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**THE STRIFE IN COLORADO.**

The sympathy of all right-thinking persons will go out to the miners of Colorado. These union men, banded together for protection which evidently is difficult to secure, have perhaps at times used more violence than would have been in keeping with good order, but every circumstance connected with their struggle indicates that they were greatly aggravated. No more serious labor situation has ever been brought about anywhere, and the outcome will be watched with intense interest all over the country.

Various causes have been attributed to the increase in wages during the past few years, but that the general rise has been due to the influence of labor unions can not be disputed. Since the laboring men have organized employers have been compelled to grant better wages, and a more equitable condition of affairs has thereby been brought about.

But the tendency of the times is to down unionism. There seems to be a widespread sentiment among the employers that union laborers shall be compelled to forsake their organizations. In many instances the employers are not opposed to wage scales, but rather oppose the idea that laboring men, acting together as a union, shall make and enforce demands affecting the wage scale. This sentiment on the part of employers is tyrannous. Laboring men have the same right to organize for their mutual welfare that is enjoyed by capitalists to form combinations for their own financial wellbeing. The effort to break down the organization of the worker is villainous, and only those employers lost to all sense of righteousness would lend themselves to a proposal of the kind.

In Colorado the anti-union employers seem to be pressing the limit. Totally disregarding the moral rights of the men who are employed in the mines, they have induced a susceptible governor to send troops to the affected districts, where the strikers have been shot down like dogs, and ordered forthwith out of the country by an organization styling itself the "Citizens' Alliance." The bloody scenes incident to the operations of the Ku Klux Klan are being re-enacted in Colorado, the state troops scouring the country in regular skirmish formation for the purpose of capturing more victims for the employers' bullpen. The spectacle of troops firing upon workingmen who are striving to uphold their rights is indeed a lamentable one, and to the everlasting disgrace of the state of Colorado there is no official act recorded which is calculated to peaceably settle the difficulty.

The determination on the part of the combinations of capital to break down the union spirit is amply exemplified in the pre-emptory order that all union men and women shall get out of the country. No matter to what union a man may belong, he must go, or stand the chance of being shot down by soldiers for whose maintenance he contributes his share. Certainly the situation is an appalling one, and all the more disgraceful because of the attitude of the governor, who has been hand in hand with the cut-throat capitalists who are applying the rack to the union men who have heretofore labored in the coal mines.

The Colorado struggle should only encourage union men to stand more firmly together. It should teach them to be firm, but reasonable, at all times, and to prepare for struggles which may arise hereafter. The payment of wages is a matter of agreement, and it is just and proper that laborers should act concordantly. To place themselves in position to successfully demand the worth of their hire working-men should perfect their organizations and prepare for just such crises as have recently arisen at the coal mines.

**PRECAUTION AGAINST DISEASE.**

State boards of health throughout the country are making an active campaign against the increasing dangers from typhoid fever in cities. This disease is regarded as one of the most threatening to life in many communities where unsanitary conditions exist. Under the treatment of poor physicians or ignorant nurses the disease becomes an epidemic. It has made great inroads in the families of eastern cities in the past year. An illustration of its effects

was given in the death rate of Butler, Pa., where the disease became a scourge.

Special bulletins are being prepared under the supervision of the board of health, to be distributed to every family in sections where the fever was noticed last year. These circulars are intended to give the origin of the fever and the methods of treating it when a family is afflicted. They will also contain instructions on how to prevent the spread of the epidemic. It should be the duty of every head of a family to secure a copy of this bulletin and read it thoroughly. This applies with equal force to residents of the rural districts.

Farmers often neglect the surroundings of their homes and thus bring on diseases originating from impure water or imperfect sanitary conditions. Medical authorities practically agree that typhoid comes primarily from impure water. It may originate from uncleanly farm outbuildings and other sources. But water carries the germs into the system. This can be prevented only by making the source of water supply absolutely pure. A little poison taken into the system of one member of the family may soon develop into a disease that in time will afflict every person in that residence.

Poor drainage is one of the causes for unhealthy conditions in the country. Stagnant pools of water produce poisonous mosquitoes that carry disease to the people. The ponds should be underdrained and decaying vegetation kept away from the water. Wire screens about the doors and windows prevent insects entering the homes and distributing their poisons. This is particularly true of house flies and insects that live upon bad water and decaying animal matter. There is no appeal to the municipal authorities from farms surrounded by unclean and dangerous places. The work of renovation is with the owner and home builder. The public demands that every man shall do his part in keeping down epidemic, and it is his duty to obey that command.

**THE OREGON AND THE KENTUCKY.**

Comparisons between the run of the Kentucky and the run of the Oregon are hardly allowable, says the Cincinnati Commercial Tribune. Apart from the mere question of speed, the splendid run of the more modern battleship, the Kentucky, is not to be compared in song or story with the wonderful voyage of the Oregon. There was seamanship displayed by the officers and men of the Kentucky, and the triumph of the American shipbuilder was magnificently displayed. But the run of the Kentucky was made in time of profound peace, so far as the government of the United States is concerned—the seas were open to her, and the route she took was taken at her own good pleasure.

There was no need for constant lookout for hostile ships or squadrons of the enemy, as there was when the Oregon started on her voyage through hostile seas and with the ships of the enemy on the constant lookout for the capture of the vessel. If the enemy had been sighted there would, beyond any question, have been a fight, even though it had been the Oregon singlehanded against a squadron of the Spanish fleet. It was in avoiding the enemy, as well as in the splendid record of speed made, that the triumph is with the Oregon and will remain with her.

Her voyage was made in constant doubt and in constant peril of the enemy—her seamanship removed the doubts and escaped the enemy, the splendid and the triumphant battle ship steaming into harbor on the Florida coast to join the fleet of the United States in the attack on Santiago—and she dropped anchor as ready for battle as any of her sister ships anxiously awaiting her coming. Her voyage was a distinct and unapproachable triumph of the seamanship and the pluck and the daring of the American sailor, as the Oregon herself was a triumph of the American shipbuilder. It was a voyage challenging the admiration of the world, including the Spaniard himself.

The Kentucky did well—but until she does as well as the Oregon in the matter of speed in like circumstances the glory will be to the gallant ship commanded by Captain Clarke.

Several French soldiers, survivors of the Chinese expedition of 1856, are responsible for the statement that General Kuroki, who is leading the Japanese forces in Manchuria, is in reality half French. His name, they say, is properly spelled Curique. According to the story of these soldiers, a French officer, Captain Curique, while serving in China in 1856, married a Japanese girl. A son was born to them, who was given the Japanese name Kuroki, corresponding to the French Curique. This son is General Kuroki. Captain Curique died last year in France. Until the last he corresponded with his son, who has since become famous.

Postmaster Bancroft of Portland has been deposed. The department will now name another man, who will doubtless find his principal occupation defense of attacks upon his personal integrity.

With the grinding of the trusts on one side and the consumer on the other the middleman always knows he is in the middle.

Savings banks in New Jersey hold unclaimed amounts aggregating \$98,135.

## JUST FOR INSTANCE.

Buddy Jones: No; the Woman's Christian Temperance Union is not included in the Citizen's Alliance sweeping edict regarding unions;

Wonder if the Citizen's Alliance will stand for the union in which there is strength?

Kropotkin will march in July. That will be a great relief after running so long!

Joined the hose team yet?

Fifteen minutes after the Portland postmaster resigned word came that the salary attached to the office had been raised \$100 per year. Hard luck!

Knox will be a senator now. That Knox all the administration's plans in the head!

It appears from the dispatches that at Grants Pass a stray across the track means a desperate and dastardly attempt to wreck a train!

Extra! Extra! Portland, 3; Los Angeles, 2! Wouldn't that make you steal home?

The prince of Wales has inherited a fortune. The poor, poverty-ridden fellow will now have a chance to pay his debts—or contract new ones on the strength of the coin!

We note from the press reports that the consumption of pig iron has materially decreased. What son of Astoria has stopped eating iron-filing breakfast food?

For T. C.—a, b-r-r.—We must protect our infant industries!

Tom Sharkey has won a wife. That was a great deal easier for Tom than winning the pugilistic championship!

That Chicago girl who attempted to commit suicide at a signal from an alarm clock should have used a stopwatch—it would have been more appropriate!

The Portland Browns have trampled upon all rules of precedence and fail to have a systematic regard for the eternal fitness of things—they have won a game!

It's all over now with the sweet girl grad!

Farewell! Farewell, to all my glory!

All is over now; we have the presents!

The flowers are withered and in our hands

Hold we our diplomas, for which we strived!

One thing remains—a hideous reminder!

It causes wrinkles on the brow

Of the head of the household!

It's the bill—

The little bill—

For our dresses!!!

McCULLERY.

## On the Menu.

"What have you in the larder?" asked the cannibal king to his chef.

"Not so much today, your elevatedness," explained the chef. "Nothing except a printer and an actor."

"Oh, well, fix them up some way."

The chef bowed several times and rubbed his hands together.

"What are you waiting for?" asked the cannibal king.

"Would your serenely altitudinous excellency deign to suggest some method of preparing the two persons—some new dish, for instance, that would be pleasant to your royal palate?"

"Don't go to any bother. Just put the printer in the pi and the actor in the supe."

And the court jester stepped up and resigned.—Exchange.

## The Weather.

Portland, June 16.—For Oregon, Washington and Idaho: Saturday, fair and warmer.

**PILES**

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