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GIVE THEM A PLACE TO PLAY.

Dennis McCarthy in "Survey."

Plenty of room for dives and dens (glitter and glare of sin),
 Plenty of room for prison pens (gather the criminals in);
 Plenty of room for jails and courts (willing enough to pay),
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 Plenty of room for the running sores that rot in the city's breast!
 Plenty of room for lures that lead the hearts of our youths astray;
 But never a cent on playground spent—no, never a place to play!

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 to play.

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THE STRIKE is still on at the Queen mine near Ymir, British Columbia. All miners are urged to stay away until strike is won.

JOHN B. DENSMORE, solicitor of the Department of Labor, returned to Washington. As the copper barons maintained that "there was nothing to arbitrate," the mission of the federal agent resulted in failure.

MOVING PICTURE FILMS and thirty slides of the tragedy and strike scenes in Michigan are now being shown in the Empire theater at Chicago. The receipts will be forwarded to relieve the distress of the stricken families of the strike district.

THE SECRETARY of Gilmore Miners' Union, No. 21, W. F. M., of Gilmore, Idaho, requests that miners be notified that industrial conditions are bad at Gilmore. One mine has closed down and the chances for employment are very uncertain.

THE UNITED STATES Circuit Court of Appeals has upheld the judgment of the Federal District Court of Indianapolis in twenty-four of the cases against the Structural Iron Workers. Six cases were reversed and remanded to the lower court for re-trial.

WHEN PRESIDENT CHARLES H. MOYER reached Chicago after being brutally beaten, shot and deported, he declared that he would go back to Michigan just as soon as his physical condition would permit. The mob in Michigan has discovered that Moyer keeps his word, for both he and Tanner went back to Hancock and gave their personal attention to matters in which the organization was involved.

At this present writing President Moyer is on his way to Denver to attend to important matters at headquarters.

THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE in presenting statistics makes the statement that there is in circulation in United States money the sum of three and one-third billion of dollars, and the same department declares that there are on deposit in the banks of the United States seventeen billion of dollars. If there is only three and one-third billion of dollars in circulation, then how does it come that there are \$17,000,000,000 on deposit in the banks?

How will the deposits be paid by a circulation of three and one-

third billions? It is in order for some "frenzied financier" to answer the question.

MASS MEETINGS are being held in all the prominent cities and towns of this country, to give voice to the indignation that is felt by organized labor towards the mob that has destroyed liberty in the copper district of Michigan.

The mass meetings are insisting that Congress shall survey the situation in Michigan and uncover the outrages that have been perpetrated by organized mobs in the name of "law and order." That legal rights have been swept aside and constitutional liberty destroyed cannot be successfully denied even by the kept press that panders to capitalism.

The copper barons have become kings in the copper camps of Michigan and the power of armed might delegated to thug, gunman and soldier rules in the strike zone.

It is up to Congress to ascertain if democracy is dead in the domain ruled by Lord McNaughton and his armed mafia.

THE FOLLOWING APPEARED in the Associated Press following the slugging, shooting and deportation of Moyer from the strike zone of Michigan:

"Just across the bridge connecting the two towns and distant about 400 feet from the structure is the depot of the Copper Range railroad. There it was noticed that Moyer and his companion boarded a train bound for Chicago. They were accompanied by three men, who seemed to be guarding them, although there was no visible demonstration of force or coercion."

The above report in the Associated Press is a lie as brazen and as shameless as the salaried whelp who wrote it for the combination that holds in its custody a monopoly on the distribution of news.

The above report would make it appear that Moyer and Tanner, without any demonstration of violence on the part of a mob, "boarded a train bound for Chicago."

The fact that Moyer and Tanner were brutally beaten in the Scott hotel, that Moyer was shot and that Moyer and Tanner were dragged through the streets of Hancock to Houghton, escaped the vigilant eye of the news-gatherer for the Associated Press. The fact that Moyer and Tanner were covered with blood when they were forced upon a train by a mob that was yelling "Hang them!" "Lynch them!" did not appear as a visible demonstration of "force or coercion" to the eagle eye of the servile scribbler who wilfully lies to hold his job and draw his salary. A journalist prostituted to capitalism is without a peer in the aggregation of degenerates.

THE MINERS' BULLETIN of Hancock, Michigan, of January 9th, had the following relative to the return of President Moyer and Charles Tanner to the strike district:

"President Charles H. Moyer and Auditor Charles H. Tanner of the Western Federation of Miners arrived in the city at noon yesterday from Chicago. The gentlemen were met at the Houghton station by ex-Congressman Victor Berger of Milwaukee, Attorney John Kiiskila of Hancock, R. R. McKenzie, Federation organizer; James M. Lord and Paul L. Paulson of the United Mine Workers; Walter Toupin of Calumet; J. E. Ballinger, editor of the Miners' Bulletin, and many others, who accompanied them to the Hancock station, where the train was met by a cheering crowd of people numbering about two thousand. President Moyer and Auditor Tanner were escorted to the Scott hotel by a number of deputy sheriffs who were at the station with an automobile. Several carriages were in waiting to carry other prominent men to the hotel. President Moyer appears somewhat emaciated from his confinement in the hospital at Chicago, but is rapidly regaining his health. The trip from Chicago to this city was quite tiresome, and the Federation official was immediately taken to his room, where he remained for several hours resting from

the trip before being permitted to see or communicate with anyone. The station at Houghton from where these men were loaded upon a train two weeks ago tonight wounded and bleeding, was filled with a curious crowd, who sought to get a glimpse of the deported officials. At an early hour this morning bulletins were placed in the Nichols Drug store stating that President Moyer had left Chicago for the copper country and was expected at noon. Had the news become general, Federation members to the number of thousands would have been at the station to welcome their president. As it was, the streets were thronged from the station to the hotel with those who hoped to get a glimpse of the men who had been so cruelly forced to leave the copper country two weeks ago tonight.

"Moyer's Statement.

"In a conversation with the editor of the Miners' Bulletin, President Moyer stated that he had returned to the copper country with the intention of again taking up his work where he left off at the time he was summarily ejected from the state. He will give all assistance within his power to the grand jury now in session to ferret out all information possible regarding his and Tanner's deportation, and such other evidence he has in regard to the investigation of the strike situation now being made by the grand jury.

"Mr. Moyer will also assist the governor in his probe of strike conditions, supplying information that will in any manner be of assistance to the governor in his work of making an investigation of the strike situation here."

A TELEGRAM reached headquarters last week announcing the death of Mrs. A. Shilland, the wife of the secretary of Sandon Miners' Union, and likewise secretary-treasurer of District Union No. 6, W. F. M. of British Columbia.

Mrs. A. Shilland died in the hospital at Nelson, B. C., as the result of an operation on January 2d, and was buried at Nelson on January 6th under the auspices of the W. F. M. and K. P.

The telegram states that the heart of the whole community goes out in sympathy to the bereaved relatives. The husband, A. Shilland, has been identified with the Western Federation of Miners since its birth and has been tireless in his efforts in behalf of the labor movement. The blow that has fallen on the secretary of Sandon Miners' Union will be felt by all who know him, who will deeply deplore the gloom that now shadows the home of a man whose splendid work has done much towards building up the labor movement of British Columbia.

THE CORONER'S JURY rendered the following verdict on the Calumet tragedy:

The said Herman Ala and seventy-three others came to their

deaths on the 24th day of December, 1913, at the Italian hall, village of Red Jacket, and by the evidence of the witnesses we find that the cause of death of the above named persons was by suffocation, the same being caused by being jammed in the stairway leading to the entrance of the Italian hall, where a Christmas celebration was being held under the auspices of the Woman's Auxiliary of the Western Federation of Miners, and the stampede was caused by some person or persons unknown to the jury at this time raising an alarm of fire within the hall; and further

We find no person nor persons were allowed inside the hall where the celebration was being held without producing a union card or having some member of the union vouch for him before they be allowed admittance.

We further find that the citizens, doctors, firemen and the sheriff's force are to be commended for their prompt action in their efforts to relieve the suffering.

BURTON BARNHAM,
Chairman,
JACOB PESONEN,
MATHEW CHOP,
DAN YAUCH,
JACOB TALSO,
GEORGE F. TALBOT,
WILLIAM FISHER,
Coroner.

The above verdict was what was expected by everyone who knows that corporation rule is king in the copper district of Michigan. No member of the coroner's jury dared to bring in a verdict that pointed the accusing finger at the aggregation that has made war upon the labor movement.

A coroner's jury that would pay tribute to the "sheriff's force," an army of thugs and man-killers, would not hesitate to canonize Judas as a saint and weave around the memory of Benedict Arnold a wreath of immortality.

The coroner's jury says: "We find no person or persons were allowed inside the hall without producing a union card."

Does the coroner's jury believe that a Waddell-Mahon thug or a blood-thirsty member of the Citizens' Alliance, would have any serious trouble in securing a card in the copper district of Michigan? In every strike of any magnitude, the detective agencies see to it that some of their spies are equipped with cards and the thousands of men who have been exposed by labor unions as hirelings of detective agencies, did not occur to this jury that was summoned for no other purpose, but to smother the facts in the tragedy at Calumet.

The coroner's jury did not dare to bring in a verdict that would meet the antagonism of the copper barons. Truth must be silent in the domain where McNaughton rules with the absolutism of a czar.

Something to Think About

THE PRESS that is pledged to capitalism condones the outrage that was committed on Charles H. Moyer. Such an attitude on the part of the **kept press** surprises no one who realizes that such organs must support and defend the lawlessness of exploiters and their purchased henchmen. This **kept press** has gone so far as to declare that Moyer was responsible for the conditions that prevailed in the copper district of Michigan. No more brazen or shameless falsehood was ever penned by a servile lickspittle of a master class. Industrial slavery gave birth to revolt on the part of the miners. Moyer exhausted all his resources previous to the strike to adjust the grievances of the miners, but all his efforts met with insolent contempt on the part of the copper barons.

After the strike was declared, Moyer and the executive board of the Western Federation of Miners presented various propositions to bring about an amicable settlement on an honorable basis, but every proposition was insultingly rejected by that industrial oligarchy that has murdered justice and established a reign of anarchy in the copper belt of a commonwealth. The copper barons bluntly declared that their slaves must forfeit the right to belong to a labor organization, and that such slaves could only work for them as **individuals**. The right to join hands under the banner of unionism was never entertained for a moment by those "Captains of Industry" who insisted that their **dictum** should be law in the strike zone of Michigan. To enforce their mandate they imported the professional sluggers and gunmen of the Waddell-Mahon strike-breaking agency, and the sheriff of Houghton county, owned and controlled by the mine operators, was instructed to deputize these hired Hessians, in order that they might establish a reign of terror in the name of **law and order**. The governor of the state was commanded by the mining corporations to reinforce the Waddell-Mahon outlaws with the state militia, and the spineless **Single Taxer** who called himself a "man of the people," waltzed to the music of Lord McNaughton.

After five months the strike was no nearer a settlement than when it was declared. The striking miners at all times were ready and willing to adjust differences, but the mine barons stood upon the lofty pedestal of haughty arrogance and declared that the Western Federation of Miners shall not be recognized. They decreed that organized labor must go, and insisted that every striker should renounce his allegiance to the labor movement ere he should be permitted to return as a slave to the dungeons of the copper mines.

The striking miners knew the conditions that forced them to strike, and knew that their renunciation of organized labor meant absolute peonage, and that without a labor movement in the copper district of Michigan, industrial despotism would reign supreme, as in the past. Renunciation of the principles of unionism meant complete and unconditional surrender, and the striking miners will never return to the prisons in the bowels of the earth unless the labor movement of a continent permits the copper kings to starve them into submission.

When the copper miners of Michigan were forced to declare a strike on the 23rd of last July, the mine operators entertained the opinion that the strike would be of short duration, and that in a few weeks the strikers would be on their knees begging for the opportunity to return to work. The strikers are made up of many nationalities and many creeds, and the operators, through their henchmen, had hugged the delusion to their breast that race and creed prejudices could be played upon, and that in a short time the ranks of the strikers would be broken.

The solidarity of these men in the copper district of Michigan surprised the mine barons. Thugs, gunmen and state militia failed to awe or intimidate these men who were waging a battle for more humane conditions and a wage that would place themselves and their families a little above the hunger line. Their solidarity made the mine barons and their mercenary chattels desperate, and there is a strong presumption in the minds of men who can reason from cause to effect that the tragedy on Christmas eve at Calumet lies at the door of the organized element that has arrayed itself against the struggling thousands who scorned to wear upon their necks the copper collar of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company.

Rational men with analytical minds can easily reach the conclusion that a conspiracy was hatched to give the **alarm of fire** when the strikers met in the Italian hall at Calumet on Christmas eve, to forget for a few hours the struggle in which they had been engaged for five long months. The **kept press** will say such a conclusion is monstrous, but an oligarchy of industrial despots that gathered thugs, mankillers and professional assassins from the slums of the cities of this country, imported them into the strike zone and gave them orders to "shoot to kill," will not hesitate to hatch a plot that culminated in the sacrifice of the lives of eighty men, women and children. The affidavits of scores of gunmen who have left the strike zone and who were hired to maintain a reign of lawlessness, furnish

strong and conclusive evidence that the mine barons felt no scruples of conscience concerning any acts or outrages that might be committed in the desperate attempt to drive the striking miners back to work. An organization of employers that summons the criminal element of the large cities to its assistance and places the weapons of murder in the hands of men who have made **killing a profession** will scarcely hesitate to become star actors in a tragedy.

The tragedy gave the copper barons the opportunity to impress the public that the loss of human life touched their hearts. They immediately started a campaign that resulted in the collection of \$25,000, the most of which came from the coffers of the mine owners, who had thugs, gunmen and state militia at their command for five months, to strike terror into the hearts of men, women and children who had rebelled against unbearable conditions. Was the conspiracy that was hatched that resulted in a tragedy on Christmas eve the first chapter in the ghastly play that was to bring out the charity, the master stroke, the pathetic climax, on the part of the mine barons, that was to touch the hearts of the strikers and to make them feel that **gluttons for profit** had at last been converted into Good Samari-

tans? The master stroke, the pathetic climax, failed to accomplish its purpose, and when President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners courteously declined the **charity** that came from the clenched hand of greed and the mailed fist of corporate anarchy, the profitmongers became crazed with rage and frenzied with disappointment that **the pathetic climax** had miserably failed, and their vengeance was meted out to the man who spurned the dollars that were raised by economic tyrants. The position taken by Moyer commands the respect of every man and woman on this continent who has the courage to stand firmly on their feet and scorn the bones that are flung to men, women and children as palliatives to ease the sufferings of a horror that points the finger of suspicion at the **mob in broadcloth**. Moyer reached the full station of his manhood when he declared that the labor movement would bury its dead, and the fact that he spurned the money that came from the vaults of mercenary brigands whose private army of thugs and sluggers made Houghton county a living hell will be commended and lauded by every man and woman on this continent in whose veins leaps the red blood of independence, and in whose hearts there still burns the fires of freedom.

Industrial Solidarity Must Come

THE STATEMENT has been made thousands and tens of thousands of times that if labor was only united, labor would be omnipotent. Labor has the power in its own hands to right every wrong from which the toiler suffers, but labor is disunited, and on account of being disunited the comparatively few are able to dictate the terms of labor's employment. In almost every conflict between employer and employé, labor seldom wins a clean-cut victory. Labor is either defeated or settles on the basis of a compromise that advances but little the material interest of the working class.

Capitalism has never won a strike, but labor has won the strike for capitalism. In the copper district of Michigan brave men and women are fighting a battle for a higher life, for a little more of the material comforts that plant roses in the span of life that lies between the cradle and the coffin. But these brave men and women are handicapped by other laboring men who, through their narrow and contracted grasp of the industrial problem, remain at work, and thus become allies of capitalism to defeat men of their own class. In the state of Michigan the railroad engineer, the fireman, the trainman and the conductor, all carrying cards of membership in their respective brotherhoods, have not hesitated to aid the copper barons in bringing strike-breakers to the mines to usurp the places of men who are fighting an heroic battle against corporate despotism. If labor was united as it should be, not an engineer, fireman, trainman or conductor would become accessories in making it more difficult for brave men to wrest some justice from the copper barons, who have insolently refused to recognize the right of labor to organize. If labor was united as it should be, there would be no state militia,

armed with the most modern weapons of warfare, to create a reign of terror and to awe and intimidate men who are protesting against economic injustice. The men who make up the state militia belong to the working class, but they do not seem to realize that in wearing the uniform of the soldier and bearing the rifle to maintain the supremacy of industrial tyrants, they are forging the fetters of slavery upon themselves. Labor separated and divided into craft and trade organizations, and labor enlisted in a state militia to answer to the call of a master class to suppress strikers, prove conclusively that the missionaries in the ranks of unionism have a gigantic task before them in educating the workers to the fact that no worker, in any capacity, can afford to commit treason to his class.

The worker who aids capitalism to suppress a strike, whether as a strike-breaker, scab or member of a state militia, commits a crime against himself. The conditions that are being created in the economic field demonstrate that the craft and trade organizations are no longer effective and cannot hope to win victories from the combined forces of organized wealth. Capital stands united to fight every demand of the labor movement, and labor must stand united to win its battles against "predatory wealth."

Craft and trade organizations belong to a past age, and the time is here and now, when the slogan, "An injury to one is an injury to all," must become the battle-cry of the working class.

Industrial solidarity and political unity are the salvation of labor, and when the glad morning is ushered in that labor stands beneath the folds of one flag, the dark night of oppression will be dispelled by the sunlight of a civilization where man, woman and child shall be free.

He Will Be Second to None

READERS OF THE MAGAZINE have sent us a number of daily journals published in various parts of the country containing editorials that attempt to malign the good name of the president of the Western Federation of Miners. It is only natural in this age of greed, that journals owned and controlled by that element in society that is fighting the labor movement with every weapon at its command, should hurl its vilest maledictions against a man who never bowed his knee at the shrine of Mammon. To be loyal to labor is a crime against capitalism.

To stand for justice and humanity means insult, persecution and outrage, and the man in the labor movement who scorns to render obedience to the "Captains of Industry" is branded as an agitator, a demagogue and an anarchist. Journals that are mortgaged to Privilege present no verbal bouquets to such men as Charles H. Moyer. His loyalty to the working class and his courage to voice his protest against the wrongs of economic slavery, will earn for him no tributes of praise from organs that are pledged to "predatory wealth."

No official in the labor movement of this country has been re-

viled and calumniated as Moyer, and it can be truly said that no man beneath the banner of organized labor of America has stood his ground as unflinchingly as the unassuming "Captain of Humanity" whose record proves that he has never faltered or wavered in the battle for human rights.

He knew his duty to his fellowmen and he has proved that he is worthy of their fullest trust and confidence.

The journals that are prostituted to serve the interests of Big Business will continue to point him out as the breeder of sedition, lawlessness and anarchy, but Moyer is a **Man of Peace**, but not a **Coward**.

He has no thirst for human blood, not even for the blood of the brutal Hessians who slugged, shot and deported him, and while sheets subsidized by greed hurl their missiles of detraction to shatter his name and character, the men and women of the labor movement whose hearts yearn for liberty will honor him for that deathless devotion to the cause of the oppressed, and when the history of the struggle of labor's emancipation is written, Moyer will occupy a place second to none of the brave and fearless men who gave the best that was in them to break the shackles of wage slavery.

Editorials from Our Exchanges On Anarchy in the State of Michigan

AS IN MEXICO.

THE MURDEROUS ASSAULT upon President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners and his deportation by members of the Citizens' Alliance and the gunmen and thugs in the pay of the mine owners, is expressive of the growing tenseness of the class struggle

in the United States and the anarchistic methods of thought and action of the capitalist class and its parasitic creatures.

The American middle class is wholly individualistic and anarchistic. If there is any evil or abuse or condition which meets with its disapproval or resentment, it immediately must single out some person upon whom to place the responsibility. It is the very basis of

the "good man" fetish in our political life. It accounts for the fatuous conception of the copper mine managers and Citizens' Alliance that the sole cause of the conditions in northern Michigan was the presence of Mr. Moyer, and that if he could be killed or "run out of town" their little paradise of uninterrupted exploitation of the miners would be restored.

If these petty minded persons, who enjoy the distinction of being "business men" and even "professional men" had any conception at all of the world in which they live and of the forces which are operating therein, the very last thing that they would do would be to hold any person responsible for conditions which are inevitable concomitant of the existing system of labor exploitation and resort to violence against his person.

If Moyer had never been born the conditions now existing on the copper range would not have been changed in the least. If he shall have been killed by the cowardly assailants that mobbed him, the strike will not be ended.

They have only succeeded in arousing the working class of the United States to the necessity for united action in support of the striking miners, in directing the attention of the civilized world to the anarchy and lawlessness which exist wherever our capitalistic interests find the workers in revolt and their profits interrupted. They have placed even the political and journalistic creatures of capitalism in an embarrassing position and have worked an injury to the cause which they sought to serve.

Never did the capitalistic press strive so hard to shield well-dressed ruffians as it has attempted to shield the assailants of President Moyer and to cast doubt upon the report that he had been shot and mobbed and deported. These very newspapers which repeat in parrot phrase that there are no classes in the United States, have devoted their columns to discredit the cause of the striking miners and to justify the violence to which they have been subjected.

There has not been an editorial utterance in any of the Milwaukee daily papers, excepting the Leader, condemning the murderous assault upon Mr. Moyer and the denial of his constitutional rights and the trampling under foot of the laws both of the state of Michigan

and the United States in his deportation. Their news columns have been employed to create the impression that he may have shot himself in the back, if he was shot at all, and that if he left the copper range he did so on his own initiative.

Let us assume that conditions were reversed—let us assume that the Western Federation of Miners were in control of the machinery of government—that the sheriff and all of the local officials were members of the federation or its creatures. Imagine the outcry that would have followed in the daily press of the land if the head of the copper trust had been assaulted and shot and forced in identical circumstances to leave under armed guard? How long would it have taken the governor to remove the sheriff and the officials that were in any way responsible or that could in any way give aid or comfort to the miners? From New York to San Francisco there would be editorial denunciation of the lawlessness, the greatest patriotism would be manifested in every capitalistic quarter, the constitution would become as sacred as the ark of the covenant and the Star Spangled Banner would be flying from every flagstaff.

Instead there is only silence in the editorial columns of the daily press, or faint deprecation or an expression of doubt or apology. The ox knoweth its stall! But it avails nothing. Its sins have found it out.

A congressional inquiry of necessity will be forced. The Wilson administration, after having inveighed against anarchy in Mexico—anarchy which has its source in the same capitalistic interests that are dominant on the copper range of Michigan—cannot with safety continue to evade the issue. Nor can the governor of Michigan longer withhold protection from the strikers and their leaders, without inviting conditions under which no man's life will be safe. For anarchy and lawlessness breed anarchy and lawlessness. Even the worm will turn!

The well-dressed ruffians who mobbed President Moyer, the creatures of the mine owners in office who have suppressed the workers' newspaper and ridden rough-shod over the constitution of the United States, have succeeded in adding another martyr to the imperishable cause of labor and strengthening and intensifying the determination of the workers of America to be free.—Milwaukee Leader.

The Calumet Horrors and What Followed

THE BLOOD of every civilized, humanized being has been chilled by the telegraphic accounts of the horror that attended the celebration of Christmas at Calumet, in the copper district. That a being could have fallen so low as to deliberately precipitate a panic, on an occasion when a hall was crowded with hundreds, all intent on celebrating the advent of the "Lowly Nazarene," almost passes belief. Seventy-five, mostly small children, hurriedly ushered into the unknown realm of death, by the act of a heartless dastard. The perpetrator of the outrage is not known, probably never will be, and the crime will probably never be avenged. The human mind recoils at the thought that a man either on his own initiative, or at the inspiration of other human vultures, should perpetrate an act that hurled over four score souls into eternity.

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The shock through the awfulness of the calamity to the American people and their sense of justice will never be soothed until restitution is made and justice established.

Men of the description and character such as the copper mine owners of Michigan, men who pervert the law and the courts, and who prostitute religion, are the men who are doing more to destroy our present form of government than all other destructive forces put together.—Labor Journal, Zanesville, Ohio.

Sacrificed to the God of Greed

THE TERRIBLE LOSS OF LIFE in the Christmas eve catastrophe at Calumet, and the slugging, shooting and deporation of Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, were developments in the copper strike during the past week that shocked the entire country.

The pathetic scenes that were witnessed at Calumet last Sunday, when fifty-nine of the seventy-three victims of the holocaust, nearly all of whom were children, were carried to their graves, judging from the descriptions sent out by press associations none too friendly to the workers, must have been sufficient to wring the heart of a stone.

Behind the fourteen hearses bearing the bodies of the adult victims in the great procession that was held came a division which brought tears and sobs from onlookers. Thirty-nine white coffins, their size testifying to the short life of the little forms within, were carried by relays of strikers. Four men bore each coffin, and as their arms grew weary or feet stumbled on the slippery roadway, companions relieved them of their burden.

Persons drawn to Calumet solely by curiosity became mourners as this contingent passed them. Men turned away to brush tears from their cheeks. Women, especially the mothers in the crowd, sobbed openly and dozens, unable to endure the sight, rushed from the streets, taking refuge in homes whose yuletide had not been disturbed.

Fifty singers chanted hymns in the wake of the children's coffin bearers. Most of these men were English miners, who had learned in Cornwall to chant Christmas carols in the streets, and years ago brought this old custom to the copper country. Today, however, they did not sing songs of a new life born. "Jesus, Lover of My Soul," "Rock of Ages," and "Nearer, My God, to Thee," came from throats thick with emotion, but the harmonies were full and rich.

Twenty-five of the children were laid in three trenches in the Catholic cemetery and twenty-eight were placed in two common graves in the Protestant burial ground adjoining, the others being interred in single graves.

After the services the great multitude gradually dispersed, the night shades were slowly drawn, while the shifting winds wove a white blanket of snow over the newly-made graves, and thus ended another tragedy in the story of labor.

But memory remains—conscience, no matter how blunted or calloused by the grubbing, gouging and grabbing for wealth, was not stifled or buried under the clods of clay that cover the victims of a heartless capitalism in the bleak cemeteries of Calumet.

General Manager McNaughton, the captain of the copper mine operators, and his robber band who subsist upon plunder and whose greedy exactions drove the miners into revolt, was not a mourner in the great funeral procession last Sunday. Nor were they mere onlookers. They were within the walls of their mansions trying to shut out the piercing cries of their innocent victims, for they, the grinding, merciless plutocrats who control the copper district, and they alone, were responsible for the death of the Christmas eve martyrs, as well as other lives that have been sacrificed in the long, hard struggle.

The refusal of the miners to accept bribe and blood money in the shape of charity from the McNaughton servitors and hirelings, and which led to President Moyer's deportation, after being beaten and shot by a cowardly mob, was a noble demonstration of the dignity and self-respect of organized labor, which, of course, is beyond the power of the corrupt and criminal elements constituting the Citizens' Alliance to appreciate.

From every section of the country is arising a demand that the authorities at Washington cease their procrastination and investigate and publish to the world the conditions that exist in the copper district of Michigan, to the end that the oppression that has been practiced for years be stopped and those guilty of lawlessness be punished.

In the annals of labor there never was a more heroic struggle carried on by workers anywhere on this continent against brutal capitalism, drunk with power and pelf, than that raging in Michigan at the present time.

Think of it! Hundreds of millions of wealth, the state government, the local authorities, the petty business and professional elements, nearly all the daily newspapers, most of the religious institutions and a number of strike-breaking agencies and their hordes of ex-convicts, crooks and gunmen, all combined against a mass of poor, half-starved miners and their helpless women and children.

What a travesty on civilization! What a shame and disgrace to our boasted freedom and sense of justice!—Cleveland Citizen.

Fiendish Fruit of a Fiendish System

ON CHRISTMAS EVE in Italian Hall at Calumet, Mich., the life was trampled out of nearly a hundred children of the striking copper miners. The only information at hand at the time of writing this is gleaned from dispatches in the capitalist press. From these sources we learn that several hundred children of the miners on strike for living conditions in the copper mines were assembled in a large hall to receive Christmas presents and enjoy a festival provided for the little victims of the strike by the Western Federation of Miners and other workers who have been supporting the strikers in their gallant fight for life.

As the children crowded about to receive the presents provided

for them the outer door was opened and a man thrust in his head and cried out "Fire, Fire." There was no fire, but in the panic which instantly followed the false alarm nearly one hundred little children and a score of men and women were trampled under foot of the frightened crowd and their lives were crushed out.

The strike of the copper miners has been on for weeks and every trick and brutality known to the capitalist class has been resorted to. The Citizens' Alliance, with their hired thugs and gunmen, have grown desperate at their failure to break the strike. The fact that working people outside of the copper mines have not only fed the strikers and their families, but provided Christmas presents for the children, who are the greatest sufferers from such strikes, so infuriated the mine

owners and their minions that one of these "miserable specimens of God's carelessness" sneaked up the stairway leading to the hall and raised the false alarm of fire which resulted in a panic and the horrible death of some score of persons.

In all the annals of the age-long class war between the master class and the workers there is no record of a more cowardly slaughter of innocents than this.

When the miners recovered from the first shock of the disaster they saw the mine owners and their henchmen covering themselves with the mantle of charity by collecting relief funds for the stricken families. This was adding insult to murder, and the blood-stained "charity" of the Citizens' Alliance, amounting to more than \$25,000, was scornfully rejected by the miners.

President Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners announced

that they would bury their own dead and care for the injured without the hypocritical aid of their enemies, who had wantonly caused the loss of life. For this the Citizens' Alliance assaulted President Moyer and after shooting him in the back and clubbing him put him aboard a train at Hancock, Mich., guarded by armed thugs, and deported him from the state, with the threat that if he returned he would be killed.

Moyer is now in a hospital in Chicago, and he declares that as soon as his wounds will permit he will return to Michigan and resume charge of the strike.

The class war grows ever fiercer and the capitalist class grows ever more desperate and bloodthirsty in their struggle for profits. It is up to the working class of America to stand back of the copper miners in their fight for better living conditions until they win.—The World, Oakland.

She Will Win the Fight

DURING THE PAST FEW YEARS the thinking women of England and America have been waging a ceaseless campaign to convince obdurate man that the gentler sex is worthy of the ballot. Many of these women who are struggling to clothe their sex with the elective franchise have met with the sneers and insults of men who laid claims to culture and refinement. Their mass meetings that have been held to convert man to recognize the right of woman to the ballot have been broken up by cowardly blackguards who had forgotten that a woman gave them birth and rocked the cradle of their childhood. The courts have even gone so far as to imprison the pleaders for the ballot, and even in Washington, where the statesmen of a nation draft bills and enact laws that govern 90,000,000 of people, the peaceable parades of women asking for suffrage have been met with the insults and the assaults of ruffians that were dead to decency and shameless to honor. The man who is born on American soil, when he reaches the age of maturity, is permitted to wield the ballot and no questions are asked as to his moral worth as a citizen of the United States. He may have committed almost every crime that is loathsome and deserving of the censure and contempt of honorable men, but if he has been born under the folds of "Old Glory" and reached the age of 21 years, he inherits the constitutional right that is denied by man to woman.

He may be a moral pervert, whose vote can be purchased on the day of election; he may have followed the profession of thief, pick-pocket, burglar, sand-bagger and white-slaver, but if he is not in prison and enjoys his liberty, he can walk to the polls on election day, and with all the dignity of citizenship he can deposit his purchased vote in the ballot box.

But woman, who has been made the queen of home, who is looked upon as the refining influence of the world, must not enjoy the same privilege on election day as the degenerate man who sells his constitutional right to the highest bidder.

When we look back through the pages of history and note the struggle of woman for recognition, is it not strange that even in the morning light of the twentieth century, that millions of men are arrayed against woman suffrage? It is but a few centuries ago since man conceded that woman had a soul. She has been the slave of all the brutalism in man, and regardless of the fact that she has been the victim of man's cruelty and brutality, she has climbed upward and upward, until she is now looking into the face of tyrant man, and not begging, but demanding, that she shall have a voice in the administration of public affairs. Her voice is being heard all over the earth, and in spite of all the barriers that may be raised to impede her progress, she is still dauntless, and will fight the battle until man is forced to surrender to "the hand that rocks the cradle."

Various Criminals

OR LAWMAKERS have taxed all the faculties of their brains to place such laws upon the statute books as would deter the criminal from following his vocation. The pickpocket, the sandbagger, the burglar, the porch-climber, the purse-snatcher and petty thief are all warned by statute laws to refrain from acts of degeneracy or be prepared to accept the penalty meted out to the transgressor. But while we punish the burglar, the pickpocket, the purse-snatcher, the porch-climber and the petty thief, yet there are other criminals whose acts are far more dangerous to society, and who not only escape with impunity, but are recognized as "the pillars of society." Thousands of people have been murdered by the **dangerous criminals** and scarcely anything has been done to halt them in killing for profit.

The combinations that adulterate milk, that embalm beef, that sell a mysterious compound that bears the label of butter, can walk the streets as respectable citizens and the hand of the law is scarcely ever stretched in their direction, simply because **Business**, like **Charity**, covers a multitude of sins. Almost every day we read in the daily journals of men, women and children losing their lives through ptomaine poisoning, but we scarcely ever hear of an arrest being made of the parties responsible for such deaths, and observing men are rapidly reaching the conclusion that the **criminal in business** can murder for **profit** without being haunted by the fear that he will be dragged into court and convicted of a capital crime. If these criminals who adulterate food and jeopardize human life knew that such crimes would meet with punishment sure and swift, they would lose that **incentive for profit** which culminates in murder.

The profit system has no soul or heart, but is so cold-blooded that life must be sacrificed to glut the appetite of greed.

Attention!

Polish Miners, Members of the U. M. W. of A. and W. F. of M.

The weekly paper (Polish Miner) is published in Polish language at Pittsburg, Pa. The paper is devoted to the interests of all miners and members of the working class. Articles on the stike in Michigan and Colorado are special features. Send for sample copies.

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The following papers print weekly all news as to the strike situation in Colorado and Michigan. Miners and others who are interested

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In the Slovenian language, "Proletarie," No. 4006 W. 31st St., Chicago, Ill.

In the Croatian language, "Radnicka Straza," No. 1830 S. Racine St., Chicago, Ill.

In Serbian language, "Narodin Glas," No. 2296 Clybourn St., Chicago, Ill.

MONTHLY AVERAGE PRICES OF METALS.

(New York—The Engineering & Mining Journal.)

	COPPER		SILVER		LEAD		SPELTER	
	1912.	1913.	1912.	1913.	1912.	1913.	1912.	1913.
January . . .	14.094	16.488	56.260	62.938	4.435	4.321	6.442	6.931
February . .	14.084	14.971	59.043	61.642	4.026	4.325	6.499	6.239
March	14.698	14.713	58.375	57.870	4.073	4.327	6.626	6.078
April	15.741	15.291	59.207	59.490	4.200	4.381	6.633	5.641
May	16.031	15.436	60.880	60.361	4.194	4.342	6.679	5.406
June	17.234	14.672	61.290	58.990	4.392	4.325	6.877	5.124
July	17.190	14.190	60.654	58.721	4.720	4.353	7.116	5.278
August	17.498	15.400	61.606	59.293	4.569	4.624	7.028	5.658
September . .	17.508	16.328	63.078	60.640	5.048	4.698	7.454	5.694
October	17.314	16.337	63.471	60.793	5.071	4.402	7.426	5.340
November . . .	17.326	15.182	62.792	58.995	4.615	4.293	7.371	5.229
December . . .	17.376	14.224	63.365	63.365	4.303	4.047	7.162	5.156
Year	16.341	15.269	60.835	60.835	4.471	4.370	6.943	5.648



STAY AWAY FROM PARK CITY.

Park City, Utah, Jan. 3, 1914.

Editor Miners' Magazine:

Please insert the following in Miners' Magazine: All miners stay away from Park City, Utah, camp overrun with idle men caused by the Daly West property being destroyed by fire, which also ties up several other properties.

(Seal).

FRANK TOWEY, Sec'y No. 144.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PORCUPINE, CANADA.

South Porcupine, Ontario, Canada, Dec. 29, 1913.

Whereas, The copper miners of Michigan are still fighting for their right to exist, and
 Whereas, The governor of the state of Michigan, the courts, local and state, have used every means to drive the men to work by armed force, and
 Whereas, The striking miners of Michigan have made a heroic stand for their right to organize; therefore, be it
 Resolved, That the Porcupine Miners' Union send \$250 (two hundred and fifty dollars), and be it further
 Resolved, That Porcupine Miners' Union go on record to support the striking brothers in Michigan, morally and financially till they get their demands granted to them.

J. C. NICOL,
 M. C. McDONALD,
 T. E. RYAN,

(Seal). Committee Porcupine Miners' Union No. 145, W. F. M.

RESOLUTIONS FROM KALAMAZOO, MICH.

Where, a sister labor union in the state of Michigan, namely the Western Federation of Miners, whose occupation is a very hazardous one and believing their cause to be a just one; therefore, be it

Resolved, That this convention of the Michigan State Conference, of the Bricklayers Masons and Plasterers, International Union of America, go on record as condemning the Citizens' Alliance in northern Michigan, and the mine owners in the said territory, for their action in deporting men who are peaceable American citizens, whose only crime is their activity in looking after the interest of the union miners in that district, believing all such action to be unAmerican, and contrary to the constitution of the United States of America, also the state of Michigan, and be it further

Resolved: That we hereby indorse the Hon. Mr. Keating, representative from Colorado, also the Hon. Mr. McDonald, representative from Michigan, in their effort to secure a congressional investigation of this serious situation. We believe that such an investigation should be made at the earliest possible date, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to each and every representative in Congress from Michigan, also representatives of Colorado, the governor of Michigan, and the secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and the press of Saginaw, Mich.

RESOLUTIONS FROM ODIN, ILLINOIS.

Odin, Illinois, Jan. 3, 1914.

Local Union, No. 715, U. M. of A., of Odin, Illinois, adopted the following resolution: "In view of the facts received from the striking miners of Calumet, Mich., which show that unscrupulous and unfair methods are being used by employers to deprive American citizens of their constitutional rights. Reliable information showing that employers are employing thugs and gunmen to intimidate peaceful citizens. The further facts showing that Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners, was brutally beaten, shot and deported from the vicinity of Calumet, Mich., while in the discharge of his duties in effecting a peaceful settlement of the strike; therefore, be it

Resolved, That Local Union No. 715, U. M. W. of A., of Odin, Illinois, demand a thorough and complete investigation of conditions prevailing at Calumet, Mich., by a congressional committee to the end that justice may be done, and be it further

Resolved, That a copy of these resolutions be sent to the President of the United States, our senator, our congressman, public press at once and a copy be placed on our minutes

JOHN UHLS,
 WM. NEWMAN,
 E. A. CARNES.

(Seal). Committee.

RESOLUTIONS FROM INDIANA.

We, the working class citizens of Terre Haute, assembled in mass meeting this 4th day of January, 1914, adopt these resolutions as a protest against the arbitrary rule of a capitalist faction in the copper region of Michigan:

Whereas, the copper miners of the upper peninsula of Michigan have been on strike since last July for the purpose of improving their economic conditions, and

Whereas, the copper trust in the ensuing struggle has transformed the political powers of that region into bureaus to register their will and has practically suspended constitutional right in true Russian fashion, and

Whereas, This trust has also inaugurated a reign of terror by the importation of thugs and gunmen, and as a result of this terrorism two miners were foully murdered in their own homes and other brutalities were committed with the connivance of public officials, and

Whereas, Because of the wretchedness and poverty growing out of the strike the miners were reduced to holding their Christmas festival for their children in a public hall instead of in their own homes, with the result that seventy-two children were crushed to death in a panic in this hall, and

Whereas, This Russian terrorism culminated in an attempt to assassinate President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners and deporting him from Michigan with threats against his life if he returned, and

Whereas, the history of the land grants in this copper region reeks with fraud and theft, showing that these lands were stolen by illegal surveys, the thefts being verified in the report of the commissioner of the general land office (House Executive Documents, 1885-86, Vol. 11); therefore, be it

Resolved, That we protest against the arbitrary government by force established by the copper trust and insist that the proper authorities reestablish constitutional government in that region and arrest the trust officials and their satellites now in rebellion.

Resolved, That we call on Congress to investigate the thefts of valuable lands in the copper region of Michigan, and where such thefts are proved steps be taken for the government to assume control of its property and operate the mines for the public welfare.

Resolved, That the federal government should thoroughly investigate the causes of the strike and the atrocities committed, and in the meantime guarantee the rights of citizens in that region—by force of arms if necessary.

Resolved, That we commend and approve the action of the miners in refusing the blood-money offered by the Citizens' Alliance as relief for the relatives of children smothered and crushed in the holocaust of Christmas eve. We further regard the rejection of this money as one of the sublimest acts of class-solidarity ever displayed by the working class under the most trying conditions.

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be given to the local press and copies be sent to the Western Federation of Miners on strike, to Congressman Moss and the United States senators from Indiana.

Big crowd present and a good account of this meeting appeared in local papers.

831 N. Third St.

Fraternally yours,
 JAMES ONEAL.

RESOLUTION FROM EUREKA, UTAH.

Eureka, Utah, January 3, 1914.

Whereas, Since the 23rd day of July, 1913, there has existed in the state of Michigan a reign of terror, which at times resembles anarchy, such con-

ditions having been brought about by the mine operators attempting to force back into their mines, men who had rebelled against the miserable conditions that they were compelled to labor under.

Whereas, These mine operators are assisted by hundreds of gun thugs furnished by the sheriff of the county, also assisted by the state militia willingly furnished by a capitalistic tool, better known as Governor Ferris, at the expense of the state of Michigan.

Whereas, This crowd of thugs, better known as deputy sheriffs and state militia, have brutally beaten women and children, abused and insulted any one that they pleased, without the injured party having any redress whatever.

Whereas, As a fitting climax to all their dastardly deeds, on Christmas eve, a fiend, believed to have been a member of that mob of criminals known as the Citizens' Alliance, deliberately created a panic in a crowded hall of women and little children of the striking miners, which resulted in the lives of seventy-two little innocent victims being crushed out.

Whereas, This damnable act was followed by the same crowd of law and order advocates, led by Sheriff Cruse, going to the hotel, where Chas. H. Moyer and Chas. H. Tanner, officials of the Western Federation of Miners, were peacefully attending to their duties, brutally beating and kicking both of them, shooting Chas. H. Moyer in the back, then turning him over to a gun thug posing as a deputy sheriff, who took them with the assistance of the rest of the mob, placed them on board a train, with the instructions to stay out of the state, under the penalty of being hanged if they returned; therefore, be it

Resolved, That the miners of the Tintic Mining District demand of our representatives in Congress and Senate an investigation of the conditions now existing in the strike districts in the state of Michigan and Colorado, where a like condition exists; therefore, be it

Resolved, That failing to get the protection from our government that all citizens are guaranteed under the constitution of the United States, that we will if necessary protect ourselves, by force from the outrages that are now being heaped upon the working class of this country.

TINTIC DISTRICT MINERS UNION, NO. 151, W. F. M.

RESOLUTION SENT TO WASHINGTON, D. C.

Whereas, in the coal fields of the state of Colorado and in the copper district of upper Michigan there obtains a sharp conflict between capital and labor, marked with much violence and bloodshed, and

Whereas, the governments of these respective states appear unable, possibly unwilling, and in any event have utterly failed to cope with the situation, and

Whereas, the interests or parties reported as opposing federal investigation have, if they have entered and waged this conflict with clean hands, nothing to fear from a federal inquiry, and

Whereas, If this is not the case and the conduct of these parties or interests are untenable, the federal government, by refusing to act, is permitting these state to foster a condition of affairs that is likely to result in a nationwide struggle, not less horrible and destructive than the one now raging in Mexico; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the undersigned organizations of labor in regular meetings assembled, urge upon the President of the United States, Hon. Woodrow Wilson and upon both Houses of Congress of the United States, that immediate steps be taken toward an early federal investigation of the labor wars referred to in these states, Colorado and Michigan.

International union of Shingle, Sawmill Workers and Woodmen Local 61, Raymond, Wash.

FRED BAUER, Pres.

(Seal).

International Union of Shingle Weavers, Sawmill Workers and Woodsman, Local No. 26, South Bend, Wash.

FRED B. NORMAN, Sec'y.

(Seal).

OSCAR R. HARTMAN, Sec'y.

International Union of Carpenters and Joiners of America, Raymond, Wash., Local 1509.

GEO. BURNS, Pres.

(Seal).

VERN ENGLISH, Sec'y.

Willapa Harbor Trades and Labor Council.

H. HARTSELL, Pres.

(Seal).

GEO. BURNS, Pres.

HARLEY JOHNSON, Sec'y-Treas.

RESOLUTIONS FROM WEST VIRGINIA.

Wheeling, W. Va., December 30, 1913.

Whereas, A terrible catastrophe occurred at Calumet, Michigan, on Christmas eve, in which seventy-five lives were lost, mostly children; and

Whereas, A celebration was being held for the miners' little children, that their hearts might be gladdened on Christmas day through receiving some little presents, the condition of the miners and their families being very bad, caused by the prolonged strike against inhuman and intolerable conditions existing in and about the mines where they have been employed; and

Whereas, While this celebration was taking place some degenerate put his head through the door and yelled "Fire!" causing a panic which resulted in the loss of so many lives; and

Whereas, The mine owners and Citizens' Alliance at Calumet, Michigan, raised a fund of \$25,000 to aid the stricken and their families; and

Whereas, This money and assistance was refused by the miners and their families, owing to the concerted efforts of the mine owners and the Citizens' Alliance to drive all semblance of organized labor out of that section of the country and force the miners, their wives and little ones to submit to intolerable and inhuman conditions; and

Whereas, The mine owners and Citizens' Alliance did unmercifully, roughly and forcibly eject President Charles H. Moyer of the Western Federation of Miners of Calumet, and the state of Michigan, who had been leading the strike for the miners; be it

Resolved, That the Ohio Valley Trades and Labor Assembly, representing over 7,000 organized workers, condemn such conditions, treatment and practice that the miners and their families have been forced to submit to as unjust, inhuman and barbarous; and we further demand that our national government, through the proper department, make a full and complete investigation and also have persons found responsible for same prosecuted according to law.

And we further demand that the rights of organized labor be upheld and respected.

Signed by H. P. Corcoran and A. V. Fisher and approved by a rising vote of every member of the assembly.

LETTER FROM BALLINGER.

Hancock, Mich., Jan. 2, 1914.

Western Federation of Miners:

The "Citizens' Alliance" volcano is still issuing ominous sounds from beneath, but has shown no activity on the surface since the deportation of Moyer and Tanner.

Attorney O. N. Hilton received a letter at noon today stating that the

"Alliance" bunch were preparing for more deportations within forty-eight hours and that all agitators were to be deported. The letter was signed "A Friend." I have just returned from a visit with him in his room at the Scott hotel and he informs me that should they come after us we had better not make any resistance, as it would only result in beatings and maybe death.

Claude Taylor, president of the Michigan Federation of Labor, who is here and stopping at the Scott, has asked Sheriff Cruse for protection and I understand Cruse is going to send a deputy to the hotel tonight. I have noticed several groups of men on the walks tonight who are in earnest conversation.

M. Grant Hamilton of Washington and J. R. Roach of Schenectady, N. Y., arrived here today for the purpose of consulting with John B. Densmore, representing the Department of Labor. R. R. McKenzie, general organizer of the Federation, also arrived at noon today and John Mitchell is expected tomorrow.

Hilton informs me that the mining companies have promised to make their final answer to Densmore tomorrow forenoon and he further informs me that unless a settlement is effected, that he has word from the attorney general of the United States that the Department of Justice will take a hand.

I am of the opinion that the Citizens' Alliance will wait until after the mining companies give their decision before they undertake deportations. If the companies reject the terms of settlement, then I believe that we all will be forced to take a trip out of the state. However, time will tell.

BALLINGER.

Hancock, Mich., Jan. 3, 1914.

Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colo.:

Despite the veiled threats of the "Citizens' Alliance" to deport Hilton, Taylor and other claimed agitators, nothing has occurred in that line to date. It is possible the "Alliance" is waiting the result of the conference between John B. Densmore, representing the Department of Labor, and the Mine Owners, which will evidently terminate this evening.

The inquest over the deaths of the Jane brothers and Thomas Dally, strikebreakers, who were shot to death in their beds at Painesdale on December 6th, was begun in Justice Little's court in Houghton this morning. The day has been taken up in examination of witnesses, principally gunmen who seem to know more of the circumstances surrounding this crime than any one else. One deputy testified that he was within two blocks of where the shooting occurred and as he ran towards the scene of the tragedy he met four well known gunmen who were leisurely sauntering along. These four men, he stated, have since left the copper country. The inquest will probably occupy all of Monday.

Yesterday evening Sheriff Cruse and deputies went to Winona and threw John Merkle, wife and one child, out of one of the company houses of the Winona Mining Company. This act was done, it is claimed, without due process of law. Merkle and his family were thrown out in a snowstorm and their furniture pitched out into snowdrifts, and the house locked up. Cruse threatened other tenants of company-owned houses with the same treatment unless they vacated at once. The Merkle family was cared for by the Federation.

John B. Densmore, representing the Department of Labor, after having been in conference with the mine managers and their representatives for the past two days, gave up last night in his efforts to secure a settlement between the strikers and the mining companies and expects to leave for Washington tomorrow. At the conference all mining companies involved were represented, Superintendent Denton of South Range Mining Company and Attorney Lawton of the Calumet & Hecla being the chief spokesman of the copper interests who positively refused to make ANY concessions asked by representative Densmore in behalf of the strikers. Mr. Densmore stated this evening that he was much pleased in the manner that he had been received by the representatives of organized labor (and his utter disgust at the pig-headed arrogant attitude of the representatives of the mining interests in their avowed determination to crush organized labor, and in particular the Western Federation of Miners).

BALLINGER.

LETTER FROM BALLINGER.

Hancock, Mich., Tuesday, Jan. 6th, 1914.

Western Federation of Miners, Denver, Colo.

Quiet reigned today throughout the strike zone. Governor Ferris arrived in the district last evening at 7 o'clock and took up his headquarters at the Douglass hotel in Houghton. He was met at the train by a large delegation of prominent citizens "Alliance" and escorted to the hotel. On an improvised platform in front of the hotel he made a short talk stating that his visit here was for the purpose of inquiring into the labor trouble, and if possible to end the conflict. He also stated that he did not intend to make any public addresses to neither the mine managers or to the strikers, saying his investigation would be confined to holding private conferences with anyone, or representatives of the contending factions. However, it is a fact that he had barely reached his room before many "law and order" promoters clamored for a "talk" with his excellency.

A deep mystery surrounds the illness of sheriff James Cruse of this county who was taken suddenly and violently ill yesterday. A general rumor prevails in this city that he made an attempt on his life. I went to Houghton this morning to try and fathom the mystery, but everyone who was in a position to have any information, was as silent as a clam. However, he is confined to his bed at his home in Houghton.

It is learned today that former congressman Victor Berger of Milwaukee, Charles Edward Russel of New York and Seymour Stedman, a Socialist attorney of Chicago, will arrive in the copper country within a few days. James Lord of the United Mine Workers of Illinois is expected to arrive tonight.

Attorney O. N. Hilton of the Federation will send a letter to the governor tomorrow asking him to set a time when he can meet with the representatives of the strikers. If Berger, Russel and Stedman arrive in time it is planned to have them included in the committee representing the strikers.

Eighty strikebreakers left the employ of the Calumet & Hecla Mining Company last evening. They are preparing to leave the district as soon as possible. One of them stated to the writer that working conditions at the mine were horrible, and that the men seriously objected to being herded in the "stockade" of the C. & H. by hired thugs and gunmen. The employes of this company cannot leave the stockade without first obtaining a "pass" from the general office of the company.

BALLINGER.

DEMAND AN INVESTIGATION.

Miami, Arizona, Dec. 31, 1913.

Owing to the recent disaster in Calumet in which so many of the strikers, their wives and children lost their lives, probably through the agent of the mine owners or the Citizens' Alliance when by shouting "Fire," at the Christmas eve festivities of the men, women and children of the strikers, a panic was started with the fearful results with which we are now familiar, and to the outrage perpetrated upon the persons of President Moyer and Auditor Tanner of the Western Federation of Miners in which are implicated deputy sheriffs and members of the Citizens' Alliance, this union again urges upon you that you use every endeavor within your power to the end

that a congressional investigation be held at which sworn testimony will be taken and the conduct of all concerned in the conflict in Michigan be made a matter of record, and we also ask that the conditions leading up to the strike be subject to the same inquiry, and that the reason private armed gunmen, and imported thugs are acting as deputies, be ascertained, and why those involved were permitted to override the statutory laws of the state of Michigan in importing, commissioning, and arming these "Legalized Criminals," and further, we want the investigation to determine the occupation, or calling of all those who carried guns during this strike, and their reason for so doing, this to apply to local as well as imported men, with special application to clergymen who forgot Jesus long enough to become desperadoes and with mobs, and individuals armed with gun or clubs, attempted to terrorize the men, women and children of the district.

Being as the mine owners are so insistent on their pretenses of moral conduct, and that they refuse to have anything to do with organized labor for fear their high ethical precepts may become contaminated, we ask that an investigation be made of the fraudulent manner in which the land on which are located the copper mines of Michigan were obtained from the United States government, and we further demand that where fraud is shown to have been practiced in the securing of these lands, legal proceedings be instituted for the purpose of having all land which was subject to fraud, revert to the government.

We protest against the propositions advanced by the governor of Michigan, by the sheriff of Houghton county, by the Citizens' Alliance and by the grand jury said to be sitting in Houghton county now for the purpose of hearing complaints of those who think they have been unjustly treated in any way.

The governor has been the willing tool of the mine owners since the inception of the strike, and any investigation conducted by state authorities, would be sure to find no fault with itself. The sheriff has placed the notorious gunman, James Waddell, in charge of his office, and Sheriff Cruse has been an open ally of the copper barons and any investigation conducted by or under the authority of that office would not find any reason to report itself or those close to it, guilty of wrong doing, and as for the Citizens' Alliance! Its only excuse for existence is that organized labor may ever be prevented from gaining a foothold in the district which they have exploited so long, and as this same Citizen's Alliance is believed to be responsible for the killing of the women and children on Christmas eve, and is known to be guilty, with the gunmen, local and imported for the outrage on the officials of the Western Federation of Miners on December the 26th, the suggestion that it have anything to do with the conducting of the investigation, is an insult to every honest citizen in the United States. The fact that from the governor of the state of Michigan, and President Shaw of the Calumet & Hecla for whose benefit these horrors are committed, down to the ex-convicts carrying guns, all want any kind of an investigation, but one by the federal government, is the best possible reason why Congress should thoroughly examine into this whole situation. If some relief is not soon forthcoming, a resort to other than peaceful supplication may be considered advisable.

As members of organized labor, we do not propose to sit idly by while our brothers, our wives and our children are being cruelly murdered to satisfy the blood lust of the mine owners and the members of the Citizens' Alliance, neither will we quietly tolerate the conduct of the militia and the gunmen who are led to believe that theirs is the privilege to abuse and rape our women and girls.

KENNETH CLAYTON,
President Miami Miners' Union, No. 70.
J. S. STEINER,
Secretary Miami Miners' Union, No. 70.

Seal)

DONATIONS FROM GREENWOOD, B. C.

Greenwood Miners' Union, No. 22, W. F. of M., Greenwood, B. C.

List of individual donations to Michigan strike fund from members of Greenwood Miners' Union, No. 22, W. F. M.:

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RESOLUTIONS FROM MICHIGAN.

Whereas, the brutal assault of an apparently well organized and well protected gang in the copper district of Michigan, upon Charles H. Moyer, president of the Western Federation of Miners and his colleague, Charles Tanner, and their deportation from the state, together with the death of the 74 men, women and children on the Christmas eve, under susceptible circumstances; and the lawless persecution of the Finnish Daily, Tyomies, and the arrest of its editors; and the robbing of a private boarding house occupied by the miners on strike, by men who were supposed to be the officers of the law; and the deliberate killing of strikers in the district, clearly show that there is no longer any safety for life or property in the copper mine region of Michigan; and

Whereas, men have been assaulted upon and beaten in and thrown out of the United States postoffice when they had lawfully entered said postoffice for their mail, and whereas threatening "black hand" letters have been sent through United States mail to persons connected with the strike; and

Whereas, the complicity of the sheriff of Houghton county in some of these outrages and the existence of a lawless organization the so-called "Citizens' Alliance," sworn to acts of violence against the miners of that district, and the refusal and neglect of the state government and all its agencies, including the prosecuting attorney of the county, to institute proceedings against those responsible for crimes, show that the local powers are subservient to the mine owners and have become part of the conspiracy; therefore be it

Resolved: That we call upon the federal authorities to intervene for the purpose of re-establishing a republican form of government and of securing those rights which are guaranteed by the national constitution, and in view of the wholesale suppression and distortion of the facts in the press, we call upon Congress to inaugurate an investigation to disclose the truth as to the situation now prevailing in the Michigan copper country; and be it further

Resolved: That should the federal government refuse or neglect to intervene and fail to bring about justice to our brothers in the copper country, we shall effect a general walk-out of all union iron miners within the jurisdiction of our unions, and be it further

Resolved: That we call upon all our brother miners in the iron industry throughout the country to be ready to lay down their tools and effect a general strike as soon as it has become sufficiently demonstrated, that the government has either deserted our brothers, or is purposely delaying such intervention for the purpose of giving time for the industrial tyrants of the copper country to break the strike of our brothers by those damnable and inhuman tactics employed by them for such purpose; and be it further

Resolved: That a copy of this resolution be mailed to the President of

RESOLUTIONS FROM EL PASO, TEXAS.

El Paso Mills and Smelters' Union, No. 78 of the "Western Federation of Miners."

El Paso, Texas, January 6th, 1914.

To Hon. C. A. Culberson, U. S. Senator for the State of Texas, Washington, D. C.

We have the honor to send you the following resolution as passed at a mass meeting, held January 5th, 1914, of the El Paso Mills and Smelters' Union, No. 78, of the Western Federation of Miners, after some speakers of note addressed said meeting relative to the brutal and savage outrages that have been used in the copper country of Michigan by the copper magnates, as follows:

Whereas, our brethren have stood firm as a stone wall, despite the operators' efforts to weaken their solidarity; and,

Whereas, the mine operators have used all means to starve them into submission and to drive them back to work as if they were slaves, employing armed thugs, gunmen and professional murderers to disperse peaceful parades of law-abiding citizens who claim a right to live and to maintain the right to organize and to be treated as citizens and not as subjects; and,

Whereas, our brothers in Michigan have been trampled of every human right by the mine operators and the so-called Citizens' Alliance, who, in combination with the mine operators, by their thugs, have reached the limit of outrages that disgrace our actual civilization, using the lowest and most degenerate acts, endangering the lives of innocent children, as proven by the fact, that one of these degenerates gave a false fire alarm on Christmas eve at the Italian hall, where many children and their parents were assembled, to get their Christmas presents, where eighty of them met death in the most deplorable manner, thus bringing mourning and sorrow to hundreds of homes; and,

Whereas, the Citizens' Alliance tried to clean their hands by offering financial assistance which was refused with dignity by our sorrowful brothers at Calumet; and,

Whereas, Chas. H. Moyer, our national president, together with Chas. F. Tanner, organizer, were attacked in their room at Scott hotel, at Houghton, by an organized mob, where Moyer himself was shot in the back and dragged one and a half miles through the streets of Houghton and thrown aboard a train together with Chas. H. Tanner and threatened with death if they dared return to the copper district; now therefore, be it

Resolved: That it is time for the United States Congress to take cognizance and investigate the existing conditions of the copper country of Michigan, thus letting the people of this country know the truth and that all citizens be granted guarantees and the rights granted by our constitution; and be it further

Resolved: That these resolutions as proposed by Keating and McDonald be adopted; and that a copy of the same be forwarded to our State Senator, the Hon. C. A. Culberson at Washington, D. C., one copy to the local press and one to the "Miners' Magazine."

EPIFANIO REGALADO,
MOISES D. LABRADO,
The Committee.

(Seal)

SHALL THE PUBLIC SCHOOLS BE ABOLISHED?

By R. A. Dague.

In several European countries, as well as in the United States, the Roman Catholic clergy have recently been very active in their efforts to destroy the public schools. This has been noticeable especially in France, Spain and Belgium. In several instances they might have succeeded if the Socialists had not, after a hard fight, prevented them from carrying out their deep-laid schemes. The following message mentions the contest being waged in Belgium:

"The Socialists are making a strong fight in the Belgium chamber of deputies against the efforts of the clericals to destroy the public schools. This has always been one of the great issues in Belgian politics, and for the moment, it appears as if the Catholic church was going to use its majority momentarily to abolish public education.

"This is to be accomplished by a very tricky clause in the new educational bill. This clause provides that the public funds shall be divided between the clerical and the public schools, and that the parents shall be permitted to choose to which school their children shall go. Experience has shown that where such a law exists no funds are apportioned to the public schools, and the work of education is turned over completely to the Catholic schools."

In the United States the Romanists have, for some time, been diplomatically and industriously preparing to destroy the public schools of this country. Bird S. Coler, a Tammany politician of New York and a zealous Roman Catholic, has lectured in several cities, and he denounces our public schools as "Godless" and bad. He proposes the "Belgium plan"—a very shrewd scheme for crippling and finally abolishing them by dividing the taxes among the several church denominations.

The Milwaukee Press recently quoted a priest in that city as follows:

"The public school system is the primal cause of the scandalous 'garmenting of the modern woman,' said the Rev. Father E. K. Crandall, Redemptionist father, in a talk yesterday afternoon before the Cathedral Institute.

"He said the schooling which provided for mind and body and starved the soul, brought about the present conditions, including lewdness, increase of divorce, Socialism and general unrest."

Many of the clericals are quite guarded in their utterances when attacking the public schools, while others boldly spout right out their bitter hatred of our school system. Among the latter is the "New Voice," a Catholic newspaper, quoted by Jeremiah J. Crowley in his book on "Romanism, a Menace to the Nation," as follows, viz.:

"The state schools are the curse of filial piety and obedience and the breeding places of anarchy and rebellion. What a conglomeration of boys and girls are gathered in the public schools! The children of thieves, murderers and criminals sit side by side with the children of the honest and the upright; the Jew with the Christian, the infidel with the devout. Is it not true that the public schools are perverse, illegal and dangerous institutions? Let all religious persons in the land rise up in might and let them help to sweep the iniquitous school laws from the land and make the state mind the business for which God and we, as citizens, set it up."

Many other quotations might be given to show that the Catholic hierarchy are the relentless, bitter enemies of the public schools, and that they intend to destroy them so soon as they can gain sufficient power to carry out that purpose. They have, for a long time, been quietly preparing to do this. They have made considerable progress in that direction. Within the past few years they have succeeded in muzzling nearly all the capitalistic newspapers and magazines. They have so many representatives in the Republican and Democratic parties that they no longer fear serious opposition from them. McKinley, Roosevelt, Taft and Wilson catered to them. They now have, in the high office of Chief Justice of the Supreme Court of the United States a zealous Jesuit; they control several states and nearly all the large cities. The less discreet clergy now boast that "America will soon be Roman Cath-

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olic." Then the one true church will take her rightful position and "make the state mind her own business."

There is but one power or organization that the Roman party fears, and that is the Socialist party. In every enlightened country on earth Socialists stand solidly as the defenders of the public schools, because they are the schools of the working people and the poor. By reason of this attitude of Socialists and because, in the United States, the Socialist party also champions religious freedom, free speech and a free press, the Romanists fear it, hate it and are gathering their forces to fight it. That they may confuse and mislead their lay adherents, they make the grossly false charge that Socialism endorses atheism, free love, divorces, race suicide, and are enemies of religion and the home. The intelligent priest knows such accusations are untrue, but he seems to think the ends sought to be attained justify the misrepresentations made. What he wants is to have the necessary voters in the Clerical party to abolish public schools and put his church above the state when the time is ripe for such action. This he well knows cannot be done without first destroying or seriously crippling Socialism. Therefore the falsehood has been passed down along the line to the laity that Socialism is opposed to religion and is a bad-bad thing and the faithful

are commanded to oppose it. Fortunately there are thousands of Catholic working men who know that these accusations made against Socialism by the political clericals are unfounded. They know that Socialism is an industrial movement and says nothing about religion. It leaves that to the individual conscience of everyone and to the church, the Sunday school and the family. They know that the public schools are not irreligious. Their mission is to teach the child reading, writing, arithmetic, geography, etc. These studies are not opposed to religion.

In conclusion, let me say to the "New Voice" editor and his clerical friends that while the American public schools are not "Godless," neither are they Catholic, Protestant, Jewish, Mohammedan or infidel. They are the secular colleges established by people of all faiths for the education of the children of all the people named, not for or against any system of religious faith, but that they may be the better equipped to discharge the duties of good citizenship. Socialists do not propose to interfere with anyone's religious beliefs, but they will not consent to see the public schools "swept from the land" by Catholics, Protestants, Jews, infidels or any other sect or party, religious or non-religious, without trying with all their might to prevent such action. Our clerical friends will find that the destruction of the free public schools of America will not be a pleasant picnic for them. They may be assured that Socialists will contest every inch of the battlefield to the edge of the last ditch. It is admitted that you have the leaders and so-called statesmen of the old political parties whipped into silence, but you will still have to deal with the young, robust, enthusiastic, rapidly growing, progressive Socialist party, which, in the impending contest, will be found to be "a foeman worthy of your steel."

Creston, Iowa.

WILL THE GODS DESTROY THIS CIVILIZATION?

By R. A. Dague.

Quite recently President Woodrow Wilson was in a town on Pass Christian Bay, Miss. The press dispatches give this incident, viz:

"The president's heart was touched at the very outset of his trip. While waiting for the revenue cutter Winona to reach a point in Pass Christian bay where he could board her, he stood on the open wharf of an oyster cannery. Inside of big shed practically unprotected from the searing wind blowing in from the gulf were 200 women and children shucking oysters. Whole families were engaged in the task.

"Mothers with tiny toddling babies shucked the bivalves as their offspring tugged at their skirts. It was a sight typical of coast towns, but there was little doubt from the look of amazement in the eyes of the president that he was troubled at the sight."

On the same day I read the following items in the papers:

"If the children whose labor is being exploited in the United States were to be organized and led in procession across the continent, they would make an army, if marching in single file, 12 feet apart, 5,000 miles long."

"One day last week two girls from the same department store in Chicago died in separate hospitals from criminal operations to prevent their becoming mothers. Some time ago the police arrested a lot of girls and they were fined by the court and ordered to leave the city. One of the girls held as witnesses cried out in the agony of the disgrace that had come upon her: 'Why do they lock me up—my case is only one of thousands!'—a claim that is literally true. Recently two city detectives in Chicago were set to shadow the female employes of a single department store and their report showed that sixty female employes had been traced to the bed-house hotels in one week."

The wages of these working girls were not enough to enable them to live decently therefore they were forced into a life of shame. Notwithstanding all our professed piety and progress the present civilization is as cruel and wicked as was that of ancient Sodom and Babylon. Is there no remedy for these great crimes of woman-slavery, and child-slavery, and man-slavery? Within a few years insanity and crime increased 1,000 per cent. Must this great nation go to ruin that a few selfish human hogs may amass mountains of wealth by exploiting the great multitudes? Is there no remedy to cure these industrial cancers that are eating out the vitals of the American republic?

Many cures are proposed. The orthodox clergy prescribe church membership, baptism and the acceptance of creeds and dogmas. The lawmakers insist on more stringent legal enactments, fines and jails. The pious captains of industry say increase the police force and the military, and club and shoot the strikers, imprison the agitators and soap-box orators, and run the "bad girls" out of town. The college professors say educate the people. Andrew Carnegie says build more libraries. Rockefeller invites the "bad girls" and wicked working people to attend Sabbath school and be baptised by immersion. The Roman hierarchy says the public school causes the wickedness, while the Prohibitionists and suffragettes are sure that woman suffrage and prohibition would effect the desired cure.

Socialists alone suggest the only cure. They know this is an economic problem. The wealth of this great nation amounts to more than one hundred and twenty-five billions of dollars, ninety per cent of which is owned by a few men. More than half of the American people are propertyless. Capitalism owns all the means of production of wealth except the labor power. It owns that indirectly, for the laborer cannot earn his bread except he sells his labor to the capitalist who owns all the machines with which wealth is created. The capitalist, can therefore, fix the wage of the worker. He can employ him or refuse to give him work. The propertyless worker is as much a slave as was the negro before the Civil War. If he works, he must take what his employer offers him. If he refuses, he is soon out of bread, and the capitalist's laws pronounce him a "vagrant," and he is put into the chain gang. The negro slave-owner was required by law to treat his slave kindly, and when ill to provide him with medical aid, and when too old to longer labor, to feed, clothe, and house him, and when dead to give him Christian burial. No such humane treatment is required of the owners of the propertyless wage-slave. Millions of girls,

children of the propertyless classes are forced to go out into the world and sell their labor power. The capitalists must have their profits, wages must be kept down to the lowest possible level at which the working people can live and work. The competitive system of business makes this necessary. If the iron law is not adhered to, the small capitalist himself, is vanquished by his competitor, and he is forced into the wage-slave class. This essentially selfish system, of big profits to the strong, crafty few, and enforced low wages for the helpless worker, has been going on so long, that it has not only made propertyless more than fifty millions of American adults, but has forced two millions of their children to give up their dolls, quit the schools, and go into the shops and factories, to earn bread for their parents and themselves; and has driven tens of thousands of their young daughters into stores, offices, and other employments, where they have to compete with men, but where their salaries are so small that they are almost forced to sell their honor as well as their labor for food and clothing. The selfishness and greed of the capitalists, which is the legitimate fruit of the competitive system, has forced up the price of the necessities of life, while wages have been kept down so low that marriages are decreasing, and race suicide is feared. The truth is, that young men hesitate to marry and assume the responsibilities of married life. It has been estimated that there are two millions of marriageable young men in America who will not marry because of low wages and the high cost of living.

They know that the small dealer can no longer compete with the large capitalist. They know they have no voice as to the wage they may receive as an employe; indeed, have no assurance of being employed at all. This is the reason we hear the cry of decreasing marriages, and the reason "assignment houses" are rapidly taking the place of homes. Preaching will not cure this great evil; fines and imprisonment will not cure it, neither will Carnegie libraries, nor temperance lectures, nor anything except a readjustment of our economic and industrial system. Nothing will save us from the destruction that overwhelmed ancient peoples, unless we substitute co-operation for competition—collectivism for individualism. The working people must have the full product of their labor. Individuals must be prevented from owning, privately, public necessities. Profits, which means that one man can get something for nothing, must be abolished. Every man and woman must, industrially, have and possess property according to their deeds—according as they earn. Speculation, in all its forms, must be eliminated from our national life, and the laws through which property is transmitted to another by will or inheritance, must be repealed. Land, and water, and air, and coal, and electricity, and productive machinery, and the forces of nature, must be owned or used, collectively by all the people. To contend that God, or nature, designed that a few can rightly monopolize for their private use the things necessary for all to have, leaving out all consideration of service, or merit or labor, or justice, is to blaspheme God, accuse Nature of gross unfairness, to deny every teaching of Jesus Christ, and to oppose every principle upon which a democratic government is founded. Only that should be owned individually that is earned individually. To earn what he has a right to individually possess, every man must render its value to all, in labor, or service of some kind. Reciprocity is the law of heaven and earth. The civilization that leaves that out, and is builded on profits, speculation, competition, individualism, selfishness, greed, and the power of might over right—that civilization is doomed to destruction. The mills of the gods will grind it to powder. This proud so-called Christian civilization is nearing the precipice. "Let the nation own the trusts."

Creston, Iowa.

In Memoriam.

Herculaneum, Mo., January 3, 1914.

Whereas, Death has invaded our ranks on December 14th, 1913, and removed from our midst our beloved brother Charles Bankston, and

Whereas, In the death of Brother Bankston, Herculaneum Smelterman's Union No. 249 has lost a valuable member; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we extend to his sorrowing relations our heartfelt sympathy in this their hour of bereavement; and be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days, that a copy of these resolutions be spread on the minutes of this local, a copy sent to the deceased's relations, and a copy sent to the Miners' Magazine for publication.

H. A. MILLS,
Z. S. LOCKHART,
WM. CRAMER.
Committee.

Chewelah, Wash., Jan. 3, 1914.

Whereas, Brothers Charles D. McKenzie and Fred Olson were recently killed while following their usual occupation, and

Whereas, They were both loyal members of Steven's County Union No. 29, W. F. M.; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we mourn the loss of our brothers, that we drape our charter for a period of thirty days, and that this resolution be forwarded to the Miners' Magazine for publication.

MIKE V. GEBICK,
RALPH PURCELL,
H. C. BEADLE,
MARTIN THORNBURG.

Grass Valley, California, December 19, 1913.

To the President, Officers and Members of Grass Valley Miners' Union No. 90, W. F. M.:

We, your committee on resolutions, offer the following resolution:

Whereas, It has pleased the Supreme Ruler of the Universe to call from our midst our esteemed brother, William Dunstan, a loving husband and father; and,

Whereas, On December 7, 1913, Brother Dunstan died; in the death of Brother Dunstan, Grass Valley Miners' Union No. 90, W. F. M., has lost an able worker, his family a good husband and kind father and the community an upright citizen. Be it

Resolved, That Grass Valley Miners' Union No. 90, W. F. M., extend to the bereaved wife and family of our brother its heartfelt sympathy and condolence. May our Heavenly Father bring peace and comfort to those who sorrow; and, be it further

Resolved, That we drape our charter for a period of thirty days, and that a copy of these resolutions be spread upon the minutes of our local, a copy to be sent to the widow of the deceased and a copy forwarded to The Miners' Magazine for publication.

Respectfully submitted,

JOHN BONE,
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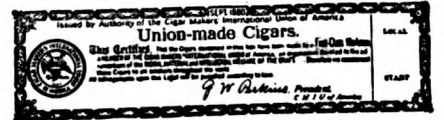
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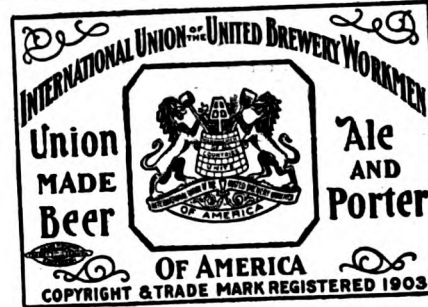
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