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WHY, OF COURSE!

The strike of the printers on the New York Sun is not the outgrowth of a demand for higher wages. The Sun printers are the best paid in the United States. But the Sun desired to have a word to say, now and then, about the conduct of its own business. It desired to keep up with the times, as Gov. Pingree desired to do in the conduct of his shoe factory up in Michigan. Here is where the Typographical Union stepped in with its veto, and now the Sun has a strike and a boycott on its hands. Nevertheless we believe the Sun will win. This is not the first battle it has fought for independence from the tyranny of trusts. Its position is sound. It can not fail to come out of the fight stronger and greater than ever before.—[Louisville Commercial.

The above will surprise some people as appearing in a union newspaper, but it will not surprise union printers here or elsewhere, who know the record of the professed union man who for the past two years managed and edited the Commercial. He is known the country over and his reputation is not envied—he is wholly welcome to it. His record here is no better. With professions of unionism and desire to be fair and comply with union regulations, signing an agreement with the union to do so, he has so far as he dared ignored union law, and indirectly, through his subordinates, violated union regulations and scale of prices, as proven in the trial of his late foreman, Pollock, who was expelled for being his catspaw in such duplicity. The Typographical Union expects the opposition of all such, for he has reasons to dislike the union—the same reason some people have for having a bad opinion of the law. But he displays his expanse of cheek when he intimates that the Typographical Union is arbitrary, when it is only through its extreme leniency and patience that he has not long since been barred from every union newspaper—and finally tolerated by the Louisville union so long with no other evidence of their disapproval than protests and admonitions.

The printers and business community are already onto him. It is high time that the owners of the Commercial and managers of the Republican party were awaking. They may rest assured that under the present peculiarly efficient management the paper will be neither profitable for its owners nor gain votes for its party.

PRINTERS BREAK THE RECORD

During the past years of depression in trade, with strikes in nearly every industry, the printers, despite the revolutionizing of their craft by the introduction of machinery, have had very little trouble. On the contrary they have settled many old scores of long standing, maintained and raised the standard of their craft, added hundreds of printing establishments to the union list, organized new unions, almost doubled the membership, and come to be regarded as the model of conservatism among labor organizations. The Typographical Union is opposed to strikes, and by its law requires the exhaustion of every honorable means before a proposition to strike can be considered, and it must then have the sanction of the International officers before a strike is authorized. For years comparatively little has been expended on strikes, but thousands of dollars have been paid out to officers sent to various parts of the country to settle threatened troubles and prevent strikes. A conservative policy has been made, differences adjusted, and the local unions,

frequently unwillingly, accepted the ultimatum of the International, and trouble was averted.

With such a record, the news of a strike on the New York Sun was a surprise. That the cause was of long standing and serious was fully understood by the printers, if not by the public; for, of all places in the country, the printers would prefer peace in New York because of its prominence and prestige; then the fact that the strike was ordered by the unanimous vote of New York union (6,000 members) and promptly indorsed by the International, left no room to doubt that every means for a peaceful adjustment had been exhausted, that no other alternative but to strike remained, and a fight to the finish it will be.

The details of the causes of the trouble we have not learned, but it seems that the Sun management has for years persistently tried in various ways to evade and violate union regulations, and finally sought to supplant union printers with reporters and non printers on some improved machinery, apparently heeding the rosy pretensions of the machinery agent rather than the practicable suggestions of workmen and the results of experience—just as many proprietors did in introducing the linotype, to their sorrow and cost.

It is evident that the Sun has been guilty of breach of faith, lack of courtesy and fairness, otherwise such summary and extreme action would not have been taken by the Union. Relying upon the good sense and conservatism of the International officers, basing our opinion on years of close observation and no little dealings with them, we believe the strike is just, and in that case the printers will win, no matter how long it may take or what the cost. There will be no violence, however bitter the struggle may become. The printers will not resort to it, nor will they permit anyone else in their name to do so. Ever ready to hear suggestions and accept aid, if needed, from others, the printers always insist on managing their own affairs in such matters, valuing the honor of their craft too highly to even risk the casting of a cloud upon it by anything unlawful or unmanly.

The Sun must, like every other union newspaper in New York, observe union regulations, and the fight will continue until it does.

In the Steubenville, Ohio, district, R. P. Scott, with a view to "stopping corruption in politics," offered \$10,000 to the Republican committee for the nomination for Congress. Ralph R. Rule indorses the plan and offers \$15,000. Each pledges to donate the salary to education. This plan may work, provided the nomination meant election; but it would doubtless end in defeat of the "reformer." The ward politicians and campaign workers, accustomed to getting part of the boodle, would certainly resent the hogging of the pot by the nominating committee, and put in their best licks for the other candidate, who would likely be cute enough to make it interesting for them.

The Hambrickites made an effort to keep in sight by issuing a manifesto to the people of Kentucky, but newspapers, now having plenty of political chestnuts of their own to look after, did not publish it, and the vast majority of the people of Kentucky will never see nor hear of the labored effort of the master minds of the committee. There will be too much of practical politics

for the next few months for newspapers to pay much attention to the resolves, protests and manifestoes of this band of patriots with 'steven thousand votes up their sleeve.

Sir Wilfrid Laurier, the Canadian Minister, who in the Dominion Parliament declared the United States must arbitrate the Alaskan boundary or fight, insists that he didn't mean it—it was only for political effect. It is evident that Sir Wilfrid is trying to imitate some of our American politicians; but he lacks the discretion to say things in a way and place that he does not have to humiliatingly disclaim or withdraw them. With all his bluster for several years Sir Wilfrid has not made Canada a nation nor scared your Uncle Samuel.

Admiral Dewey is to visit Rome and has asked an audience with the Pope. What! The Hambrickites must hurry up a protest to Washington, demanding that Dewey be warned against "any intrigue with the Papacy" under penalty of being court-martialed and shot. If that does not avail, a manifesto to the American people to spurn Dewey as a "Popish emissary" will be the proper paper.

The Anglomaniacs now assure us that we are indebted for the Monroe doctrine to the suggestion of an English statesman. They will doubtless eventually discover that the Declaration of Independence, our Constitution and this blasted republic were the natural and unavoidable fruits of English ideas of free popular government and friendship for the people of this country.

The Kentucky Irish American has made it a rule not to publish anonymous communications, which will be strictly observed while this paper continues under the present management.

ROUGH RIDERS.

Their Celebration at Fountain Ferry Was a Big Success.

The celebration of the Louisville Roosevelt Rough Riders at Fountain Ferry Park last Monday night was witnessed by at least 7,000 people and proved a great success. The attack by Indians upon the stage-coach and the charge up San Juan Hill were very realistic, as were other features, while the fireworks display was the finest witnessed in Louisville for a long time.

COMING WEDDINGS.

The marriage of Miss Josephine Meisberger and Ben Klefot will take place Tuesday afternoon at 4 o'clock at St. Vincent de Paul's church, Rev. Father Heising officiating. The bride is a leading lady in Indiana society circles. Mr. Klefot is a prominent member of the Washington Social Dramatic Club and popular in the East End. His friends are congratulating him upon winning so handsome a bride. After the wedding the happy couple will take a short trip East, and upon their return will go to housekeeping at 1200 Mulberry street.

WHITE ROSE CLUB.

Miss Margaret E. Grogan, of 1710 Seventh street, will entertain the White Rose Club next Tuesday evening. The members of the club are as follows: Misses Margaret Grogan, Susie Miller, Mamie Riley, Mary Wolfe, Annie Collins, Loretto Rehm, Mary Ryan, Katie Anabro, Katie Heines, Eita Martine, Messrs. Thomas Fetter, William Miller, Joseph Hanrahan, John McCloskey, Louis Dugan, Dennis Heines, Thomas Hikes, Charles Rehm, Harry Smith and William Kobler.

GONE TO DETROIT.

Mr. and Mrs. James Caldwell left Thursday for Detroit, where they will remain for about two weeks. Mr. Caldwell while four will represent the Louisville printers at the convention of the International Typographical Union, this being the second time he has thus been honored. Mrs. Caldwell was a former resident of that city, and will have a most enjoyable visit.

Trinity Council of New Albany entertained members of Mackin Council at New Albany last Monday night. V. B. Smith, Mack Raidy, J. H. Blumer and several other members of Mackin who were present speak very highly of Trinity,



From all the summer resorts and watering places come reports that the houses are well filled, and a good business will be done this year. This was to be expected. As times have gotten better money is a little easier, and pater familias can see his way clear to sending or taking his family away from the city.

Many a maid is bewailing all her beautiful summer clothes which are laid away in the bottom of her trunk, as the weather has been so cool that something heavier than dimity or organdie is necessary. The summer girl who has not provided herself with a few warm frocks at this time feels rather "chilly," as at some resorts fires have been very comfortable. But she has some consolation, for there is not quite such a dearth of men during this month as there was last month. August is the most favored time for a vacation, and more people have left town this month than before. The streets in the retail district are comparatively deserted, very few of the familiar faces to be seen anywhere. The counting-rooms and wholesale houses have less than their usual quota of clerks, and even Main street has something of a holiday look. But the stay-at-homes have very little cause to complain of the hot weather. True, some days have been excessively warm, but the mercury has not risen as high nor have the hot spells been as protracted as in former years. The cool, pleasant periods have been so nicely "sandwiched" between the warm ones that time is given to recuperate and be ready for the next. As all the predictions are for an early fall we can not expect much more torrid weather.

Miss Annie Meehan is visiting relatives in Cincinnati.

Mr. James Mason has returned from a short trip to Cincinnati.

M. D. Garvey has been spending the past week at West Baden.

Mr. George R. Newman is spending ten days at Tatham Springs.

Miss Maggie Welch has returned from a delightful visit to Cincinnati.

Miss Ella Mae Rankin and Johanna Sullivan are visiting in the East.

Miss Alice Hickey is expected home from Dawson Springs next week.

Miss Fannie Riley left Monday for a two-weeks' visit in Meade county.

Mrs. F. C. Kenney left Wednesday for Mechanicsburg, Ill., to visit her sister.

Miss Lizzie Kelly, of New Albany, is visiting friends in Cincinnati and Dayton.

Miss Josie O'Brien has been enjoying a delightful visit with friends at Elizabethtown.

Mrs. Daniel Hayes will spend the next two weeks at Atlantic City and New York.

Bernard Dawson, of Mackin Council, has gone to New Haven, to be absent two weeks.

Mike Doerhoefer and Dan Miller, Jr., left last Wednesday for Sweet Sulphur Springs.

Misses Mary McGinn and Bessie Hanon will return from Dawson Springs next week.

Misses Nettie and Jessie Kennedy, of New Albany, spent the week with friends at Dayton, O.

Mrs. Maggie White has been enjoying a pleasant visit with relatives and friends at Grahampton.

Mr. John Kelly is still confined to his home on Baird street from the effects of his long illness.

Mrs. Owen Keiran and Mrs. Kelly, of the East End, will leave shortly for Scannell Springs.

Miss Blanche Carr and Miss Duffy left Wednesday to spend several weeks at Cumberland Falls.

Mrs. S. D. Smith and daughter, Miss Irene, will spend a few days at White Sulphur Wells, Ind.

Miss Alice Murphy, of Bank street, and Miss Maggie Keifer left Tuesday for a two-weeks' visit with friends in Eastwood.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Spellman, of 2830 West Market street, are enjoying a delightful sojourn with friends in Cincinnati.

We are glad to see John J. Glenn, our very popular Constable, is able to be out again after a severe illness of several months.

There has been no change in the condition of John Flynn, who has been confined to his home on Sixth street for some time past.

Mr. and Mrs. Edward J. McDermott left Tuesday for Wequetonsing, Mich., where they will spend the balance of the heated term.

Mrs. Maggie Butler, who has been ill for the last ten days, is now out and able to be around, greatly to the joy of her many friends.

Miss Mary Keane and brothers, John, Tom and Willie, of Memphis, are visiting their grandmother, Mrs. Fitzgerald, of 617 Spring street.

James Bolger, of Thirteenth and Lexington, has returned to work for the Louisville & Nashville, after about a month's sickness.

Mrs. Margaret Mason and daughter, Miss Margaretta, of 2414 Second street, have returned from a short but delightful trip to Cincinnati.

Mr. and Mrs. William (Wede) Kelly entertained Sunday in honor of the christening of the latest addition to their family, William Jr.

Mr. Dominick Burke, of Seventh and St. Catherine streets, who has been seriously ill during the past four weeks, is reported as improving.

Miss Maggie Dalton, a pretty Louisville girl, is the guest of Miss Annie Collins, of New Haven, with whom she will spend the balance of the summer.

Miss Mary Heraty, a pretty and popular young lady of the West End, left Wednesday for Boston, Mass., where she will visit an aunt and uncle.

Miss Minnie Rodgers will spend the month of August with friends and relatives in Cleveland. She will visit the lake resorts before returning home.

James P. Glenn, the well-known saloon-keeper of Eighteenth and Broadway, expects to leave Monday for Sweet Sulphur Springs, to be absent several weeks.

Miss Eita Martine was the charming hostess at a reception tendered the members of the White Rose Club at her home, 825 Oldham street, last Tuesday evening.

Mr. Pat Bannon has been taking things easy and enjoying a season of rest at West Baden since last week. He is accompanied by his son, Pat Bannon, Jr.

Mr. and Mrs. James P. Glenn entertained with a supper in honor of Miss Ellen Powers, of Richmond, Ky., and Miss Ada McDermott, of Elizabethtown.

Miss Blanche Tucker has returned home after a pleasant visit to Miss Mollie Scannell. While here she was entertained by Misses Norma Keiran and Mayme Fitzgerald.

Miss Victoria Cerasola, after a short trip to Cincinnati, has gone to the country to spend a few days. While there she will be joined by her sisters, Misses Annie and Kate Cerasola.

Joseph M. Harding left last week for Atlantic City, Washington and other points. Washington is Joe's old home, where he expects to spend several weeks, renewing old acquaintances.

Mrs. Maxwell entertained last Friday evening in honor of her niece, Miss Bertha Rich, of Covington. One of the many enjoyments was the singing and playing by Miss Norma Keiran.

The Columbia Club could bestow one of its diamond prizes on no more worthy young lady than Miss Katie Lannin, of West St. Catherine street. She has proven a zealous worker for that society.

The West Baden Journal says Misses Lillie Bannon, Mattie Shelley and Manie Dwyer form a bevy of attractive and accomplished Louisville ladies who are spending a season at the American Carlsbad.

Miss Marian C. Mason, the pretty and attractive daughter of Mr. and Mrs. Robert Mason, of 2414 Second street, is enjoying a very pleasant vacation at Bay View, Mich., where she will remain during the month of August.

Misses Anna Batman, Ruth McCarthy, Lena Boeswald, Libbie, Nettie and Mayme Kirwan, Lena, Mollie and Annie Cahill and Gussie and Josephine Schmidt compose a charming party enjoying a two-weeks' visit at Nolin.

Mrs. James A. Ross, of Eighth and St. Catherine, is spending the month of August at the summer resorts of Southern Indiana. Her many friends will rejoice to learn that she has almost entirely recovered from her recent illness.

Miss Mary Timmons, of West St. Catherine street, is one of the most promising young vocalists of the city. Wherever she appears she creates a decided impression, and there are those who predict a bright future for her in the musical world.

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