

TRAIL OF THE TRUSTS

Marked by Closed Factories and Idle Workmen.

LEGITIMATE BUSINESS PARALYZED

Robber Combines Limit Production to Raise Prices—Large Army a Menace to Labor—How the Idaho Miners are Being Coerced—What the Re-election of McKinley Will Mean.

(Special Washington Letter.)

In the four weeks that have elapsed since the miners' strike began the coal combine has made over \$5,000,000 extra profit from advanced prices and has economized on a weekly pay roll of about \$80,000.

The advance in prices is a barefaced robbery. It should be a lesson to the people as to the necessity of putting such piratical combinations under restraint.

There has been no scarcity of coal. The operators expected this strike. They nagged their men to the last limit of endurance.

In anticipation of this strike they had over a million tons of coal hoarded up at certain points in New Jersey. The report of the output showed that up to August of this year more coal was mined in the anthracite region than in any previous year in its history. The operators proposed to hold up a defenseless public and make it pour millions of dollars into their treasury—the strike was merely the pretext for an unusual advance.

Leaving the miners' grievances aside, isn't it about time a president was elected who will bring such combines under legal restraint and punish them when they plunder the people?

The Republicans try to confuse the issue by talking about good and bad trusts and shouting about the damage that Bryan may do to legitimate business when he goes after the robber trusts.

They don't deceive the people. If one citizen steals from another, all honest citizens are the safer when the thief is caught and punished.

It is the same with the trusts. Combustions in the business world which are doing legitimate business, whose stock is bona fide, who are not trying to limit production in order to exact high prices, need not be afraid of anything Bryan or the Democratic party may do in restraint of piratical combinations.

All honest capital and sound business will be better off and safer when these brigands of the business world—such trusts as the anthracite coal combine and the Standard Oil—are punished for fleecing the people and forced to do business on an honest basis if they desire the protection and the opportunities afforded in this country.

The Republicans are not saying much about the full dinner pail and prosperity. They are now admitting that the industrial vote in large cities is going to Bryan. They might as well admit their own defeat, for this is the vote which determines the result. They are now putting their slender hopes to the farmer vote in the middle and western states. They forget that the trusts, in their greediness, have been giving the farmer a very severe object lesson. The farmer cannot manage any combination among themselves by which they can get higher prices for wheat and corn, but when they come to buy barbed wire or nails or lumber or agricultural machinery they are faced by combinations which maintain prices at any arbitrary limit they choose.

When Bryan spoke in Indiana and Ohio, he passed through a belt of towns which had been devastated by trusts.

In Aurora, Ind., for instance, the trusts have closed a match factory, a brewery and a distillery, leaving hundreds of men idle and bankrupting the small merchants of the place. In Edinburg, Ind., a starch factory has been closed by the trust; in Crawfordsville a wire plant is standing still; in Brazil and Terre Haute the steel mills are idle. The trail of the trust was equally visible in Ohio, and where the men were at work they were sullen because the trusts have reduced wages and lengthened the hours of labor.

The administration is very much worried over Bryan's correct analysis of the uses to which a big standing army will be put.

If Bryan had not hit the trust when he said it would be used to oppress labor at home, there would not be such a howl of protest from the administration press.

The Army and Navy Register, in its most recent issue, has an inspired editorial in which it tries to explain that labor need not fear a standing army, and that the erection of forts and arsenals near industrial centers has no relation to their affairs. The Register fails to give any other good reason why such forts should be contemplated, and labor has in mind the fact that United States troops have been enforcing martial law on a peaceful community in Idaho for the last 18 months and that the mine owners in the Cour d'Alene district say openly that they desire a fort erected there and soldiers always stationed there to shoot down the miners when they become dissatisfied with the wages and conditions offered them.

In this district the United States are being used now to compel the miners to state how they are going to vote. If a man dares to say he is going to vote for Bryan, his "permit" for employment is taken away and he is forced to flee from the district at the point of the bayonet. L. A. WHITE.

Authorities Against Roosevelt.
Those who know, including President Schurman and Admiral Dewey, have given testimony showing that Governor Roosevelt's classification of the Philippines with the Apaches is not at all correct. If Aguinaldo and his countrymen are so bad as Roosevelt paints them in the west, how did it happen that the good President McKinley offered them commissions in the American army, as no less an authority than Perry S. Heath, Neely's sponsor, says he did? Did McKinley think that American soldiers should be led by an Apache chief?—Utica (N. Y.) Observer.

The "Syndicated President."
Where does Mark Hanna turn when he starts to raise the enormous campaign fund which he warns his supporters is essential to the election of Mr. McKinley? Does he go to the people? Not at all! He goes rather to the full money bags which have been made round by McKinley's bouquets, McKinley's subsidies, McKinley's contracts and other McKinley benefits, contributions from which are not merely tithes from favors received but the expression of a lively hope of favors to come. What word can more accurately describe a presidency obtained by this means for these ends than that employed by Mr. Olney—"a syndicated presidency?"—New York World.

Scorned Republican Leaders.
There is work for a good oculist among Republican leaders. Mark Hanna recently declared "there are no trusts," and yet the Republican campaign committee is flooding the country with buncombe antitrust literature, and now comes Teddy Roosevelt declaring there are no idle men in the country, but plenty of work at good wages for all in spite of the news which has filled the newspapers recently of shut-downs, half time, strikes and other labor troubles.—Augusta Chronicle.

John P. Altgeld to Yale Students.
"Young men, life is before you. Two voices are calling you, one coming from the swamps of selfishness and force, where success means death, and the other from the hills of justice and progress, where even failure brings glory.
"Two lights are seen in your horizon—one the fast fading marsh light of power and the other the slowly rising sun of human brotherhood. Two ways lie open for you—one leading to an ever lower and lower plain, where are heard the cries of despair and the curses of the poor, where manhood shrivels and possession rots down the possessor, and the other leading off to the highlands of the morning, where are heard the glad shouts of humanity and where honest effort is rewarded with immortality."

Hanna a Christian Scientist.
Chairman Hanna exclaims, "I don't believe that there is a trust in the United States!" What is this but the Christian Science cure applied to economics? The Christian Science healer banishes disease solely by declaring that it does not exist, although the patient may be writhing in pain. By affirming that there is not a trust in the United States the Christian Science Republican chairman hopes to convince his countrymen who suffer by reason of trust exactions they are victims of a delusion.—Philadelphia Record.

Trusts.
There is nothing to be said for the trusts which can begin to offset the objections against them. They are the outgrowth of an abominable system of favoritism called protection, and they carry out the idea of that doctrine—the enrichment of the few at the expense of the many.—Kansas City Star.

COERCING THE WORKINGMEN.

Illinois Steel Trust Tells Them to Vote For McKinley or Starve.

President E. J. Buffington of the Illinois Steel company, a trust monster, issued a few days ago the following statement:

"We have closed down our Joliet mills for lack of orders. Possibly we shall be compelled to shut down other mills within the next ten days for the same reason, although we hope to continue most of our mills in operation. As the presidential election approaches many of our best customers are postponing purchases for the reason, they state, they wish to wait until they are certain of the result of the election before placing large orders."

This statement of Buffington's is a most significant one. It can be interpreted in two ways—either that those

HOODWINKING THE FARMERS.

Leading Agricultural Papers Controlled by Mark Hanna.

The Republicans have bought up the leading agricultural papers and are sending them out to every farmer in the land as sample copies. They are loaded with stuff supporting the Republican policies and lying and misleading statements about trade and the improved condition of agriculture without mentioning the word "Republican" and under the guise and pretense of being strictly neutral agricultural papers.

The American Farmer of Indianapolis is one of these sheets. This paper was bought by a syndicate headed by Mark Hanna and to which he subscribed \$2,000, and other subscribers are Perry Heath, Joseph B. Brigham, Senator Fairbanks and other leading Republicans, and Joseph H. Brigham, present assistant United States secretary of agriculture, is president of the company and editor. They are distributing 500,000 copies and employ the best Republican editorial writers in the country to load it down with misleading articles. This is just as bad as stealing as any other kind of robbery which has been practiced by Mark Hanna and his followers.

Build on Solid Rock.
If we rest upon the shifting sand of the empire, if we rest upon brute force, the time will come when there will be a greater principle than that. But let us build upon the Declaration of Independence, that solid rock, and then we will build a nation against which all the powers of the earth cannot prevail. We will build a nation that can never die.—W. J. Bryan.

"I SEE NO TRUSTS!"



—New York World.

who have been shouting about prosperity were deliberately lying or that the closing of the mills at this time is a resort to the coercive and heartless methods of four years ago, when employees were told by our great industrial barons that they must either vote for McKinley or be turned adrift to starve. Some of them put the alternative in a less brutal way, but the meaning was the same and equally clear.

By the closing of the Joliet and other mills of the Illinois Steel company 15,000 or 20,000 men have been thrown out of employment and 75,000 or 100,000 human beings forced to contemplate the near approach of sore distress and hunger. What are the woes of women, the cry of famishing children, the bitter tears of the wronged and downtrodden to the wealth gorged slave drivers of the trusts? But it might be well for them to think they may enjoy their inhuman policy too far, for in this young land the sense of manhood still is strong.

The producer of all wealth, the toiler, may some day, and sooner than the plutocrats feel, object to being despised and despoiled and starved, and then woe to the contentment and despoiler!
"It is better to fight for the good than to rail at the ill," and justice and humanity will insist there has been railing enough and that more effective arguments be employed. 'Twas the hungry women of Amlens who saw their famished children wasting into shadows that started the French revolution. Of course there will be no "reign of terror" here until the steel, coal and associated trusts get a standing army large enough to protect the ballot box from being a danger to capital and the better classes.

"We cannot give you employment if Bryan is elected in November," say the officials of the steel company. Has it come to this, that when the masses of the American people register their voices untrammelled they shall be forced into idleness and driven to penury? Is it a fact that the purse proud beneficiaries of protected industries have already the people at their mercy, and that food, even the coarsest, can be had only at the price of submission to industrial slavery? So at least it has been ordered by those upon whom McKinley's only hope and future rests.

Polite, but Embarrassing.
A pretty little miss of about 14 summers nearly broke up a wedding party at Linwood a short while ago. It was about the first wedding that she had ever attended, and she felt the importance of the occasion very much. After the ceremony she noticed that the people went up to the bride and groom and made remarks to them. She supposed that they were words of congratulation or condolence or something of that sort, but her ideas of the proper thing to say under the circumstances were a little vague. Finally she whispered to an old friend of the family who was near by:
"What shall I say when I go up there?" she faltered.

as it was sufficiently well printed the Chinese would take the lead out and insert it in another shell, and so on. That's how the carved shells came to be so cheap or at least that was the explanation that was made to me by my friend."

A Defender of Black Snakes.
The reporter was advised not to kill a black snake under any circumstances. An old, honest, reliable man explained this:

"Only a few days ago I saw a black racer whizzing around in a circle, his flaming eyes distended. His attention seemed riveted on something not far away. I advanced, and, to my astonishment, I saw a large rattlesnake coiled up in battle array. The black snake continued his circuits, getting a little nearer to its victim each time. After 10 or 15 minutes the rattlesnake dropped his head on the ground. Almost instantaneously the black snake pounced upon its victim. After securely fastening his teeth in the back of the rattlesnake's head he began his deadly coiling. Within five minutes that rattlesnake was dead. So don't kill a black snake."

The color came in the old gentleman's face as he was relating the above, and he said:
"Boys, black snakes are game, but they won't hurt you, for I had one for a pet for years, and because my old woman woke one night and found the snake in bed she raised an awful fuss and killed it."—Lebanon (Ky.) Enterprise.

Boy and Woodchuck.
The joy of pursuing the woodchuck is a part of the happiness of rural life. The boy is lacking in physical development and in numerous mental and moral qualities growing out of the experience who has not spent a day pouring water down a woodchuck hole on the hillside with a view to drowning out the occupant. This is said to refresh the woodchuck, and, as for the boy, it toughens his muscles as no compulsory labor could do, and it cultivates patience, hope and persistency. Given a good brook, an ample hole and an industrious boy, a full day's work on the outside and a complacent woodchuck on the inside may be safely guaranteed.—Hartford Courant.

Does He Reflect?
When President McKinley goes to church in his pious, decorous way, does he think of the wounded Filipinos burned alive in the houses in which they had taken refuge by the troops whom McKinley has sent to teach those islanders the ways of civilization?

COLORED MEN WARNED

Policy of Imperialism Full of Danger to Their People.

MAKES WAR ON THE DARKER RACES

Brief Review of the "Model" Administration of McKinley—Brother Abner's Army Contracts—The Embalmed Beef Scandal—Alger and Egan Whitewashed.

An address urging the colored voters of the country to turn their backs on the Republican party has been drawn up by Colonel Thomas Wentworth Higginson, William Lloyd Garrison and ex-Governor George S. Boutwell, all of Boston, and issued by the national Democratic committee. It points out to the colored voter that the national policy of imperialism is full of danger to them and their race. The address says:

To the Colored People of the United States:
We address you at one of the most important points in your history. If ever there was a war of races in this world, the war now going on in the Philippine Islands is precisely that.
Every day in the Philippines is already training our young American soldiers to the habit of thinking that the white man, as such, is the rightful ruler of all other men. This is also, for instance, in the fact that these very soldiers in writing home letters from the seat of war describe the inhabitants of the Philippines more and more constantly as "niggers," thus giving a new lease of life to a word which was previously dying out among us.
Every defender of the war in congress sustains the contest on the assumed ground that the Filipinos are unfit for freedom, although Admiral Dewey at first described them as more fit for it than the Cubans, and Senator Hear describes them to be probably better fitted than any race on the two American continents south of ourselves.
We wish to warn you that the Imperialistic Republican party of today is not the liberty loving party of that name which set the American negro free. The time is past when you can safely give it your implicit support. We warn you that the American negro must henceforth think for himself and must cut aspart from every organization which wars on darker races.

Republican spellbinders everywhere are holding up the administration of McKinley as a model one. For the benefit of the voters of the country,
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