

OPERATORS IN COUP TO KILL MINERS UNION

Plan Shutdown to Boost Prices and Exterminate Organization; Strike Certain

Indianapolis, Ind., March 31.—For good business reasons the coal mine owners have decided to close their mines. While it appears that more than 250,000 miners will be forced into idleness April 1, because they cannot agree with the operators, it is without doubt a scheme to kill the miners' organization and at the same time force up the price of coal.

Tomorrow night miners in Ohio, Missouri, Iowa, Kansas, Oklahoma, Arkansas, Texas and Illinois will lay down their picks and shovels and not return until an agreement is signed. In addition to these many workers in Indiana, Michigan, West Virginia and Kentucky may also stop work.

The Illinois miners, it is reported from Springfield, were willing to continue work pending the agreement, but the operators decided to close down until April 15, by which time, it is thought, the miners and operators will have agreed. The same action will be taken by the Pittsburgh district operators.

The country under which the coal workers now are bound to remain in the shaft will expire at midnight tomorrow, and no provision has been made in the majority of the fields for the operation of the coal properties until a permanent contract again has been put into force.

Attempts are being made in joint sessions of miners and workers at Terre Haute and Pittsburg to frame up some temporary agreement to prevent a shutdown, but so far neither meeting has been successful.

Mitchell on Scene  
John Mitchell, the retiring president of the Mine Workers of America, is here in an effort to place everything in readiness before he quits his office on Wednesday, to be succeeded by Vice President Lewis. The latter will make several changes in the official force of the union.

Shut-Down in Pittsburg  
Pittsburg, March 31.—Indications point strongly to a complete shutdown of all the mines in the Pittsburg district by tonight. There was a meeting between a committee of operators and one of the miners this afternoon, where nothing toward getting the matters fixed up for the recommencement of work was accomplished.

The operators have come out into the open and announce there will be a close down of all the mines in the territory, sending out 57,000,000 tons of coal annually, and that the close will begin tonight.

ILLNESS FORCES HARRISON TO QUIT SPEECH AT MEETING

While speaking at a mass meeting at the North Side Turner hall last night in an effort to boom the candidacy of John Taylor Booz, Democratic candidate for alderman of the Twenty-first ward, ex-Mayor Carter H. Harrison suffered an attack of vertigo and was obliged to take his seat.

Harrison suddenly paused and seemed at a loss for something to say. He stood an instant and then turned to the chairman, Charles Stilwell, and remarked: "that he would have to rest a few minutes. He did not leave the platform and after a short rest resumed his speech. He explained that he had a headache when he came to the hall and that the closeness brought on an attack of vertigo from which he occasionally suffered. Many of those in the hall thought he had fainted.

MILWAUKEE THUNDERSTORM DOES NOT HINDER SOCIALIST MEETINGS

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
Milwaukee, Wis., March 31.—A tremendous thunder storm has failed to keep the crowds away from Social-Democratic meetings in Milwaukee. Six meetings were held in small halls, besides a big meeting at Humboldt hall. All were well attended.

The Humboldt hall meeting was addressed by Thomas Morgan of Chicago and Alderman Emil Seidel, Socialist candidate for mayor. Seidel referred to the heartless sneers at the unemployed made by Rose, candidate for mayor on the Democratic ticket. Rose had said that the demonstration of the unemployed at the Milwaukee city hall might have been stopped by handing the leaders a pick and shovel and setting them to work.

Make Rose Go to Work.  
"I assure him," said Seidel, "if the Socialist get into power they will give him a job; they will buy him a pick and shovel and send him to Arizona to dig up some mines."

Alderman Seidel defined as the "greatest crime of the city today," the fact that 90 per cent of school children are obliged to leave school after they have finished the eighth grade, to enter factories and do other work, while the other 10 per cent were those who knew how to dodge the \$1,000,000 in taxes which is being lost to the city every year while the owners of small homes are paying the full 2 1/2 cents on a dollar.

Scores Tax Commissioner.  
More than \$65,000,000 of property is escaping taxation, declared Alderman Seidel, except for the 1 cent on a dollar which the tax department does man-

NOVELIST AND HIS WIFE ARE SOCIALIST CONVERTS

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
Davenport, Ia., March 28.—Two recent converts to the cause of Socialism are Mr. and Mrs. George Cram Cook of Buffalo, Ia., near here. Cook is a novelist, the author of "Boderick Tallaferris" and other books, and his wife, who is better known as Miss Mollie Price, is also a literary woman.

They reside on a farm at Buffalo. Cook has been at work this winter on a new novel, which, it is said, will embody his new views on economic and social questions.

STUDENTS DISSEC TRODY OF MCKINLEY'S DEFENDER

Philadelphia, Pa., March 31.—Before a class of students at the Jefferson Medical college the body of James B. Parker, the negro who attempted to defend President McKinley when he was shot at Buffalo, was placed upon the dissecting table.

Parker died several weeks ago in the Philadelphia hospital, here he was a charity patient.

SHIPPY TO TELL ALL ABOUT IT

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
Detroit, Mich., March 31.—Chief of Police George M. Shippy of Chicago will read a paper on anarchy before the International Association of Police Chiefs in Detroit June 2 to 6. Chief Shippy will take as his theme the killing, by him, of Lazarus Averbuch, and will reiterate at least one of the several stories he has told in that connection.

He will sound the keynote for a country-wide campaign on the extermination of anarchists and anarchists, according to the Detroit Free Press, which remarks:

"Chief Shippy has had much to do with anarchists in Chicago, and is considered by other police chiefs to be the best man to lead them in a campaign for the suppression and extermination of these undesirable."

Three hundred cities will be represented. The sessions will be held at the Wayne hotel, the business sessions being varied by pleasure trips and theater parties.

PROGRESS OF WORLD Y. P. S. L.

The bulletin of the International Federation of Socialist Young People's organizations dated Vienna, March 13, has been received by the Daily Socialist. It says:

"Austria.—The Young Worker and other papers of young people's organizations published its March number as a Marx number. Included in the quotations from Marx were expressions about religion. The authorities considered that they were blasphemous and succeeded in suppressing two of them."

"Bohemia.—The Czechish young people's organizations have distributed 25,000 pamphlets of anti-militaristic propaganda. In Vienna a pamphlet was distributed and a Czechish meeting was held in which 1,500 young workers took part. The speakers were requested six times by the government commission present to moderate their language, and a strong contingent of police was stationed in front of the hall to prevent a demonstration."

"Belgium.—The national congress of the 'Young Guard' will take place at Whitehall in Brussels. On the occasion of the allotting of the recruits in February, 25,700 copies of the anti-militaristic annual Le Coscrit were distributed, as were 26,200 copies of Leleting (Flemish)."

"Italy.—On the occasion of the allotting of the recruits an intense anti-militaristic agitation was carried on."

"America.—The six existing young people's associations of New York have joined together as a central union."

"Robert Dannenberg on March 1 succeeded International Secretary De Man."

HEARST'S MAN UNDER CLOUD

Independence League Office Holder Put on Grand Jury Rack

New York, March 31.—The grand jury, which is investigating the relations of Attorney General Jackson, elected to office on the Hearst Independence League ticket, and Frank White, as revealed by Nathan Vidaver, one of Jack-

L'Y EXTENSION AT STOCK YARDS READY IN 10 DAYS

Another outlet for the heavy stock yards traffic will be in operation with the completion of the branch of the south side elevated railroad, uniting from the main division of the road at Fort-titch and State streets to the heart of the "yards." The new extension will be finished in ten days.

Those who travel on the new line will enjoy the luxury of riding over a noiseless roadbed and of alighting at fire-proof stations—a big advance in elevated railroad building in Chicago. The stations are built of concrete, a composition of cement and asbestos, which is declared to be the most noninflammable material known.

There are seven of these stations, five of them being within the boundaries of the "yards." One is at the Exchange building, another at the Morris plant, one at Swift's, Hammond's, and a fifth at Armour's. Just outside the "yards" there is a large station at Halsted and Root streets. A seventh is at Wallace street.

MILK OFFER IS A GOLD BRICK

Drivers Say the Bosses Offered 'Compromise' Means Nothing

Officials of the Milk Wagon Drivers' union deny that the proposition put up to them in the way of a "compromise" by the Illinois Milk Dealers' association means an increase in wages, except a very slight increase to a very small

JUDGE OUSTS WESTERN UNION FROM TEXAS

St. Louis, Mo., March 31.—A special to the Globe-Democrat from Austin, Texas, says: "Judge Geo. Calhoun of the District court here rendered a judgment ousting the Western Union Telegraph company from Texas and assessing against it back franchise tax fees amounting to \$100,000."

"The suit was instituted by the state, the question at issue being whether they had a right to transact a telegraph business between points in Texas without first having obtained a license charter."

"The company is prohibited under Judge Calhoun's order from doing any interstate business except that for the federal government."

FRISCO PACKERS GIVE IN TO ALASKA FISHERMEN ON WAGE

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
San Francisco, March 31.—The Packers' association decided it didn't want trouble with the Alaska Fishermen's Protective union, consequently it has agreed to pay last year's wage scale. A few minor changes have been made, but the settlement is a victory for the union.

HILL FORESEES A LONG PANIC

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
Washington, D. C., March 31.—James J. Hill, referring to the statement issued by Franklin K. Lane of the Interstate Commerce commission, to the effect that the railroads are prosperous, despite reports to the contrary, said: "Keep that article before you, then follow the accounts of railway affairs for the next three months, daily, and see how the facts and the optimistic views compare with each other. We railway people are 'no position to do too much talking' (now. We prefer to let the facts speak for themselves—and they will speak loud enough."

"The Pennsylvania railroad would not buy off any of its men if it could possibly afford to keep them. It isn't earning enough to keep them. It is the same situation everywhere. It is too heavy a draft on optimism to see this condition of affairs in a bright light. The facts will make their own reply."

Hill, it will be remembered, predicted the panic several months before it came.

MANY SAVED IN APARTMENT FIRE

Scores of families were driven early to-day from the Aldine apartments, at Aldine avenue and Clark street, by a fire that swept through the big flat building. Many of the occupants of the building fled in their night robes as the smoke and flames pursued them.

A number of thrilling rescues were made of women who were panic-stricken by the rapid spread of the fire. Children were carried out from a number of apartments.

The fire swept so rapidly through the big flats that a 4-11 call for extra firemen was sent in by the first firemen to reach the place. The building is a block long and four stories high.

Many persons were reported on the arrival of the first firemen to be trapped in the building. Others were carried down ladders to the street.

Panic spread throughout the apartments. The entire building was in flames when the last rescues were made. Many of the residents of the flats were slightly burned or were bruised in their haste to escape.

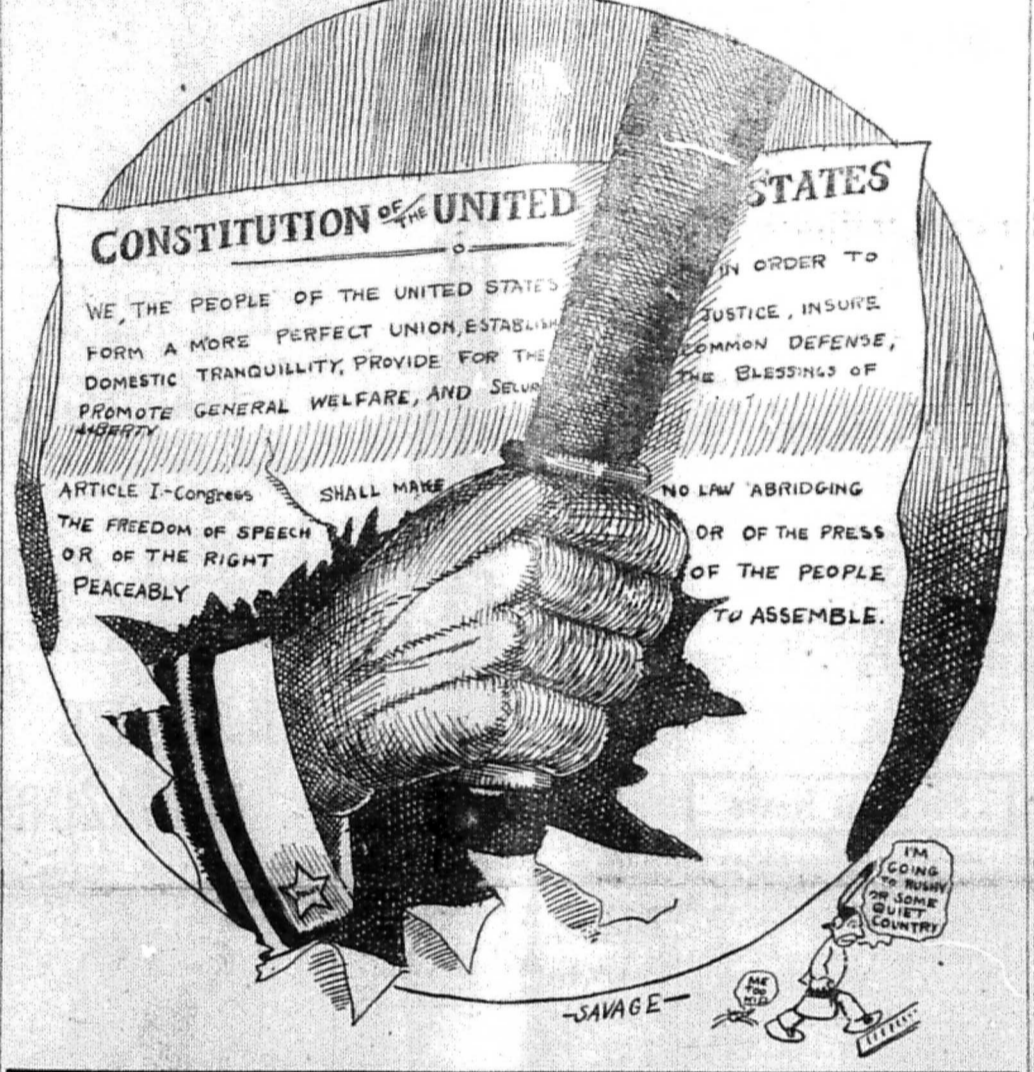
A cord of police was thrown about the building to prevent excited men and women from rushing into the flames to save valuables or rescue pet cats and birds.

The first hurried investigation failed to show the origin of the fire. A report that the boiler in the furnace room had exploded was denied by the firemen.

Land that new subscriber TODAY.

INSPECTOR SCHMITTBERGER: "TO HELL WITH THE CONSTITUTION"

(WITH APOLOGIES TO GEN. BELL)



DENVER POLICE AFTER THE DAILY

Try to Keep Boys from Selling Paper; Adults Intercede

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
Denver, Colo., March 31.—The local police here have read of the Chicago police persecuting "invidious" literature and, hoping to stir up an anarchy scare of their own, they have tried to put the Daily Socialist in that class and keep it from being sold on the street corners. In this they have failed.

The Socialist party here has stirred up considerable talk by means of propaganda literature, and, in fact, hundreds have divined from the old party ship. Consequently the police are trying to stay the Daily Socialist on the grounds of "party patriotism."

Run Newsboys from Corners.  
The police have made an effort to run all of the boys who sell the paper from their corners and drive them from the downtown district. Several local Socialists, becoming aware of the fact, have taken the situation into their own hands and are attending to the sales of the Daily in Denver.

Under the command of a lieutenant, a squad of the "especially selected" have now started to force the adults to quit selling the Daily, but they are not as successful in running the men from the corners as they were the boys.

Can't Bluff the Men.  
"The police have tried their best to stop the sales of the Daily Socialist," said one of the men now selling the paper. "They are trying to put us off the corners, too, but their efforts so far have been fruitless. As soon as we are put off one corner we go right over to the next and keep it up until we are sold out."

Official weather forecast for Tuesday and Wednesday:  
Illinois and Indiana—Rain Tuesday. Wednesday clearing; colder in north portions.  
Ohio—Rain Tuesday and probably Wednesday.  
Lower Michigan—Rain Tuesday; Wednesday clearing and colder.  
Upper Michigan—Show or rain and much colder Tuesday; Wednesday fair. Wisconsin—Rain Tuesday; Wednesday clearing and colder; fresh south, shifting to northeast, Indiana.

CLUB WOMEN, FULL OF TREMORS, DEAL WITH HORROR SOCIALISM

USES CLUB TO FORM A 'TRUST'

(Mail Correspondence.)  
Danvers, Ia., March 28.—The mental obfuscation of our bourgeois "culture" is shown by an incident which has lately come to light in this city. The Tuesday club is a highly exclusive organization of ladies who encourage each other in the belief that they constitute the intellectual life of the city. The members of this club, having exhausted such themes as the "Age of Pericles" and the "Renaissance," and making themselves, much against their will, forced by chronology to take a look at the present day, decided with much inward trepidation to take up the "Labor Problem" in their aristocratic fingers and begin its "study."

Investigated Her Topic.  
"Socialism" came in for some unavoidable attention, and one meeting was devoted to it. The paper on that subject was assigned to a younger member of the club, a brilliant short-story writer and novelist, Miss Susan Glaspell.

Miss Glaspell not being a Socialist, was yet so intelligent as to be conscious of her own ignorance of the subject, and instead of evolving her paper out of her inner consciousness, with the casual aid of an obsolete encyclopedia, after the Tuesday club fashion, she proceeded to find out about her topic.

Among other things, she "inter-viewed" a number of local Socialists, and quoted them in her exposition of the subject.

"Now let us divest ourselves of some of our customary prejudices, and dare to look at the thing as it really is," with such phrases as this bristled the

most remarkable paper ever read before the Tuesday club.

Members Sat Up and Gaped.  
The members sat up and gaped. Fancy! Their class traditions were being ridiculed, actually being made light of by this daring young woman, who had evidently been "corrupted" by her momentary contact with the Socialists. Never had such a thing occurred before; never was such impy recorded in the sacred annals of the Tuesday club.

The next day, when the reporters called up that grand dame who sets as "keeper of the Scrolls," and requested the use of the manuscript, from which some extracts might be printed, they were met with a belligerent refusal. After much argument pro and con, that lady revealed her reasons.

Recalls Anarchist Sensation.  
"The paper," she said, "does not represent the sentiments of the Tuesday club, and it is not desired to give the matter any publicity—especially," she added, "in view of the anarchist sensation in Chicago and New York."

"Now, an intelligent New York man whom Chief Shippy killed in his house was not an anarchist; and besides, Miss Glaspell's paper was not on anarchism at all. But the offending document has been disinfectant and locked up, and any mention of the episode is answered by the stately dames of the Tuesday club with a shrug and silence.

Poor, dear, all souls, this change from their accustomed routine of intellectual "knitting" was too much for them. It is hoped they will now reassess

WILL IMPEACH POLICE FORCE OF NEW YORK

Socialist Party Quick to Act on Gotham Outrage; Some Queer Circumstances

(Special to the Daily Socialist.)  
New York, March 31.—The committee appointed by the Socialist party to investigate the Union square affair, has decided on a plan of action. A call will be issued to all suffering ill treatment at the hands of the police or who witness such ill treatment to appear and give evidence. This evidence will be compiled and published and made a basis for impeachment proceedings against the New York police authorities. The legislature will also be called upon to investigate the occurrences in Union square last Saturday. Chairman Hillquit of the committee says it will follow out this plan vigorously and speedily.

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Berkman Arrest a Fizzle

The chief development yesterday was the arrest of Alexander Berkman, anarchist, who was questioned by the police about his suspected connection with Silverstein and taken before the latter, who failed to identify him. Berkman was let out on parole by the magistrates. The police lieutenant in charge of the case had counseled violence, but this he denied. Apart from the ignorance displayed by the police and the magistrate on social questions nothing important developed from Berkman's arrest.

Afterward the police gave out what purported to be copies of letters found in Silverstein's rooms after two days of sensational reports. The letters proved to be merely credulous concoctions of relief for men arrested in Philadelphia during the unemployed meeting a month ago, and since then heavily sentenced. Nothing incendiary or extraordinary was in the letters, so the police reports about a great conspiracy are found to be baseless.

Bingham Breaks Loose  
Police Commissioner Bingham broke loose in discussing what he called "hot air agitators." He was particularly bitter about Robert Hunter, Bingham said.

Robert Hunter wants to behave himself, and if he doesn't behave himself he will be sorry for it. I will stand for no incitations, riots or disorder, and will suppress it with an iron hand. I am sure that all this trouble caused by a lot of wind bags I want them to know it now that I will not stand for it."

Bingham was asked if he wanted to see Hunter, but answered quickly:

"No, I don't want to see him or any hot-air bags like him."

Bingham also said he received many letters commending the police for their excellent work in handling the crowds on Saturday. Mayor McCellan also said the police had done splendid work. This was probably in reply to the numerous complaints made about the handling of the demonstration.

Capitalist Papers Mad  
As time goes on, however, evidence is piling up against the police. Even the capitalist papers are criticizing them. The Evening Post editorially says the refusal of a permit for the demonstration was not well advised, saying experience abroad shows that it is better

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