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## THE DEVIL BURNT WITH FIRE.

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**W**ASHINGTON dispatches bring the news that the Tobin Union dropped their appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States from the decision of the Massachusetts Court that gave Michael T. Berry \$1,500 damages for being deprived of the opportunity to earn his living at his trade. The tussle was long; the windup leaves the Tobin-Carey-Sieverman crew in the plight of the devil burnt with his own fire.

What the Tobin-Carey-Sieverman so-called shoemakers Union is, readers of *The People* have been made acquainted with in detail. Their action in importing convicts from New York to take the places of the K. of L. men on strike in Lynn, and for which scabby action one of the trio was rotten-egged in that city, is still fresh in the minds of everybody; their action in entering into contracts with one set of employers not to organize the men of competing employers, is one of the numerous acts of betrayal of the Working Class on which the bunch has been convicted documentarily; their conduct in guaranteeing the employers, who order their men to join the "Union," against demands for higher wages by their men is a matter of public notoriety. In short, the organization of the Tobin-Carey-Sieverman combine stands absolutely convicted of being a "bosses' Union," and against the Working Class. In pursuit of its treasonable policy towards the Working Class and of watchdog for the Capitalist Class, the said Tobin-Carey-Sieverman concern made up their minds to hound out of work and throw into starvation every man connected with the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance. They tried the trick upon Berry, and found they had "caught a Tartar." The capitalist club being used against him, he turned that very club against them. In their dullness they felt confident of victory. "Is not the capitalist Court the Court of the capitalists?" reasoned they; and they felt certain of victory. The dullards did not reckon with the Spirit of the Age, which lames the

hand of even the most rigorous tyrant. Powerful and masterful as a Bismarck was, yet was he not omnipotent, yet had he to yield to the Spirit of the Age when invoked and unflinchingly upheld. The conduct of the Tobin-Carey-Sieverman combine against Berry was a case of capitalism run riot: it was an outrage upon the rights of man: as such it was resented by the victim, and he made his point good.

Berry's victory is a victory for the cause of Labor; the Tobin-Carey-Sieverman defeat, is a blow at the vitals of the Civic Federation.

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