

OBSERVATIONS BY THE KICKER.

Will We Again be Called Upon to "Free" Cuba?--Secretary Bonaparte to Attend Deep Waterways Convention.--Secretary Shaw at Springfield, Mo.

Revolution has again broke out in Cuba. Perhaps you can remember that only a few years ago we "freed" Cuba. What a howl we did make about "God, in His wisdom, placing this burden on us." And how we did yawp about "our duty." "Who will haul down the flag?" was the campaign slogan of the party in power in 1900.

And what did the Cubans gain? Why they got a change of masters. Instead of delivering over their surplus products to Spanish masters they are now compelled to pay interest and dividends to American and English capitalists. It takes exactly the same number of hard licks to produce the interest and dividends now as then, and the same people who fought for freedom eight years ago, but were lulled into submission by our hypocritical pretensions of friendship, are fighting again.

But they will never get freedom--not so long as capitalism rules this country and Europe. Already we read about the probability of "intervention" by the United States government which, in plain English, means the protection of the interests of our financial pirates in Cuba. Already the St. Louis Republic says editorially: "This country is morally and legally bound to keep order among the Cubans who are, in a sense, our wards."

The first step of the pirate class is to hopelessly enslave a nation by debt so that it (the pirate class) can live fat from the interest. Bonds, bonds, more bonds! is their incessant aim--and wars are very productive of bonds. The courts and machinery of government are constructed for the purpose of taking from those who create the wealth that part which the pirate class demands. If the producers protest and rebel against the civil authorities, the army is brought into action. If the military force of the particular nation involved is too weak to "suppress the outlaws," an other-capitalist nation is called upon to "intervene." Perhaps you have noticed that, of late years, Uncle Sam has been extensively engaged in the "intervening" business.

But you never hear of "our duty" and "intervention" until it is clear that the oppressing government is whipped. It is only then that other "Christian nations" step in in the "interest of humanity." There was no interference with England in her raid upon the Boer farmers of South Africa--much as it was desired by our people. But we sold our best mules and horses to England, contrary to our obligations of neutrality. The brave Boer farmers were making it so hot for John Bull that we couldn't keep hands off.

The Socialists seem to be the people who understand the capitalist program and will undertake to pull the system up by the roots. Their movement is world-wide--as wide as the capitalist system. They see that the pirate class will never permit any nation, single-handed, to throw off the yoke of capitalism. Hence a world movement has been inaugurated among the working class, and it need not surprise us if oppressed Russia is first to float the banner of industrial freedom.

The newspapers do not call the revolutionists in Russia Socialists. They are called "Terrorists." And I reckon they must be a holy terror to the existing order of things. While attending the Populist convention in St. Louis recently I met Judge Pope, Socialist nominee for Supreme Court Judge of Missouri. Wishing to learn all I could about Socialism I asked him many questions.

"It is a world movement," he said. "Our comrades everywhere are active and our growth is wonderful. We are now more than ten million strong and can prevent a war between this country and England."

Think of that--coming from one whom you have been taught to regard as a bomb-thrower and a criminal. The first step is to PREVENT WHOLESALE MURDER!

Ask a Democrat or Republican how to remedy existing evils and he will answer, "Vote 'er straight," or "Put me in office." Ask a Socialist the same question and you will get an answer that is both sensible and fair. "What would you do with such enterprises as Standard Oil?" I asked Mr. Pope.

Mr. Pope is an able lawyer. I am not sure that I can quote his exact language, but the substance of his reply was: "We would say to Mr. Rockefeller, 'produce your books.' We would ascertain the amount invested and allow a just and reasonable amount as profit on the investment. We would then ascertain the income.

If the examination showed a balance due Standard Oil we would pay that and take over the property. If, on the other hand, it developed that Standard Oil had already taken more from the people than a legitimate income and the value of their property we would confiscate it and make it public property."

Isn't that simple? Isn't it just? If you run down a thief and catch him "with the goods on him," is there anything wrong in taking from him that which he has stolen and restoring it to its rightful owner--which, in this case, means all of us? I can now understand what the capitalists mean when they accuse the Socialists of wanting to "divide up the property." The plan suggested for dealing with Standard Oil would apply to other monopolies. And there would be a "dividing up" (of stolen goods) that would make the pirates look sick.

Up to date the revolutionists are getting decidedly the best of the fight in Cuba, and unless the government at Washington (better known as Standard Oil) concludes to agitate over and "free" Cuba, indications are that the present government will soon take a tumble.

A dispatch from Havana says: "A discouraging feature for the government is the fact, generally recognized, that outside the government employees and commercial interests, no one HAS ANY SYMPATHY FOR THE GOVERNMENT."

That is certainly very bad when no one has any sympathy for the government excepting the government employees (the pie-counter crowd) and the commercial interests (the blood-sucking crowd).

As the revolution grows you will notice the capitalist press try to stir up our sympathies and prejudices by telling of the terror, brutality and anarchy of the rebels. As a starter here is a sample from an alleged dispatch from Havana which appeared in the Republic:

"An attempt was made to assassinate General Emilio Nunez, governor of the Province of Havana. A man had a revolver leveled at the governor as he was entering his home. Another man, who was passing by, saw the would-be assassin and cried out, whereupon the governor turned and, drawing a revolver, fired over the assassin's head. The latter was so surprised that he dropped his revolver. He was promptly arrested. His identity is not known, but he is a white man and was well dressed."

Now let us analyze this news item. A well-dressed man wanted to assassinate the governor of Havana province. It was day-light and people were passing. The governor had his back turned and the assassin had his pistol leveled at him. A passer-by saw this and cried out. The governor turned, took in the situation, drew his pistol and fired. All this time the assassin was standing there with his pistol leveled at the governor, but the action of the governor so surprised him that he lost his grip on the pistol and dropped it.

Bring on your snipe-lier!

It is evident that the ruling classes in this country do not feel safe, for there is a constant demand for more recruits for the army and navy. In quite all postoffices the government has had posted colored posters urging young men to enlist, and recruiting stations have been established in the larger cities.

Young men are coaxed into the army in many ways, but the number of desertions would indicate that army life is not what it is cracked up to be. A young man named Cahoon--I believe he is a nephew of B. B. Cahoon, of Fredericktown, was recently arrested at Oran.

Another indication of unrest among our rulers is the constant hammering for a "deep waterway from the gulf to the lakes." We know that the interests that run this government own the railroads, and that therefore the deep waterway is not wanted for traffic. In fact, the railroads are doing everything possible to kill off all river competition. The following, in a recent issue of the Republic, may help us to guess what is up:

"An effort is being made to have Charles Joseph Bonaparte, secretary of the navy, address the deep waterways convention to be held in this city November 15 to 17, under the auspices of the St. Louis BUSINESS MEN'S LEAGUE, and it is probable that a fleet of WAR VESSELS will accompany the secretary up the Mississippi to give an ocular demonstration of the advantages of a deep channel from the lakes to the gulf."

So they want to give us an "ocular demonstration" by having a WAR FLEET come up the river. If the object of the deep water way is traffic, as is claimed, then why don't they

give us an "ocular demonstration" with a merchant steamer? Why a fleet of WAR VESSELS? And think of the pomp and splendor of a fleet of war vessels accompanying, in time of peace, one alleged "servant" of you and I? Why, this alleged "servant" would spit on and drown us, if we got in his way.

The old gun-boat that was in use on the rivers in the 60s is out of date and could not stand against modern land artillery. I will leave it to you to figure out why these "ocular demonstrations" with their modern murder machines?

But let the great secretary and his war fleet come. The papers and the people will go as crazy as they did when the gun-boat Nashville came up. We don't mind the expense.

Don't you reckon Moyer and Haywood, the imprisoned officials of the Federation of Miners, are proud of it that they are citizens of a free country--the land of sweet liberty--where no man can be deprived of his liberty without a hearing? Of course these men have been denied both trial and bail, but that isn't the fault of our country--only the men who rule it.

Secretary Shaw, of the United States Treasury, the man who is so good to the bankers and "deposits" the people's millions so that the banks can lend the people their own money at high rates of interest, and Senator Warner, the man who was ruled out of the Republican party because he denounced the attitude of this government in helping England destroy the little republic of the Boer farmers in South Africa, but who, somehow, has since "got right," opened the Republican end of the state campaign at Springfield last month.

Of course they made big speeches--the same you have been reading and listening to for twenty-five years. Some times they spring a fresh joke, or tell a yarn on which mortification has not yet set in, but the meat of their "argument" is always the same--"unprecedented prosperity," "the balance of trade" and "protection for the working man."

On the night following the Republican blow out, in the same city, Mr. Phil H. Gallery, of Carthage, answered the gentleman. He said:

"When Mr. Shaw came to your city last night he spoke to you as the representative of his class--the capitalist class."

"And as I appear before you tonight I do so as the representative of a class also--the working class. We are engaged today in a great national struggle, if you please, between two hostile economic classes. The contending armies in the great struggle that is going on all around us is the working class upon one side and the capitalist class upon the other."

"These two classes have nothing in common. There can be no peace between them. There can be no cessation in this irrepressible conflict between the makers of wealth and the takers of wealth, until the tools of production shall be restored to the hands of those who use them. Mr. Shaw comes before you with his standard program as the representative of that class 'who toil not, neither do they spin,' but who rebel and riot in the stolen fruits of American labor."

"Both Senator Warner and Secretary Shaw spoke long and loud of the period of 'unprecedented prosperity' through which we are passing, and as evidence of this they cited the fact that bank deposits were so great."

"That there was in circulation at the present time \$31,82 for every man, woman and child in the United States, and that our balance in trade was more than \$500,000,000. How these statements must make the average working man in Springfield swell with pride as he goes home to night to his rented shack and contemplates that should his master discharge him tomorrow he and his family would not be more than ten days from the poor house, unless another master was found to hire him."

"No doubt the working class have produced plenty of wealth for the savings banks, but such men as Shaw and his class hold the certificates of deposit."

"And the same is true of the balance of trade cry. The capitalist class gets the \$500,000,000, and the working class gets the BALANCE."

"Mr. Shaw forgot to tell you that in our own grand state of Missouri, according to the statistics given in Vol. II of the United States census of 1900, 50 per cent. of our homes are rented, about 20 per cent. encumbered, and only 30 per cent. are owned free from debt."

"He forgot to tell you, also, as further evidence of your prosperity, that 54 per cent. of your national wealth is owned by 1 per cent. of your people, and that 90 per cent. of their own but 13 per cent. of it. He further neglected to say that 5,000,000 women had within the last few years deserted the home to become bread-winners in the mills, shops and factories of this country."

"Neither did he speak of the 1,700,000 children between the ages of 6 and 16 years that are toiling from

one end of the year to the other in the coal breakers, in the cotton mills and other sweat-shops of this country."

"The Republican party," continued Mr. Shaw, "is the party that protects the workingman." If there is any doubt about this, just ask the workers of Colorado, under Governor James Peabody, who hired all the things west of the Rocky Mountains to deport the Western Federation of Miners out of the state, and who pillaged their homes and outraged their families. And when Adolphus Bell, the personal friend of President Roosevelt, was criticized for oversteering the constitution, he replied, 'To hell with the constitution; we are not following the constitution; we are following the orders of Gov. Peabody.'"

"In every conflict where the forces of labor have been marshaled against the forces of capital, on the industrial field, the Republican party has never failed to raise the Federal troops, the state militia, the go-fun gun, the policeman's club, and the injunction against the working class without mercy. Mr. Shaw's party can always be relied upon to call out the militia to shoot down the workers without mercy whenever they rebel against the masters of their bread."

"That doesn't sound like a Democratic speech, does it? No tariff reform, 16-to-1, nor imperialism about that. The man seems to be disengaging something--capitalism and labor. Perhaps Mr. Gallery is one of those hated disturbers. He concluded:

"We are today standing on the brink of a great revolution--the greatest the world has ever known. A new realignment is taking place. The class lines are being sharply drawn. The working class have but to organize and assert themselves at the ballot box to win the world. But it is urged that the workers must have the capitalist class to employ them. It is just the reverse, my friends."

"Take away the capitalist; take away Mr. Shaw and his class, with all their bonds, their gold, their silver, their mills, their mines, their shops and their factories, and leave to the working class the barren earth which the great Creator gave for the free use of all men, and immediately the mills, the mines, the shops, the railways and factories will spring up like blades of grass. But what would be the condition should we remove labor? The mills, the stores, the shops and the factories would crumble and fall. The fires would go out in the furnaces. The trains would stand lifeless and still. The ships would not run in the harbor. The fields would be given back to the thorn and thistle. And your cities would stand deserted and desolate."

"No, my friends, it is not the labor that is necessarily dependent upon the capitalist class, but it is the capitalist class that in the very nature of the case is helplessly dependent upon the exploitation of labor. Let us forget the mistakes of the past, and let us stand together as working men and as brothers, and let us rally to the support of the party of our own class--the Socialist party--which declares to the world that the earth and the fulness thereof shall be for the working class once and for all time."

A HARD KNOCK.

Joe W. Moore, of Sikeston, the leading Republican of Scott county, is quoted as saying that Russell would beat Trundall for congress in this district next November.--Dexter Messenger.

That is certainly a hard knock for the Republicans of Scott county. Joe Moore "THE leading Republican." How will Tanner, Greer, Malone, Bowman, Sparks, Dodge, Heuchan and Zeke Congleton ever get that?

Business Locals.

Housekeeper wanted. Good wages and steady employment.

30415. Wm. Black, Morley, Mo.

School books and school supplies of every kind can be had at the 42-45 Benton Drug Store.

I have for sale a well improved 80-acre farm 3 miles south of Ilmo at a special bargain if taken soon.

D. H. Harper, Benton, Mo.

For Sale--Milk cows and beef cattle. Also, also, profit seed wheat, 1 1/2 mile from New Hamburg on Charles road. K. Mieslerhoff, 40-31.

\$50 REWARD--We will pay a \$50 reward for information leading to the arrest and conviction of anyone guilty of stealing stock belonging to any of our members.

Stockman's Union, Vanduser, Mo.

I have for sale accurate blue-print maps of Scott county, 42x48 inches. These maps show all farms and owners, and ditches, roads, railroads, buildings, etc. Price, \$2.50 each, postpaid. Claude B. Hay, Blodgett, Mo.

For Sale--200 acre farm, finely located level land, all under fence and in cultivation, except 30-acre woods lot. Good houses, good barn and all necessary out-buildings, good water. Within half a mile of school and church. Grows all small grain, corn and melons. Two crops a year can be grown by sowing peas on wheat stubble. A bargain. For further information address, Box 63, Vanduser, Mo. 41-41.

I have farms for sale of various sizes in Scott county, near Crowder, Kalso, New Hamburg, Oran, Morley, Benton, Cary, Blodgett, Diehlstadt and Commerce. Also 4,000 acres of improved farm land about 50 miles north of Memphis, Tenn., at from \$25 to \$35 per acre on easy terms and in tracts to suit. If you want to sell, list your property with me. I stand a hundred chances to sell to your one. If you want to buy, see 10 D. H. HARPER, Benton, Mo.

ABOUT "REFORM."

We hear a great deal these days about "reform." Not a Democrat--not a Republican--has any remedy to offer for existing evils except PCT ME IN. Here we are within two months of the election, and what is the issue? Why, it is "Bryan for 1908!"

The government is rotten from the ground up. In the cities, in the counties, in the states, in the nation--wherever the probe has been put, rottenness has popped out. And yet they give us "Bryan for 1908!" to scrap over.

It is needless to go away from home to cite corruption. Missouri has it in abundance. Take, for instance, the excise commissioner of St. Louis. Until recently this official got all the income of the office--say about one hundred thousand dollars annually. But he got it with the understanding that above a certain amount--I believe \$25,000--must be contributed to the Democratic campaign fund. So there was something like \$75,000 stolen from the people and used to corrupt voters. The excise commissioner is appointed by the governor, and the administration at Jefferson City is responsible for this steal. Your local party leaders knew that this was going on. Did they tell you? If they did not were they not parties to it?

What has happened in police circles in St. Louis I have told you in part--only a very small part. My paper is too small to give details of such awful thievery. It is enough to say that the police were in cahoots with the thieves and crooks of the whole country, and these could operate at will by dividing with the police. One woman--Ollie Roberts--testified that during the world's fair she stole over \$200,000 from visitors and gave half to the police for "protection." The police department of St. Louis is under your governor. The commissioners who run the force are appointed by him. Can you believe that he did not know of these conditions? I know of it and was down here in Benton. It is a notorious fact that the police were heavily assessed for campaign funds, hence part of the stealings of Ollie Roberts and other criminals found its way into the Democratic campaign fund to "save the party." Coal oil inspectors, beer inspectors, and all other "inspectors" were created with a sole view of making another hole in which to stick another political parasite to drain public money--a part of which must go into the Democratic campaign fund. Of what use is a coal oil inspector so long as the oil trust dictates his appointment? About half the oil buy is unaccounted for.

Do you believe that your local Democratic leaders knew of these things? If they did know and did not tell you, were they fair and honest with you? If the Republicans made a crooked step, they and their organs were quick to tell you. Why did they not tell you of the skullduggery with their own ranks?

If they did not know, would you consider them safe and competent leaders? Take either end of the horn you want, and there can be but one answer. Either they willfully misled you, or else they were incompetent and ignorant. The whole machinery of state government was run in the interest of "the party," and since the county government was run in the same way, I guess they are not so "green."

FARMERS UNION AT WORK.

But say! The Dunklin county farmers union is up and doing. At the last meeting the following preamble and resolutions were adopted:

Whereas, the farmers of this county have built up this country to its present greatness, and have kept up with the advance of time and commodities by improved methods of farming and by close attention to our work; and

Whereas, the present advance in rents is beyond our ability to meet and support our families as we should; and

Whereas, the tendency of the present conditions is to tighten the shackles on the tenantry of this county and place them in a still lower condition of servitude, thereby building up a powerful oligarchy to the detriment of the county generally; therefore be it

Resolved, if the landlords are unapproachable that we as a union of brothers withdraw our allegiance to them and class them with the speculators, where they belong and treat them as such.

Is it any wonder that the "business interests" that own the land oppose the farmer's movement? What is the matter with the Scott county farmers getting together?

The Charleston Enterprise complains that the Bryan club down there is having trouble getting speakers. Perhaps ex-Lieut. Gov. John A. Lee is not engaged.

RUSSELL HAS HEADQUARTERS.

Joe Russell has established his campaign headquarters at Charleston and has installed a stenographer and private secretary. When a man is so anxious for office that he will spend thousands of dollars to get it, he cannot be expected to serve the people. Under such conditions, what chance has a poor man or a man of moderate means to reach congress?

I wonder if Mr. Russell's headquarters will follow the style of state and national headquarters and send out circular letters pleading poverty and soliciting financial aid? It will be remembered that W. J. Ward, a Stoddard county farmer who actually tills the soil, was Mr. Russell's opponent for the nomination. Recently I saw an item in a Bloomfield paper where Mr. Ward had hauled his wheat to town and received as a premium a fine buggy from his dealer for the finest crop.

The contest between Ward and Russell was close until it reached Stoddard--Mr. Ward's home county. Here Senator Marshall opened his barn and I am told that some five thousand dollars was put in circulation and that hired rosters were placed at every poll to work for Russell. The result was that Ward carried his county by only 31--and he withdrew. A few days later the Dexter Messenger contained the following:

The poor man is practically eliminated from holding high official position. This becomes more apparent every day. The farmer boy of a generation ago who had high hopes and ambitions of representing his state in congress had better dispel the idea unless he has a good roll at his back and call to further his ambitions. It takes money to climb the ladder of fame at this day. Our commercialism has deepened it so. We do not mean to say there are no poor men in congress, but in ninety cases out of every hundred, they are sent there by some special interests who furnish the campaign money. The people have been educated along the lines of money getting in election times, and the idea of patriotism is derided and held up to ridicule by the class who are willing to put their money in an election as an investment. Men who want to go to congress expect to pay for the honor. If these are the men, and if they haven't they usually stay out, or hit upon some plan whereby they can get it. There isn't a man in congress to-day, who has been there two or three terms, that has not spent five times the amount of money to be elected that the state laws prescribe. There was more money spent in Stoddard county to make the Russell showing on April 14th than should have been spent in the entire district to nominate a good man for the position on the Democratic ticket. We are credibly informed that no less than \$10,000 found its way in this county on that day for election expenses. This may be a little too high, but it is safe to say that two-thirds of this amount was spent in this race by one man four days previous to the election.

And how do people profit by such transactions? They are gouged and held up to a queen's taste by our national statesmen. These sound-ers who pay for their election have absolutely got the people by the throat, and congress cannot move a peg upon any proposition until the Speaker of the House wants them to move, or the packed committees in the Senate get ready to act.

The corporation and money power can get action any day, because they have paid for it in advance; but the common people--what about them? They must live on promise and be dug a little deeper every day.

These conditions have come about slowly, but the stock-jobbery in politics is beginning to grind on the American people, and it will continue to grind until the manhood of the nation reasserts itself and purges politics.

Unless the people assert their independence of political machines, it will be useless, hereafter, for anyone not able to buy a nomination, establish political headquarters and pay a stenographer and private secretary, to try to reach congress. A man of the people will be barred. It is bad enough for us to send either a landlord, a lawyer or a banker to represent us in congress, but when we are asked to send a man in whom is combined all of these disqualifications--that is the limit.

When our present congressman, W. T. Tyndall, arrived at Washington he was urged to buy a plug hat because they were in style there. The idea did not set well with the statesman from the Ozarks and he blurted out: "What? Me wear a plug hat and my wife at home making soap?" Would that we had more men in our law-making bodies whose wives can make soap.

Oh, but we're smart! The government is issuing Panama Canal bonds to the amount of thirty million dollars. The pet bankers buy the bonds and pass the coin over to Secretary Shaw. The secretary don't care to tote the coin around in his jeans, so he passes it back to the pet bankers as a "deposit." The bankers then have both the bonds and the coin, and we blamed fools pay the interest on both and try to look wise.

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Ilmo Headlight: John Schraake, the painter, who fell in Norman's lumber yard last fall and broke his right leg, and was taken to the county farm, is back in Ilmo plying the brush as of yore. A peculiar thing about John's misfortune is the fact that both his legs are now the same length. Years ago he broke his left leg and when it mended it was some two inches shorter than the right. For years he wore a raised sole and heel on his left shoe to even up the disparity in the length of his limbs. With the breaking of his right leg last fall, this member also grew shorter and is now the exact length of the left leg.

Cape Girardeau Republican: Harmon Loeffle has the plans and specifications for new steeples for the Catholic Church at New Hamburg, Scott county. In connection with the new plans there is a story of much historical interest. During the civil war the bell in the steeple of the church was rung frequently to warn the populace of the approach of rebel bushwhackers. The latter finding that their easy prey escaped when the bell was rung burned down the steeple one day. It has never been rebuilt, but now the parish has decided to put up a double steeple. Mr. Loeffle is asking for bids on the stone and other work.

A special term of the Federal court was held at Cape Girardeau last week, for the purpose of arranging for the drawing of a panel of forty men to serve as jurors in the Smith Bros. poisoning case to be tried there this month. The jury will be drawn from nine of the seventeen counties comprising the district--Cape Girardeau, Scott, Mississippi, New Madrid, Pemisacott, Dunklin and Stoddard being excluded by request of the government.

Campbell Citizens Judge Fort made a special trip to Kennett Monday to look after certain parties who are accused of breaking the local option law by selling booze under the name of "No." "Regal" or something of the kind. After selling the stuff at Kennett for some time, with much success, the parties put in a point at Holcomb which resulted in such a vicious kick that Judge Fort came over and put a stop to it.

Bro. Ake, of the Ironton Register, tells of the narrow escape of a lot of passengers who were alighting from a train at Holcomb when another train, without warning, came whizzing by at a 60-mile an hour clip. He says "it ought not to be tolerated." Well, what is your remedy, Bro. Ake--so long as trains are run for "dividends," without consideration for public safety or convenience?

Malden Merit: Citizens of Malden were surprised last Sunday afternoon, August 19, 1906, when the fact was circulated that "Fudge" Al Watson had died very suddenly. There was not an older or better known man in Dunklin county than he. He would have been 82 years of age his next birthday, and as a blacksmith he worked at his trade until Saturday before his death.

Cape Girardeau: Lightning struck a tree at the slaughter house near the Koch brick yard this afternoon and killed a horse that belonged to A. J. Flenge and a splendid young mule that belonged to Henry Koch, Jr. The animals were hitched under a shade tree when lightning struck the tree and both were killed instantly.

John Goske, who shot and killed his wife at Cape Girardeau last spring, was declared insane by a jury last week and sent to the asylum.

The "paramount issue" in the congressional campaign is garden seeds. If the Republicans succeed in returning Tyndall, they will be the ones to smile when the annual supply of garden seeds arrives. If the Democrats succeed in landing Russell, then the garden seeds will be distributed among the Democratic voters of the district. And that is all there is to it.

The kidnapping and imprisonment of the officials of the Western Federation of Miners is "the blow that killed father." It has put the people to thinking as nothing else could. It is an actual demonstration of how "free" we are. What has happened in Colorado and Idaho can happen in any state--when capitalism says the word.

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