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SETTLING THE STRIKE.

Will the anthracite coal strike ever end? This question is getting to be a serious one throughout the country. Why don't Morgan stop it? is asked. Why don't this one or that one stop it? Why doesn't the president stop it? many have asked. It is not a proposition that can be handled by any one man. There are two sides to all questions. This is a difference on the question of rights between the miners and operators. Laws are provided to settle almost all kinds of controversies. Where there are no laws the matters must settle down to adjustment in the regular course of things.

The miners had a right to quit work. The operators had the right to employ others. These are natural rights. The law will enforce these rights. If the operators should undertake to compel the miners to work, the law would step in. When the men try to compel the operators not to employ whom they please, then the law steps in. There is where the whole trouble lies. When the miners quit, if they had gone away there would have been no further trouble. Or if they had remained away from the mines, there would have been no trouble.

To compel the men to work would be unlawful. For them to interfere with the operation of the mines is unlawful. Sympathy is always with the laborer. If the operators had violated the law half as often in the present strike as have the miners, the country would have risen up in arms and wiped them from the face of the earth. Prejudice is against them. Their position of ease and comfort is against them, while the poor miners and their starving wives and children are in evidence about the scope of operation.

It is a case of wearing out process. The officers can only remain and prevent the miners from violating the law so far as possible. After awhile they will either have to come to the operators' terms or the operators will have to come to their terms. No one can compel either to do that which he does not want to do, as long as each attends to his own business.

What could Morgan do? What could the president do? What can anybody except the miners and operators do? They are the contracting parties. It is no one else's business. Suppose Morgan should tell them to quit fighting; suppose Roosevelt should tell them to stop! They would simply laugh and tell them to mind their own business.

If the president should attempt to stop it and settle the coal strike, differences he would soon be expected to settle every little case of trouble in the country from petty law suits to family quarrels. He can only apply the law when a place is open to apply it. It is all that can be done by any one. No one man or set of men can act without the pale of the law.

It simply reverts back to the old proposition. Government is founded on law. Attempt to change it and you would shatter the foundation. The only course to pursue is to apply the law when it is needed and the other differences will adjust themselves in the course of time.

Settling the strike is not within the province of any man or officer. It is with the men who have differences, and they have the law to aid them.

The murder of Mrs. Pulitzer by Young, was one of the most atrocious

in history. Such a crime could not come from normal conditions. It was an inheritance from the violation of the laws of nature by the ancestry of the criminal. He was the descendant of Brigham Young, of Mormon church-father. The life that Brigham Young led is likely to develop freaks in his posterity for years yet to come. Nature is unerring. When you violate her laws you must pay the penalty. The country that permits it must pay the penalty.

The fire at Island City was an unfortunate one. It was one of those cases that is hard to provide against. It is often necessary to build valuable improvements at isolated points or at points where ample water protection cannot be afforded, and thousands of dollars worth of property go up in smoke. The only way to provide against such losses is care on the part of the management and to carry as much insurance as the business will justify.

With wheat still a-jumping, his shipments of cattle coming in, and a flood of immigration from the East pouring into this country, it looks very well, thank you, for Umatilla county, and Pendleton, too.

Umatilla county officials and Pendleton town officials are all right, and they will compare favorably with any in the state or any other state.

SECRET OF THE MAINE.

When Lieutenant Morris committed suicide probably an everlasting lock was turned upon the secret of the Maine. He was the electrician on that ill-starred ship when she was sunk by an explosion in Havana harbor, and caused the Spanish war. His intimates have been sure that it was internal and not external, but its revelation involved responsibility of a brother officer, and so Morris carried the weighty secret until it could be borne no longer, and took his life as the only means of deliverance.

The failure of the commission of inquiry into the cause of the catastrophe to find a reason for it has left it an open question, and an open question it will always be so far as direct evidence is concerned. The suicide of Morris, his occasional talk about defective wiring, and the feeling of his confidential friends that he knew the cause and that it was within his ship and not outside, constitute circumstantial evidence only, but such as it is it acquits Spain of the responsibility that only circumstantial evidence fastened upon her.

The consequences of that calamity have been stupendous for had not the Maine blown up there would have been no Spanish war, nor the long train of vexatious consequences, the further projection of which no human wisdom can see. The president was opposed to war and relied to diplomatically free Cuba and accomplish all that war could do and by better means. But the explosion in Havana harbor was followed by an echo of wrath in this country which demanded that the president throw the issue to congress to be decided by the direct representatives of the people. If Morris at that moment had unlocked the secret it might have staved the hot tide of rage, and it might not. Who can tell?

The lesson should not be forgotten. Impulse is not always safe for men or nations. In the next crisis in our national life, when impulse and passion are beating the bars of restraint as they beat against the president in 1898, will the lesson of the Maine be remembered and will there be cast across the passionate temper of the people the shadow of that awful doubt and of the probability that the great ship, like the officer who knew the secret of her taking off, died a suicide?—San Francisco Call.

PRESIDENT'S TOURING.

The news that President Roosevelt has not finished his stumping tour, but is soon to go about making more speeches, evokes protests from some

of those who are becoming concerned for the dignity of the republic's chief magistrate.

Dignity is all very well, but if it happens to stand in the way of something more substantial, dignity must take a rear seat.

Mr. Roosevelt in 1902 is running for the presidency of the United States in 1904. Other citizens who have aimed at that exalted office have waited until after the convention met before public and informally opening the campaign, but that is not Mr. Roosevelt's way.

This is a free country and every man in it has a right to adopt his own method of reaching for what he wants. Therefore criticism of Mr. Roosevelt's appearance as a hot campaigner two years ahead of the usual time, while allowable, should be tolerant and amiable.

He conceives, for example that it will serve his ambition to seem to be at odds with his party on the trust issue. Hence the numerous speeches, past and to come, that are designed to spread the impression among the people that he is hostile to trusts, but which, by avoiding all mention of near-at-hand remedies for trust robbery—such as tariff revision and interference with railroad discrimination—assure the able gentlemen who engineer the trusts and pocket the profits that they have nothing to fear from him.

Mr. Roosevelt considers that it would be a great help to him in his campaign to have the republican convention of his own state endorse his candidacy, so he does what is necessary to get the endorsement. That is, he makes a bargain with Boss Platt, by which a judgeship is given to the choice of the latter instead of to the choice of an old friend, to whom it had previously been promised.

In Pennsylvania the federal patronage was turned over to Boss Quay and an endorsement for 1904 from Quay's republican state convention in 1902 followed.

Manifestly this close association with bosses does not make for popularity. Consequently Mr. Roosevelt takes the stump and fires blank cartridges at the trusts, a deadly one at a wild boar, and rides on horseback so furiously that professional cavalrymen, in trying to keep up with him, often lose their seats and tumble to the ground, amid delighted laughter and applause. Thus is attention diverted from seriously significant political acts and a reputation for sturdy independence and headlong temerity maintained.

Angry critics of the campaigning president may bring calm to their tempers if they will but keep in mind the simple fact that Mr. Roosevelt is a politician, and as such is practicing the arts of his calling in the hope of securing what he desires—popularity on one hand and the backing of the bosses and the trust magnates on the other—Hearst's American and Journal.

Capote like—Yes, stranger, that's Red Mike the Avenger. He's killed nine men.

Willie Spie—Aw, weally, beg pardon, but what make is his automobile?—Chicago Tribune.

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There have been times when the wild beasts have been more merciful to human beings, and spared the woman cast to them in the arena. It is astonishing how little sympathy women have for women. In the home the mistress sees the maid with the signs of suffering and recognizes so well, but she does not lighten the sick girl's load by a touch of her finger. In the store the forewoman sees the paler and exhaustion which marks womanly weakness, but allows nothing for them. It is work or quit.

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