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A Call To Arms!

Organized Labor in Colorado On The Verge Of Rebellion.

One Reason Why There Was No War In Mexico.

Labor and Socialist papers received in the recent mails from the outside bring news of a serious condition of affairs that obtained two months ago in the state of Colorado, in fact all over the country, because of the terrible repressive measures adopted by the Rockefeller coal mine interests in the southern part of the state, and in the inhuman cruelties inflicted upon the miners who for almost a year have been out on strike for decent working conditions and a sufficient wage to enable them to live something like human beings, in their efforts to subdue and drive the men back into the mines. The following from the "Worker's World" (Socialist) published in Chicago, reveals a state of affairs bordering on insurrection on the part of organized labor in Colorado, out of sympathy for striking miners

Never in American history has labor done what it is doing today in Colorado. When courts have oppressed, it has replied with oratory and printing ink and demands for legal redress.

When police and militia have beaten and stabbed, it has staggered on in sullen silence, reaching its own inability to offer organized resistance.

But today Colorado rings with the cry "TO ARMS!"

Unions are voting war funds as openly as if they were independent nations. They are arming and drilling their own members as openly as they would play base ball. They are answering war with war. They are giving shot for shot.

That such things are possible is due to a peculiar situation in Colorado. The state government is divided against itself. There are many local capitalists and local newspapers that do not shed tears when Rockefeller's guards are killed and Rockefeller's mines set on fire. Instead of crushing unity on the part of the government, the capitalist class and the newspapers, the enemy is weakened by this division, and in the face of it the workers are flocking to battle.

The following "Call to Arms" issued by the state Federation of Labor and printed in the Denver Socialist paper, is probably the most daring manifesto ever promulgated by a body of working men in America.

"Organize the men in your community in companies of volunteers to protect the people of Colorado against the murder and cremation of men, women and children by armed assassins in the employ of coal corporations serving under the guise of state militiamen.

Gather together for defensive purposes all arms and ammunition legally available. Send name of leader of your Company and actual names of men enlisted at home or mail to Secretary of State subject

will resound with the tramp of revolution. Get ready, Comrades for action! No other course is left to the working class. Their courts are closed to us except to pronounce our doom. To enter their courts is simply to be miled of our meager means, bound hand and foot, to have our eyes plucked out by the cultures that fatten upon our misery. Whatever is done we must do ourselves, and if we stand up like men from the Atlantic to the Pacific, and from Canada to the Gulf, we will strike terror to their cowardly hearts, and they will be but too eager to relax their grip upon our throats."

THE RESPONSE.

From coast to coast the working class responded to the call. Thousands of men volunteered with alacrity to join the ranks. Hundreds of mass meetings were held and thousands of dollars were sent in for arms and ammunition. The miners in one state alone wired \$15,000 in two days. Conservative trades unions even in sleepy old Philadelphia held caucusing meetings. The spirit of solidarity swept over all crafts in responding to the need of their comrades in Colorado.

The following telegram from Denver under date of April 21, to the Labor Argus of Charleston W. Va. gives an account of what happened, and which went far towards arousing the workers throughout the land, and bringing about such a spontaneous exhibition of working class unity:

Labor Argus, W. Va.

Ludlow tent colony, which housed 1,200 striking miners was burned to the ground after four men, three women and seven children were murdered. 150 gun men in militiamen's uniform and with state equipment, have with six machine guns, kept up a constant attack on men, women and children since daybreak Monday morning. The indications are that the mine guards intend to murder all strikers who refuse to go to work on companies' terms. One boy of 11 was murdered when he ran to get a drink of water for his mother who lay wounded in cellar. Four other children from 4 to 11 years old, were driven back by bullets of uniformed gunmen into blazing tent and burned to death.

Gunmen guard all roads, passengers on railway trains report that 15 or 20 men and women are lying on prairie in ruins of the tent colony. Society women offered to nurse injured men, women and babes but are refused. A score or more of women and children are probably smothered to death in the ruins of their village. It is the most terrible massacre in America's industrial history. The water supply of the colony was cut off early Monday morning and women and babes were forced to lie in ditches and cellars for 24 hours without food or water. The murderers are keeping up the attack and all may be slaughtered. Will you for God's sake, and in the name of humanity, call upon all your citizenship to demand of the President of the United States and both houses of congress that they leave Mexico alone and come into Colorado to relieve these miners, their wives and children who are being slaughtered in cold blood by these murderers?"

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Champ Clark's Picture.

Champ Clark's picture decorates a ten dollar counterfeit bill. An old party politician's portrait on a counterfeit bill is highly appropriate.

Doctor Says It.

A doctor says that there are 30,000 feeble minded people in N. Y. State and 33,000 lunatics. From the old party vote cast last election, that looks like a low estimate.

Are You One Of The Socialists who Says

"Yes I am a socialist—been one for many years—always vote the ticket—but I do not belong to the organization." If you are in that class, you should get out of it. The only Socialists that count are the ones that pay their little 25 cent dues per month, and aid in the work of the party organization. These are the fellows that are making the Socialist Party the great force for the common good in America. The capitalist class won't finance our party and we don't want them to. It's the twenty-five

Cut Out, Tear Off And Mail Today.

To N. R. King, Fairbanks, A. Piazza, Garden Island or L. Westervik, Cleary City.

I am convinced that I should be a member of the organization you represent. Please send some one to take my application.

Name.....
Address.....

I will be at home.....

Jack Brooks Gets Nomination

Old Sourdough of Jack Wade Creek chosen by The Socialists to make race for Delegate.

As a result of the referendum vote taken by the Socialists of Alaska, as canvassed last Wednesday evening by Lena Morrow Lewis, provisional territorial secretary, and representatives of Fairbanks and Olnes locals, John M. Brooks of Jack Wade Creek, was nominated as candidate for Delegate to congress from this territory, defeating Dan McCabe of Vault Creek by a narrow margin. The nominating referendum was sent out by the provisional territorial secretary March 17, thus giving the membership three months in which to vote and get the returns back to Fairbanks. The Nome and two or three other outlying locals, were not heard from, owing probably to their great distance from Fairbanks and poor mail facilities, consequently the members of these locals were deprived of a voice in the nomination of the candidate. It is probable however that a fairly full expression of the membership was had, for returns were received from widely scattered points in the territory, and it is doubtful if the result would

have been any different had after taking a trip outside to every local reported.

Comrade Brooks received folk at home, returned to Alaska, and acquiring ground on Jack Wade Creek in the 40 mile country, has been engaged in mining to the present time. While a resident of Fairbanks, Mr. Brooks served two terms in the City Council, which office he filled with credit to himself and to the satisfaction of the town.

Jack Brooks was an early member of the Western Federation of Miners, and has a wide acquaintance among the members of that militant and progressive organization throughout Alaska.

He is a Socialist of long standing, and as a man boy was known as a missionary in the cause; and in the early days of this camp, long before a Socialist organization was thought of here, he was agitating, distributing literature and doing what he could to spread the propaganda.

He has engaged in several political campaigns in this territory but always on the side of the working class, giving of his time and means and been actuated by no other motive than an honest, unselfish desire to promote the principles of the people who work.

Dissolution of the trust doesn't seem to work as well as dissolution of the old party's business in this city and