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STRIKES AND WAR.

"Strikes are hell." That is what Bishop Spalding said in an address before the congressional committee some months ago...

The bishop only saw one side of it, however—its influence on the striker. He said the man who goes on strike is transformed evilly...

What of the worker who takes the place of the striker? He is in imminent danger, sometimes, of his life. Sometimes he is strangled and maltreated and sometimes he is killed.

Sometimes "the innocent bystander" suffers the most. And in the end the public—the consumer—usually pays the freight. Strikes are hell to the public.

John Mitchell says that public opinion is being turned against the striker, especially in those cases where the unions go out merely in order to maintain their power.

That is the case with the present packing house and allied trades strike. It was started merely to maintain the power of the union, and is wholly "sympathetic."

But if you deny to labor the use of about the only weapon it has—the strike—and offer it no other defense, you have something worse than the strike on your hands—you have civil war.

Without the power of organization, labor is helpless under injustice. Without the opportunity to use that power in some potent manner organization is folly.

Capital may be depended upon to take care of itself in one way or another.

Labor must have its representation and opportunity to cope with capital on equitable terms.

The hell of strikes can only be averted as is the hell of war—by arbitration. And why not a national arbitration commission?

THE FOOL AND MONEY. Too much money often makes a man a fool.

It does the same thing for a nation. Now there is Panama.

When the United States handed out several millions in cash to that little nation of mongrels it was freely predicted that an era of dissipation was about to dawn on that republic.

The prediction has come true; the debauch is on.

The thing hasn't reached the drunk-in-the-gutter stage yet, but the symptoms of a jag are unmistakable.

The government has appropriated \$50,000 to send Gen. Huertas on a tour of investigation. He is expected to look over the military establishments of other nations and return home bloated with ideas.

Of course the general will have a good time while the money lasts. He will see Europe and be seen, and if there is anything that Europe enjoys better than a man with money to create, it has not been named yet.

France alone could give him a run for the entire bunch of money and even force him to call for more.

And no man from an infant republic like Panama, having his country's welfare at heart, could miss the marvelous military system at Monte Carlo, where a fortune melts like strawberry ice cream in July.

Panama has about as much need of a military system as Switzerland has of a navy. There will be no very important disturbance in that country, in which the real policeman—Uncle Sam—will not have a say.

A New York paper has wisely remarked that Panama would have shown a glimmering of sense had she invested the money in educating a squad of doctors in the best methods of fighting tropical diseases.

To go further, \$50,000 put into education would do more for Panama than the investment of every dollar gotten from the United States in uniforms and guns.

FLORIDA AT THE EXPOSITION. Not by might nor by power nor by courtesy of the state legislature, but wholly owing to the patriotic enterprise of the Times-Union, Florida's leading daily newspaper, this state is to have a creditable representation at the Louisiana Purchase Exposition.

Last winter, through a voting contest in which all people of the state were permitted to participate, young lady commissioners and assistants were chosen from each congressional district. These young ladies will start for the fair on Wednesday next,

Paraphrased From the Democratic Platform.

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We demand an enlargement of the powers of the Interstate Commerce Commission to the end that the traveling public and shippers may have prompt and adequate relief.

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The democracy will construct the Pan-American canal speedily, honestly and economically.

We demand that all over the world a duly authenticated passport issued by the Government of the United States shall be proof of the fact that he is an American citizen.

We favor the election of United States senators by direct vote of the people.

We hold that the officials appointed to administer the government of any territory should be bona-fide residents.

We demand the extermination of peonage.

We denounce the ship subsidy bill as an iniquitous appropriation of public funds for private purposes.

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We denounce the maintenance of the Monroe doctrine in its full integrity.

We favor the reduction of the army and navy expenditures.

The democracy would secure to the surviving soldiers and sailors and their dependents generous pensions, not by an arbitrary executive order, but by legislation which grateful people stand ready to enact.

We denounce the republican party for its continuous and sinister encroachments upon the spirit and operation of civil service rules.

We deplore and condemn the spirit which sought to kindle anew the embers of racial and sectional strife.

The existing republican administration summoned congress into session and futile extra session and adjourned it; and while it is the sole power of congress without its authority; violated a plain statute as well as treaty obligations, international usages and constitutional laws; usurping judicial interpretation.

We invite for our candidates the support of an organization of citizens, not by an arbitrary executive order, but by the active assistance of all our fellow-citizens, who, disregarding past differences upon questions no longer in issue, desire the perpetuation of our constitutional government.

The democratic party declares its devotion to the essential principles of democracy under which local self-government and national unity and prosperity have been established.

Capital and labor ought not to be enemies.

The rights of labor are certainly not less sacred, no less "sacred," and no less "unalienable" than the rights of capital.

Obedience to the laws and respect for their requirements are alike the supreme duty of the citizen and the official.

The military should be used only to support and maintain the law.

We favor liberal appropriations for the care and improvement of the water-ways of the country.

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