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The New United States Militia Bill ---Chief Sections

(Introduced in the house of representatives, on June 30, 1902, as house bill no. 11,654, and rushed through over the head of a small opposition, by 180 ayes against 28 nays. No personal roll call taken. Passed unanimously by the senate on January 14, 1903. Approved by the president on January 21, 1903.)

Public Document--No. 33--An act to promote the efficiency of the militia, and for other purposes.

Be it enacted by the senate and house of representatives of the United States of America in congress assembled, That the militia shall consist of every able-bodied male citizen of the respective states, territories, and the District of Columbia, and every able-bodied male of foreign birth who has declared his intention to become a citizen, who is more than 18 and less than 45 years of age, and shall be divided into two classes--the organized militia, to be known as the National Guard of the state, territory, or District of Columbia, or by such other designations as may be given them by the laws of the respective states or territories, and the remainder to be known as the reserve militia.

Sec. 4. That whenever the United States is invaded, or in danger of invasion from any foreign nation, or of Rebellion against the authority of the government of the United States, or the president is unable, with the other forces at his command, to execute the laws of the Union in any part thereof, it shall be lawful FOR THE PRESIDENT to call forth for a period not exceeding nine months, such number of the militia of the state or the states or territories or of the District of Columbia as he may deem necessary to repel such invasion, suppress such rebellion, or to enable him to execute such laws, and to issue his orders for that purpose to such officers of the militia as he may think proper.

Sec. 7. That every officer, and enlisted man of the militia who shall be called forth in the manner hereinbefore prescribed and shall be found fit for military service shall be mustered or accepted into the United States service by a duly authorized mustering officer of the United States. Provided, however, That ANY officer or enlisted MAN of the militia WHO SHALL REFUSE OR NEGLECT TO PRESENT HIMSELF to such mustering officer upon being called forth as herein prescribed shall be subject to trial by court martial, and SHALL BE PUNISHED AS SUCH COURT MARTIAL MAY DIRECT.

Sec. 8. That COURTS MARTIAL for the trial of officers or men of the officers or men of the militia, when in the service of the United States, SHALL BE COMPOSED OF MILITIA OFFICERS ONLY.

To provide means of carrying into effect the provisions of this section, the necessary money to cover the cost of exchanging or issuing the new arms, accoutrements, equipment and ammunition to be exchanged or issued hereunder, is appropriated out of any money in the treasury not otherwise appropriated.



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THE COAL MINERS' STRIKE IN COLORADO—DEMANDS AND GRIEVANCES.

Trinidad, Colo., Jan. 21, 1904.—The grievances of all the mining camps in this district are practically the same, for the miners have to deal with the same masters. These grievances are but repetitions of all that have come to light in previous great coal strikes in other parts of the country, and find but a very moderate expression in the formulated demands which the striking miners have presented to the companies. To take as authority the word of those who have had experience in similar strikes, in no mining camps elsewhere has there been worse slavery than here in Colorado.

The specific demands of the strikers relate only to their work in and around the mines and scarcely touch the hundred and one details of infamous tyranny which surround and intensify the struggle for existence. The miners ask for an eight-hour day. That eight-hour day is theirs by right, for the expressed will of the majority of the citizens of Colorado, and is denied them because it has been set aside as unconstitutional by a corporation-owned court.

The miners ask also that all wages be paid every two weeks instead of monthly, and that all payment in scrip be abolished. Under the present system each workman is paid at the end of the month, if anything is coming to him, with a bank check. During the month if he needs any money for the necessities of life he receives it at the office of the company in the form of scrip notes, for which, if he buys his goods of the Colorado Supply Co. (the company store), he receives the face value. If he chooses to trade elsewhere the notes are worth 10 or 12 per cent less than their face value. Now, consider that the Colorado Supply Co. charges much higher prices for goods than outside firms, and you will see why the miners refuse to submit any longer to this imposition. The scrip method of payment was formerly the universal system in mining regions all over the country, but has been nearly abolished in the mining states east of the Mississippi through the power that the workers in the mines have gained by their organization.

The 20 per cent increase in wages is little enough to ask, but unless the payment in scrip is done away with at the same time this circle of robbery by which the companies make both ends meet will leave the miner no more in return for his labor than he received before.

The same old system of forced assessments takes place here as in other parts of the country. One dollar a month for medical attendance, 50 cents for blacksmithing, 25 cents for maintaining school advantages, etc., and these assessments the miner finds subtracted from his pay if he has been in the mine not more than half a day during all the month.

According to the legal standard of weight in the United States, 2,000 pounds constitute a ton. Heretofore the companies in Colorado have required from the miners 2,500 pounds for a ton, or that each workman shall give to the company 25 per cent on each ton he mines. The miners now demand that the companies comply with the law.

The last on the list of the strikers' demands is perhaps the most vital. It is that the company take adequate measures to insure a plentiful supply of fresh air. There are laws in every mining state requiring precautions in regard to ventilating fans, the storing of dynamite, etc., and yet the mine disasters, which no daily newspaper is without, show the ruthlessness of mine owners in breaking laws which are contrary to their interests and their disregard for human life.

Such are the demands of the striking miners. And yet they give voice to only a few of the wrongs the miners and their families are forced to endure.

I have been unable to find any activity uncontrolled by the companies from the birth of the child, for which the services of the company doctor must be employed, oftentimes unwillingly, through school and church and daily labor, through sickness and death, and the grip of the company is never relaxed.

The companies own almost entirely the miserable houses. They own the land upon which the houses stand. Instances have been told me where their agents have ordered tenants not to set pails or anything on the ground outside of the tiny huts, saying that the rent was paid for the house, but not for the land.

The companies own, as well, the school system. Out of the school assessment of 25 cents from each miner they generously build school houses, in which they place teachers chosen by school boards composed of superintendents and mine bosses, with perhaps a moderate proportion of members of the Citizens' Alliance, the Anti-Union organization. The teachers teach from books prescribed (and changed each year) by the school board, and paid for by the miners. This custom of changing text books yearly is one of the innumerable grafts of the companies. Another one that pays well is that of the saloon business. In four different camps under control of the Victor Fuel Co. two saloons pay each as license to the company 20 cents for every man on the pay rolls, about \$800 per month for the company.

The company store is a sore grievance. The owners, a group consisting of members from each of the mining companies, claim that no one is forced to buy there. Does not the system of scrip payment seem a pretty effective means of forcing? Competition is not permitted to grow lively, for if an outside man comes into camp and attempts to sell anything he is taken before the local justice, also owned by the company, and promptly fined from

\$10 to \$50. One incident will serve to illustrate the non-forcing process.

A woman who had been ill wanted some brood and ventured to buy a chicken of a neighbor who had a little vegetable patch and raised a few chickens. A company agent saw her carrying it home and asked her roughly what she had.

"Just a bit of chicken I got of John because I was sick."

"Why didn't you go to the company store?" he demanded.

"They haven't any chicken," she answered timidly.

"You can get all the meat you need at the company store,—you. You can tell your man to come and get his meat."

Let me mention incidentally that Rockefeller controls 70 per cent of the stock of the Colorado Fuel and Iron Co., and that the miners' families pay 25 cents a gallon for Rockefeller's oil at the stores of the Colorado Supply Co.

The United States postoffice in each camp is always located in the company store. The manager of the store is always the postmaster, receiving a salary therefor, and the work of the postoffice is done by the cashier of the store, who is an overworked drudge and whose services thus cost the manager nothing.

There seems to be no question that mails have been tampered with during this strike in some of the most closely guarded camps. I have been told on direct authority of letters sent to persons in one of the most inaccessible camps which were never received. Labor papers sent through the mails scarcely ever reach those for whom intended.

The climax of all this robbery and perhaps its most hateful form is in the medical department. Each man working in and around the mines is taxed \$1 per month for service for himself and family. Some estimate of the company's income from this source may be made from the following figures, which are authentic:

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| Total hospital fees collected at Hastings, Gray Creek, Delagua and Chandler (Victor Fuel Co.), each month about | \$2,300.00 |
| Monthly cost medical attendance, etc. | 850.00 |
| Excess of collections monthly | \$1,450.00 |
| Multiplied by | 12 |
| Excess of collections yearly | \$17,400.00 |

There is said to be more than \$60,000 hospital fund not accounted for in these four camps.

The company's hospital is at Pueblo and is claimed by its owners to be the finest in the country. It ought to be when the cost to the miners is considered. It is a journey of from 150 to 200 miles from many of the camps to Pueblo, and after being brought there the sick and injured men are often left lying in the railroad station for hours before being taken to the hospital. It is a sufficient commentary upon this subject to report that the women of the camps universally hate both company doctors and the company hospital. I have heard more than one woman say:

"I'd rather have my man die at home than take the chances on sending him to the company's hospital."

It is impossible to do more than suggest a few of the wrongs of the workers who live in these isolated and pitifully dreary camps. Their lives are all one vast wrong and even a hasty glimpse caught in a few days' visit in the region makes you feel the desperate struggle before them. But not hopeless, as you realize the great growth that is taking place in the comprehension of their class wrongs and in the knowledge that the remedy for these must come through class loyalty and class organization.

BERTHA HOWELL, MAILLY.

THE SITUATION IN COLORADO.

Official Statement.

The strike in the Cripple Creek district began Aug. 10, and the end is not yet in sight. The part of the unions the strike has been conducted in complete and full obedience to the laws. On the part of the Mine Owners' Association and militia there have been constant and repeated acts of violence and lawlessness. The constitution has been trampled upon and the laws violated with impunity. This has all been done in the name of law and order.

In the beginning of the fight it was announced that one of the miners who was arrested would not find it safe to ply their vocations in Teller county. The militia were going to capture and detain all such persons. A few days ago the Mine Owners' Association confessed that more than a mere pretence and successful than ever before. There are no union men working for that association, so from the confusion of these gentlemen the ore thieves are "scabs" and not union men. It said that all men working for the association are compelled to join the

The court was defied and its judgment ignored. The supreme court was invoked for a writ of Habeas Corpus. It claimed that the military were all-powerful and that they were justified because the thousands of proclamations of the governor gave them the right to do so in spite of the fact that some of the witnesses general a tip that the supreme court did not share his peculiar view of the law and the judicial basis shown by the military authorities in their search for a justice of the peace to help them in their quest for the public of the absurdity and iniquity of their claims. They did not dare face a trial and declaration of their rights. Pool was charged with an assault to murder but when the case was called for the law produce a single witness against him. After spending about six months in custody Pool is now at liberty. He is at work and even the militia let him alone. No excuse has been offered for the outrageous and criminal trial of Pool.

Sherman Parker, one of the leaders of the strike was taken in custody on Nov. 17, 1903. The Vindicator affair appeared in the papers of Denver and was in the hot pen. Notwithstanding this fact, when he brought a habeas corpus suit, he was charged with murder in connection with that matter. On Jan. 14 he gave a bond of \$10,000 for his appearance in court and was released. He was immediately rearrested by the militia. When an argument in his behalf was made in the United States court a complaint against him was filed before a justice of the peace and he was arrested. He was brought before the justice and released on giving a \$1,000 bond. The war god became frantic because he was not at liberty. However, Mr. Parker evaded the militia and militia and went to the Denver office of Sheriff Armstrong. General Bell appeared and demanded that he be manacled and confined in a dungeon. Sheriff Armstrong responded to Bell's demand by giving Parker his liberty and informing Bell that the law prevailed in Denver and that no attention would be paid to military moonshine. The next day another complaint was filed before a justice of the peace. Parker volunteered to re-charge but the military authorities insisted that he be taken in custody and treated as a felon. When the cases were called military lawyers were not ready and had no evidence. There is every reason to believe that no evidence will be offered against Parker but that he will again be arrested by the militia on some spurious pretense. This is surely despotism and persecution.

The same fashion has been set by Temple and Crump of the Mine Owners' Association. The affidavit for continuing the writ of Habeas Corpus was signed by the Pool case. He swore that some time and somewhere he fondly hoped to be able to get a right kind of person who could be persuaded or induced to testify against Mr. Pool. The affidavit was signed by Mr. Crump and sworn to by Mr. Temple and the second one by Mr. Crump. This entered into the records of the Mine Owners' Association. We wonder if these services are included in the bill of the mine owners. Should the practice of these gentlemen become universal, litigious and witless men would be able to defeat the lawyer would be the whole thing.

One shipment are falling off in Cripple Creek. It is believed that in October, the mine owners say that they have all the men they want. Now that the strike is over and the miners are being discharged, this seems to be a paradox. The fact is that the mine owners cannot get sufficient competent help. No more union men are being hired here now. We have the strike well in hand and in a short time will win a national victory in liberty and democracy. The mine owners are in a desperate condition. Their strenuous attempts to subvert the law and their liberty are proving abortive and when the true inwardness of the crimes alluded to have been contemplated here becomes public they will go into voluntary bankruptcy and retire defeated from their office.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
DISTRICT UNION NO. 1, W. F. M. Jan. 25, 1904.

RUSSIANISM.
Twenty-five unionists were deported from Telluride to Montrose this morning by the military forces of the state. The military officer of the state's military forces in this district. Further arrests of strikers and their sympathizers are expected hourly and deportations will probably occur every morning on the departure of the train for the north. Twenty-one of the unionists expelled this morning were arrested by the military last night. None of the men who were sent out by either telephone or mail last night and their deportation this morning is the immediate result of the proclamation declaring martial law in San Miguel county. The principle of declaring martial law in a district under martial law it would seem, is to give the military the power to arrest and detain the strikers as they saw fit. Under martial law the will of the military is supreme and no one is to be heard in their defense. The military will be directly against the striking miners and their friends. All idle men are to be sent out by either telephone or mail. The military authorities will see to it that no men re-enter the district while martial law exists. The military organization is aimed to defeat any attempt on the part of the arrested strikers to be taken out of the district through habeas corpus proceedings.

The military is in full control in the district of the town of Hill. The Hill is supreme. One of his first acts was to place a censorship on all news papers sent out by either telephone or telegraph. Newspaper correspondents must submit all of their matter to him before it is sent out. If the contents of the dispatches do not suit the military authorities the correspondents will be prohibited from sending it to the editor.

If a correspondent wishes to talk by telephone to his paper an officer, zen or a military man will accompany him to the telephone office and is allowed to read all the dispatches on the wire. The Socialist Standard.

CLASSES IN SOCIETY
Are Engaged in a War of Extermination, so Says the Wall Street Journal.

"The greatest labor war ever fought in the world was that fought between the North and South in 1861. That was a contest between free labor and slave labor. There was a strong element in the North which agitated in favor of all free labor, while in the South there was a strong party which desired to extend the area of slavery over the entire country. The result was an irreconcilable conflict, which was well summed up in Lincoln's declaration that the nation could not be half free and half slave. It must be either all free or the other. Yet years after the civil war was fought, there is an impression that if there had been a little patience and forbearance, a little reasonable investigation from the better sections, one of the war might have been avoided, and slavery, in the end, abolished without fearful loss of blood and treasure.

"The country is now confronted with the prospect of another labor war not of the kind of 1861. It is a contest between slave labor, and the other to free labor, but a war extending over every section and involving every financial interest. But still the issue embraces the question of free labor. It was recently said by the Wall Street Journal, as a result of the conference of the National Civic Federation at Chicago, that the labor contest was assuming the appearance of 'orderly warfare.' But it is a war, nevertheless, and recent developments, as well as recent declarations on both sides, make it clear that it is, like the war of a generation ago, an irreconcilable conflict, a fight for extermination on both sides. It is a judgment of its probable consequences.

"The American Federation of Labor is considering a resolution that the so-called 'open-shop' policy, whether under private government management, cannot be recognized by organized labor. Whether this resolution will be adopted, in its present shape, which would be a condemnation of President Roosevelt for his action in

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The Miller case, the fact remains that stern opposition to the open shop is a foundation principle of trade unionism. Organized labor refuses to recognize or work with free labor. The shop must be union or all free. Thus the issue of the civil war is repeated in another shape. Then it was slave or free. Now it is union or free. The issue of such a conflict must in the end be, now as it was then, in favor of freedom. The only doubt is as to when the decision will be reached after candid discussion or after disastrous conflict.

On the other hand, the National Association of Manufacturers has been organized by Mr. David M. Parry as president, for the purpose of destroying trade unionism. Mr. Parry is willing to concede the right of labor to organize, but not for the purpose of enforcing demands for higher wages and shorter hours. He denies that trade unions have as a matter of fact benefited the workmen by any general advance of wages. Trades unions he argues, are an effect, not a cause of prosperity, and he would like to see them better off without them. This is the view of many employers, who think they are better able to determine rates of wages than the workmen, and that their determination will, in the long run, be in accordance with economic conditions and moral justice.

A GREAT GULF
Exists Between the President's False Promises and Scant Performances.
Why Do the Slaves Appeal to the Masters?
In view of the fact that members of our organization could not get the protection afforded them by the constitution of the United States, our brothers in the Cripple Creek district, having been thrown into the hall pen criminally in Telluride they have been forced to work upon the public streets at the point of the bayonet, for no other reason than that they refused to submit to the terms of the mine operators, namely: Leave the district, or be hanged.

News and Correspondence

REFERENDUM NO. 2, 1904.

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 23, 1904.

NEW MOTIONS

To the National Committee, Socialist Party.
Comrades: The following motions are herewith transmitted to you for your consideration and action:

MOTION NO. 1

By Massey of North Dakota.
I move that Referendum C (now Referendum A, 1904) be declared out of order, as it has been objected to as Referendum B, conflicting with Section 2, Article 3.

COMMENT WITH MOTION

To be consistent I must make this motion, and while I think it superfluous as the decision on my former motion should settle both, yet I make the motion to bring it directly before the National Committee.

If my motion is defeated I mean that originators of motions may insert under the guise of "whereas" any argument or comment that will help to carry it when submitted to referendum, while any argument to show the spuriousness of said argument is denied.

In section 2, article 3, the constitution states that referendums shall be submitted without comment. This surely means the usual amendments shall be submitted. Any other construction of this clause would be unjust and unfair to the people.

COMMENT OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

Comrade Massey's motion was first made under date of Dec. 22, while action upon his motion to declare Referendum B out of order upon this motion of circular for referendum C or Referendum A, 1904 were still pending. Under these circumstances the National Secretary suggested to Comrade Massey that he let the matter go and specific legislation upon this subject could be enacted. Comrade Massey insists, however, upon his motion being put, and this is done accordingly.

MOTION NO. 3

By Berger of Wisconsin.
Moved, that the National Headquarters be transferred from Omaha to Chicago, Ill., as a recognition for that purpose can be made.

My reasons for this motion are as follows:

"First—Chicago is near to the bulk of our membership. It has always been a sort of storm center for the revolutionary movement of the proletariat in this country, and is so regarded by the capitalist class as well as by the proletariat.

"Second—Chicago naturally has all the facilities for a good campaign, and the national officers could always keep their hands upon the pulse of the organized wage workers of America and watch their temper.

"Third—Even the radical farming element of this country, who possibly object to Chicago as headquarters, while for a campaign based upon working men it is an advantageous situation."

NOTE

The vote upon these two motions will close Feb. 16, 1904, and National Committees will use voting cards with this circular for that purpose. Fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

Weekly Report to National Committee

National Headquarters, Socialist Party, Omaha, Neb., Jan. 25, 1904.
SPEAKERS AND ORGANIZERS:
John W. Brown in California, Carey in Tennessee and Missouri, Wilkins in Montana, Chase in New Hampshire, Ray in Wisconsin, W. Slavitt in Iowa in Colorado Feb. 5.

THIS QUORUM

The report of the Quorum meeting held Jan. 16-17-18 was issued Jan. 23.

MOTIONS

Vote upon Work's motion relative to placing Carl D. Thompson's name upon the reserve list will close Feb. 2, 1904. National Committees who have not yet acted on this motion will vote at this office on or before date named.

Herewith I transmitted National Committee Referendum No. 2, 1904, consisting of two new motions, one by National Committee member Massey of North Dakota to declare Referendum A, 1904, out of order, and the other by National Committee member Berger of Wisconsin relative to the removal of national headquarters. Vote upon these motions close Feb. 16, 1904.

NATIONAL COMMITTEEMEN ELECTED

The following committees have been reported as elected National Committees by referendum in the respective states named:

For Alabama—B. Andrus, Patton.
For Minnesota—S. M. Holman, Minley.
For Vermont—Bernard, Henley, Barre.

ELECTION OF NATIONAL SECRETARY

The vote upon the election of National Secretary closes Jan. 31 and will be counted by the national office on or before that date.

APPLICATION FOR RESERVE LIST

The name of George Briel of New York, Ky., is presented by the state committee of Kentucky to be placed upon the reserve list of national organizers. Unless objections are made and a direct vote called for Comrade Briel's name will be placed upon the reserve list at the expiration of three weeks from date.

APPLICATION FOR STATE CHARTER

Acting Secretary W. Slavitt of Louisiana reports that the referendum taken by the locals in that state upon the question of striking out the color plank in the platform adopted by the state convention has resulted in the plank being eliminated. The application for a state charter for Louisiana is, therefore, again submitted to the National Committee, and unless objections are raised and a vote called for the charter will be granted within the required thirty days from this date.

MISCELLANEOUS

The National Secretary has received a protest from Local Hudson, N. J., against the action of the New Jersey state committee, in sending to the state referendum on the election of state officers and National Committees, and claiming that Charles H. Mason has been elected National Committee member from New Jersey since Jan. 10, and is the only person qualified to vote upon questions coming before that body.

As the report from the New Jersey state committee regarding the matter in dispute is one which the New Jersey comrades must have received from the National Secretary has so notified Local Hudson County, and also that the present report upon the matter by the National Committee, Comrade Goebel, will be recognized as such until notice has been received from the National Secretary that his successor has been elected.

The call for nominations for next national headquarters was issued on Washington next month with instructions from the Quorum. Nominations from the Quorum will close Feb. 15, 1904.

Under these circumstances are requested to notify the National Secretary whenever they do not receive matter concerning any subject mentioned in the weekly reports. Fraternally submitted.

WILLIAM MAILLY, National Secretary.

THE WORK IN WASHINGTON

The following copy of a letter from National Secretary Wm. Mailly relative to the John W. Brown tour of Washington next month will throw a flood light upon the question of the high salary, of which some Locals have complained.

A typographical error in "The New Time" publication of said letter shifted its meaning somewhat, and space is asked for it in the columns of "The Socialist," that the comrades of Washington may be fully apprised of the facts therein contained.

The comrades of British Columbia decide that the time allowed them is too brief to go to extra expense to arrange for five meetings, and hence Washington can have the extra five dates, making thirty-five in all.

As a suggestive route is intended for this week but will have to go over till next. My thought in the rough would be a few dates sandwiched in with his dates in Oregon, British Columbia, River, and the Northern Pacific, diverging to France and South Bend in Pacific County for three or four days, from thence by easy stages to Grays Harbor seacoast, taking in Port Townsend and Olympia, to Down Sound points and across the state, stopping several times on route.

Locals are requested to immediately inform the State Secretary-Treasurer at Seattle, Wash., as to the amount of advertising matter needed for their localities; hand bills and window cards. The hand bills are \$1.50 per 1000, and the window cards \$1.00 each. He does not receive \$10 per day nor \$10 per speech. That sum is charged for each lecture engagement in Washington Territory (the localities in Washington Territory to the Washington State Secretary) will probably require \$10 to \$15 per day to fill that number of engagements, but the national office pays him for every day that he is in the field. A little figuring will show that when \$12 per day salary, board and all traveling expenses are paid, that \$10 per engagement is barely sufficient to cover all those items. Comrade Brown is sent out by the National office, which sets the terms for his engagements, and these terms are based upon an estimate of the cost of such a tour.

When it is considered that the tour is one embracing Nebraska, Colorado, California, Oregon, Washington, British Columbia, Montana and other Western states where the traveling and expenses are high, and also that Comrade Brown had to come all the way from Massachusetts to Nebraska at a jump in order to take Comrade Hanford's place in time, the terms quoted cannot be considered exorbitant.

The "private letter" of which you speak was sent out by this office, and it was only private in so far as it was intended for Secretaries of Locals. We have no objection to its being published.

Beaf in mind that the rate paid Comrade Brown is the rate paid all the National Organizers and Lecturers. Whatever sum is paid by your state committee to state organizers or speakers is nothing to do with the National Office or Comrade Brown. He is a national lecturer, and I may as well mention that one, but he is not receiving \$10 per speech or anywhere near that amount, as I have stated in the "New Time."

As your editorial undoubtedly carried with it a strong inference regarding Comrade Brown, and as this may affect the arrangement of dates for him in Washington, I trust that you may find space in your paper for this letter.

Thanking you in advance, I am, fraternally yours,
W. M. MAILLY, National Secretary.



A PICTURE THAT SPEAKS FOR ITSELF

Balance from December 4.68
Total receipts \$104.68
Total expenses 95.57
Balance "to the good" 9.11

Co-Laborers: The phrase "Sobremun-Leben," while not over-classical, is considered a very lucky combination by "Young Africa," as applied to a certain turn of the dice in their National Game.

Considering the curious combination of circumstances during January, incident upon less than half the Locals complying with the State Constitution and reporting for the month of "GAIN," "over our heads" had to plot and plan a few, and feel that he is "in big luck" to be able to report a "Balance in lieu of a 'Deficit,'" and understands in part the Darkie's delighted expression.

But the S. A. Y. Comrades, Secretaries and Organizers in particular, and the membership in general, DON'T LET SUCH AN OMISSION HAPPEN.

AGAIN: If preventable with your Local. This balance could have been multiplied by seven, OH, EVEN eleven, had all been jealous of their reputation and each and all GOT BUSY!

Redeem your record, you who "forgot" by making February—the shortest month—the "longest" on payment of dues in the history of the Socialist movement in Washington.

Swell the State Campaign Fund. Dimes expended now may outweigh dollars contributed later.

MAKE IT A BIG THIS MONTH. E. E. MARTIN, State Secretary-Treasurer, 1016 Stewart Street.

A GREAT GULF

(Continued from page 2.)
so to jail, or scab. All of our members that have been charged with imaginary crimes have had the privilege of leaving the districts extended to them by the authorities. We deem it advisable to send a telegram to President Roosevelt to personally investigate the conditions in Colorado, to the end that members of our organization could have the protection that is guaranteed to all citizens of the United States. Writing to receive any reply, we are failed to Hon. J. M. Teller and Hon. T. M. Patterson, United States senators, requesting them to use their best efforts to have President Roosevelt personally investigate the conditions and notwithstanding the fact, that both senators approved of our action, he refused, saying that he had not the power to do so.

Balance "to the good" 9.11
Total receipts \$104.68
Total expenses 95.57
Balance "to the good" 9.11

Co-Laborers: The phrase "Sobremun-Leben," while not over-classical, is considered a very lucky combination by "Young Africa," as applied to a certain turn of the dice in their National Game.

Considering the curious combination of circumstances during January, incident upon less than half the Locals complying with the State Constitution and reporting for the month of "GAIN," "over our heads" had to plot and plan a few, and feel that he is "in big luck" to be able to report a "Balance in lieu of a 'Deficit,'" and understands in part the Darkie's delighted expression.

But the S. A. Y. Comrades, Secretaries and Organizers in particular, and the membership in general, DON'T LET SUCH AN OMISSION HAPPEN.

THIS PLATFORM

Adopted in Convention, June 31, 1904

The Newspapers of Seattle are afraid of this platform. They seem to think it hot.

PLATFORM.
"WORKINGMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS; YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN!"

We, the Socialist Party of Seattle, in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist Party of America, and affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary Socialism.

In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations and our PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES:

1. Labor produces all wealth.
2. Under the present economic and political conditions labor's share in the wealth which it creates is merely a mean and uncertain subsistence.

3. So long as the present organization of industry remains the capitalist class will monopolize the machines of production and will appropriate, through the wage system, the wealth created by the working class.

4. This appropriation of labor's wealth by the capitalists is so complete that it enables them to live in luxury and idleness.

5. As a necessary consequence of this exploitation of the laborers by the capitalists—this expropriation of all property out of the hands of the toilers into the private ownership of the holders of capital, there is an inevitable war between the interests of the working class on the one hand and the interests of the capitalist class on the other.

6. This class struggle between the wealth-makers and the wealth-takers will endure so long as our present system of production for profit continues.

7. In this conflict between the workers and the capitalists, labor is on the economic side, all the instruments of production and distributing wealth being owned and controlled by the holders of capital.

8. There is only one weapon with which the working class can successfully oppose the capitalist class—and that is the BALLOT.

9. This fact demands as an inevitable conclusion the organization of the working class into a political party that shall be, everywhere and always, distinct from and opposed to every political party not founded entirely upon the interests of the working class. The Socialist Party is organized to meet this demand, and it is therefore the party of the working class. We recognize that in a municipality whose power for permanent relief of the working class is limited, but

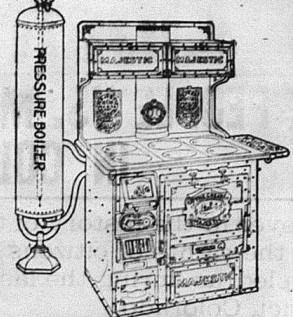
10. The Socialist Party, when in office, shall always and everywhere, until the present system of wage-slavery is utterly abolished, make the answer to this question its guiding rule of conduct: Will this legislation advance the interests of the working class, and aid the workers in their class struggle against capitalism? If it does, the Socialist Party is for it; if it does not, the Socialist Party is absolutely opposed to it.

11. In accordance with this principle, the Socialist Party pledges itself to conduct all the public affairs of a city in such a manner as to promote the interests of the working class.

12. In conclusion, we appeal to all working men to study the principles of Socialism, to vote with their class at all elections until they overthrow the power of capitalism, abolish industrial classes in society, terminate forever the class struggle and inaugurate the Co-operative Commonwealth based upon this fundamental principle of justice: TO EVERY WORKER THE FULL PRODUCT OF HIS LABOR!

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The constitution of the United States says: "Congress shall make no law abridging the freedom of speech or of the press."

But the Victor military order reads as follows:

"No publication, either by newspapers, pamphlets or handbill reflecting in any way upon the United States and of the state of Colorado, or its officers, or tending in any way to influence the public mind against the government of the United States and the state of Colorado, will be permitted; and all articles of news or editorial comment or correspondence, making comment upon the actions of the military forces of the state of Colorado or of the organization above referred to, will not be tolerated."

The fourteenth amendment to the constitution of the United States says: "No shall any state deprive any person of life, liberty or property without due process of law."

The Associated Press reports that four Germans, imported from Duluth

to Cripple Creek to take the places of strikers, refused to go to work when they learned of the conditions, and were placed in the military prison. Numerous other cases of arrest and imprisonment without trial are reported.

Here we have some of the first fruits of the infamous Dick bill, 11654, a creature of the Rockefeller, Gould, Vanderbilt interests. This law will enable the masters to shoot hungry slaves into submission whenever the masters desire to increase dividends.

In this issue of "The Socialist" the opposing sides in the conflict in Colorado are allowed to state their case in their own way. The Trade Unionist still appeals to his master for relief: This is because he does not yet discern the fact that the slaves are armed in mortal combat with the masters. It is the mission of the Socialist to make this fact luminous.

FUNDS, FUNDS.
Comrades, we are in the midst of a city campaign. It takes money to carry on work of this nature. Please remit whatever you can afford to help along. We have some of the first fruits of the infamous Dick bill, 11654, a creature of the Rockefeller, Gould, Vanderbilt interests. This law will enable the masters to shoot hungry slaves into submission whenever the masters desire to increase dividends.

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Our special No. 3, for March 6, will deal with the conditions of slavery in one of the Washington saw mills.

DR. TITUS' ITINERARY IN CALIFORNIA

The following is the itinerary of speeches:
San Francisco, Thursday, Feb. 4, 8 p. m., at Turk Street Temple.
Sacramento, Sunday, Feb. 7.
San Jose, Wednesday, Feb. 10.
Oakland, Sunday evening, Feb. 14.
Address all communications to
DR. TITUS, Socialist Headquarters,
Berkeley, 1924 A Street,
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IS LIBERTY DEAD!

THE PEOPLE VS. MILITARY DESPOTISM IN COLORADO!

Never in the history of the United States of America have the rights of citizens been so ruthlessly torn and trampled, as during the last few weeks in Cripple Creek District, Colorado.

Innocent men have been arrested without warrant! held without charge! confined for weeks in a bull-pen! and denied the writ of Habeas Corpus! The civil process of law is ignored! Women and children terrorized, and threatened with imprisonment! The freedom of press and speech is throttled!

These terrible outrages are but chapters in the dark and subtle conspiracy to defeat the will of the people of this State, where a majority of forty thousand electors declared for an eight-hour law for persons employed in mines, mills, smelters, reduction works and blast furnaces.

To prove that a conspiracy exists, it is only necessary to say that the military is rented to the Mine Operators, 1500 armed men hired out like convicts, to shoot down the strikers if need be, anything to break the strike.

General Chas. says: "The militia will remain in Cripple Creek until Unionsism is wiped out."
 General Bell says: "Only the Lord and the military powers know what our next move will be."
 Judge Advocate McClelland says: "To hell with the Constitution; we are not following the Constitution."
 Gov. Peabody, when presented with a petition signed by 3,000 citizens, asking that the troops be recalled, brutally replied: "The soldiers will stay in Cripple Creek until the strike is broken."

Frank Woods, Manager of The Gold Coin Mine, told his employees they must sever their affiliation with the Western Federation of Miners or be discharged. Every man quit rather than violate his obligation.
 The striking Miners, Mill and Smeltermen of Colorado are standing firm and determined for an eight-hour day and the right to organize and to prevent discrimination.
 No man with a drop of red blood in his veins will go to Cripple Creek as a strike-breaker, and work under rifles, bayonets and gassing guns.
 Workmen, be true to yourselves; stay away from Colorado, and thus help win a victory for Justice and Humanity.

WESTERN FEDERATION OF MINERS

Denver, Colo.

Charles Hoop
 President
 W. H. H. H.
 Secretary

SLAVE MARKET REPORTS

Conducted by D. Burgess.

Frantic attempts are made by your trade journals to show that all is well in the world of commerce, but the army of the unemployed is growing. So large has this army become that some of the great capitalists are seeking refuge in foreign lands. The desire for profits is causing the discharge of every man, woman and child whose service does not seem necessary to the efficient working of the mines, mills, factories and railroads.
 The coordination of industries and better system enables almost every line of production and distribution to give the consuming public a far better service with the use of fewer and ever fewer slaves. As a result these massless slaves are added to the army of the unemployed. A necessary and inevitable result of the increase in this army is the cutting of wages to those who are so fortunate as to still have a master. Wages are falling, the army of the masterless slave is growing, ever growing and conditions of life are becoming more and more degrading. There is a limit to human endurance. Are we approaching such limit? Many well informed people besides the authors of the infamous military law, the Dick bill, are apprehensive of danger.
 If there is any such danger every Socialist ought to exert himself to the utmost to point out the way of a peaceful solution of this vexatious problem. All appeals to be effective must be made to the slaves themselves. The slave class is the only vital class in society today; they alone can feed, house and clothe the world and they must rescue themselves and the world from threatened disaster.

A fellow in the streets a few evenings since was telling about how free, how great, how glorious and how rich we are.
 "Why," said he, "we are the richest nation on earth."
 I asked him how much Rockefeller was worth.
 "About \$400,000,000," said he.
 "And how much are you worth?" I asked.
 "Why, er, oh, why, t-t-t-er, I ain't worth anything," said he.
 "Well," I said, "you and Rocky average up all right. Divide \$400,000,000 by two and you have a quotient of \$200,000,000."
 "B-b-b, but that don't put anything in my pocket," said he.
 The little group present put their hands on their stomachs, bowed almost to the earth and laughed long and loud.
 We then separated, for all could see that this capitalist parrot had learned a valuable lesson in averages.
 A friend in Skagit county, Washington, writing to this office says:
 "My boys have been given a vacation by their masters. There is hardly a day passes but some poor slave asks us for a hand-out. Hell is not far off—just over in Colorado. The fun will begin just after next November."
 H. W. H.

The conscientious performance of the humble, constant round of quiet duty, must be sustained by a much higher order of heroism.
 These are the ones who quietly take their places in the ranks of life, and unobserved, endure hardship, privation, hunger and cold.
 These are the ones whose self-sacrifice, fortitude and sense of duty surpass in moral sublimity that of the heroes with whose deeds and names we are most familiar.

If you are a Socialist and a subscriber to this paper you can render material aid by sending in one subscriber every month. Many do much better, but every one can do as much as this at least.
 Just try it for twelve months.

The Post-Intelligencer is supposed to be a newspaper; the Seattle Daily Times has been known to boast that it publishes all the news, but both papers refuse to publish the platform of the Socialist Party of Washington.
 This platform is the official declaration of the Socialist Party of Seattle, and if the great papers of the Northwest want to fight Socialism, as they often intimate, a good way would be to publish this platform and then refute its position and statements. Will these papers or either of them dare do this?

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SEATTLE NOTES
 In accordance with previous announcements, the Socialists of Seattle met in convention on Jan. 30 at Social hall headquarters, 509 Third avenue. Long before the opening of the convention members and sympathizers came into the convention hall singly and in groups. The large crowd was broken up into groups which were engaged in earnest conversation touching matters of local concern to the party. At times the murmur of talk broke into a low rumble, but soon assumed a normal tone.
 When the hour of meeting had arrived the organizer, Comrade Robinson, pounded the table for silence and at once the murmur of sound died away and the members of the party found seats in the area of the hall immediately in front of the platform.
 The organizer announced the object of the meeting and declared the first thing in order to be the election of a temporary chairman. Comrade S. King was duly elected to this important and responsible position. A. Hutchison was elected secretary after a spirited contest.
 In all the proceeding, a zest and earnestness were shown which augurs well for the future of the party. An outlook could not fail to be impressed with the determination shown by all participants to secure a full and fair hearing not only for themselves but for all others as well.
 The election of the platform com-

mittee occupied much time, and some critics declared the time was lost over trivial matters, but the participants realized that the platform is a matter of vital importance, for the Socialists do not make platforms for the purpose of hiding their purposes, but for the single and sole object of making known their intentions and aims in the simplest manner possible.
 The contest over the election of a platform committee resulted in the election of T. C. Wiswell, A. G. Selbert, H. F. Tins, G. W. Scott and U. G. Moore.
 This committee reported the now renowned platform which was first brought into notice by its adoption as the official declaration of the party in Seattle two years ago, but was modified in a few minor respects.
 Nominations were declared in order and were made without the unseemly and bitter struggle which generally characterizes the proceedings of the old parties.
A FULL TICKET.
 A full ticket, except councilmen for Second and Eighth wards (afterward filled by committee), was then nominated and is as follows:
 Mayor—Meredith Parsons, carpenter.
 Treasurer—G. W. Scott, newsdealer.
 Comptroller—William O'Keefe, ship calker.
 Corporation counsel—Thomas C. Wiswell, salesman.
 Councilmen-at-large—J. E. Rimbold, secretary Laundry Drivers' union; William F. Hanbury, real estate agent.
 Ward councilmen—First, George Carroll, merchant; Second, David Labin, clerk; Third, H. H. Beck, blacksmith; Fourth, Willard H. Beebe, machinist; Fifth, Emil Herman, farmer; Sixth, P. Schwerdt, shoemaker; Seventh, B. E. Martin, printer and state secretary; Socialist party; Eighth, Chas. Lampe, jeweler; Ninth, U. G. Moore, clerk.

A. G. Selbert will address meeting at Carpenter's Hall, Sunday night at 8 p. m.
 D. G. Crow speaks for Tacoma Local in Pascoet Hall, corner C and 16th street, Sunday, Feb. 2, at 8 p. m. Subject: Political Organization.

WHERE VOTERS MAY REGISTER.
 Socialists, it is Your Duty to Register.
 Comptroller Riplinger caused to be prepared a complete list of the places which he has selected for the registration of voters in the various precincts of the city, in accordance with the new statute requiring that the registration books be distributed throughout the ward subdivisions for not less than two days prior to their closing.
 The books will be kept open between the hours of 9 a. m. and 9:30 p. m., on Feb. 3, 4, 5 and 6, at the following places, classified with reference to wards and precincts:
 First ward—First precinct, 214 First avenue south; Second, Central hotel; Second, 823 First avenue south; Third, City stables, Fourth avenue south and Lane street; Fourth, the headquarters; Fifth, 503 Main street; Sixth, new hall, 1121 Jackson street; Seventh, barbers shop, Eighth avenue south and Bradford street.
 Second ward—First precinct, 1227 Jackson street; Second, 2315 Jackson street; Third, Olman's hall; Fourth, 2522 Jackson street.
 Third ward—First precinct, 1115 East Columbia street; Second, Madrona Council hall; Third, 1215 East Madison street; Fourth, Madison Park pavilion.
 Fourth ward—First precinct, City hall, city clerk's office; Second, office of Occidental hotel; Third, office of Hotel Perrin; Fourth, boys' industrial school, corner Sixth and Marion; Fifth, old fire headquarters, Seventh and Columbia; Sixth, carpenter shop, county court house.
 Fifth ward—First precinct, livery barn, 1110 Western avenue; Second, Hotel Diller; Third, 1435 First avenue; Fourth, 1510 Sixth avenue; Fifth, front office of Army; Sixth, 1018 Third avenue.
 Sixth ward—First precinct, 1915 First avenue; Second, 2322 First avenue; Third, 2521 First avenue; Fourth, basement Denay school, Fifth and Wall; Fifth, Hotel Bowers, 1510 Sixth avenue.
 Seventh ward—First precinct, building on the south side of Pike street, between Bellevue and Minor avenues; Second, 409 Pontius avenue; Third, 525 Eastlake avenue; Fourth, corner Denay way and Boylston avenue; Fifth, 1511 Fourteenth avenue; Sixth, corner Federal avenue and East Mercer street; Seventh, 2014 East Madison street; Eighth, 2501 Eastlake avenue.
 Eighth ward—First precinct, 420 Denay way; Second, 500 Warren avenue; Third, 904 Fourth avenue; Fourth, 709 Queen Anne avenue.
 Ninth ward—First precinct, 1510 Grand boulevard; Second, office of Loeb-Cutter Lumber company at Ross station; Third, 3404 Fremont avenue; Fourth, Good Temple hall, 956 Blawie street; Fifth, McClure hall, corner Kirkwood and North Fifty-ninth street; Seventh, 409 East Seventy-second street; Eighth, Gilson Bros' store, Seventh-third and Aurora.

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