to voters. But none can object if I spill a little cheap oil on the troubled waters.

"I and you, and all of us" were much amused by the letters pro and con, and for the last two or three weeks, the next thing I rushed to, after reading Robert Hunter's article, was the corner headed "To the Editor."

This discussion has contributed to the gaiety of Socialists if it has done nothing else. How amusing to see comrades trying to squelch each other by hurling the epithet "Utopian."

This form of argument was once considered a capitalist trick.

There was a joker in our last platform. It is short and sweet. Here it is: "And All Land." "So sudden." Who put that in? I did know who composed "Demand No. 2" in our last platform, but have forgotten. Or was it a collaboration? I think "And All Land" was hooked on by another hand.

The platform builders were tired-out, and the opportunity of the interpolator was boundless. I saw Stanley J. Clark fresh from chairmanship of convention, fresh from platform committee, and he called my attention to this joker.

One reads the platform peaceably and quietly till he strikes this snag. One of our "soap boxers," Pat Jared, was temporarily capzled upon it, during the last campaign in Fulton county, Ark. He was aiding the local candidates, and was scattering his challenges broadcast. Before an audience of almost unaccountable hill-billies, a backwoods Methodist preacher took up the gauntlet and announced himself ready for immediate battle.

He announced to the startled rustic: "There is dynamite in this Socialist platform," and immediately read to them general demand number 2.

He knew his audience and how to handle it. He worked the hungry, ragged, landless, disinherited tenants, share-croppers and hired (hard) hands into a frenzy by showing them in black and white, from the platform itself, that the Socialists proposed to take their land away from them. The preacher perorated with the assertion that when they came to take his little rocky farm, they'd find him ready with his shot gun.

There was no quelling the fury of the crowd. Pat was bowled down, and some minutes later to his reply. And the joker did it.

What a jolt these three short words give us! They do not conform to the etiquette of the park.

But why the "Hard Hand" (Hired hand), or the domestic servant, or the small farmer should object to them, I can not see. Their tears remind me of those of the poor whites in the south.

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