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DEBS' LATEST MOVE.

The first news bulletined yesterday afternoon in front of the Astorian office was to the effect that Debs had declared the strike off, but subsequent dispatches shows that it was done with a proviso. He wants all the men who have voluntarily left their employment, to be reinstated, except, as he says, those men who have been charged with crime. It seems he declared the strike off before he had had any conference with the General Managers' Association, regarding their attitude toward the men who were out, and it was not a surprise when they refused to recognize Mr. Debs in any manner. Then the mayor of Chicago interceded, but without effect other than to again rile the blood of King Debs, which was manifested by a later order declaring the strike on again.

Laying aside all matters of right and wrong relating to the refusal of the general managers to talk with Debs, it can safely be said that the labor agitator had just as well discontinue the fight, for it is practically over. There may be a few more riots, and a few more people killed, but the backbone of this strike is as effectually broken as if Debs and his kind were out of existence altogether. The strong arm of the federal government was more powerful than even Mr. Debs realized; and any attempt on his part to make the public believe that he cast one thought on the wide-spread misery he has caused, when he issued his order yesterday, will be taken with more than a grain of allowance.

There has been a great deal of talk about the coming revolution and all that sort of thing, and some of us believed in it and some of us did not. But revolution was here. It was no longer a struggle between labor and capital, between employer and employe, but open and avowed rebellion by a secret organization against the power and authority of the United States. One of these had to surrender. Up to the time this strike was inaugurated, whenever violence and strikes filled the land with lawlessness, the participants have preserved a wholesome respect for Uncle Sam. They have respected the federal laws and avoided a conflict with the federal power. In the Debs case, however, it was not so, for in half a dozen states actual war against the government existed. No government has any other choice than to put down armed insurrection or to yield to it.

The parties at issue were not Mr. Pullman and his employes, were not Mr. Debs and the railway managers, but they were the American Railway Union and the government of the United States. One or the other of these had to win supremacy, one or the other had to submit. The government has been put to a severe test, and its strength is apparent by the sudden weakening of the insurrectionary party who were on a par with the copperheads that existed during the war.

The strike is practically at an end.

Vice President Howard, of the American Railway Union, in one of his recent speeches at Chicago, said: "If we succeed in this strike we shall be so strong that the law can't touch us." So here we have from Debs' lieutenant the real object of the strike. It was to make the American Railway Union so strong that that organization would be superior to the government and the law. Now an organization whose object it is to make itself so strong as to be above the restraints of the law, so strong that it can defy the civil authority, is a reasonable conspiracy for the over-

throw of the government. There is no doubt that in this utterance Howard betrayed the real and only purpose of the general strike involving all the railroads of the West. No other eligible purpose has ever been assigned to it. Its success or failure could have no possible bearing on the Pullman matter. But when Howard explains that its real animus is a contest for power, for such power as will place it above the law then the mystery of the preposterous thing becomes intelligible. But how many of the honest and law-abiding citizens who joined the American Railway Union supposed that they were going into an organization which proposed to set itself above the law and the government?

Debs can expect no sympathy from the Press of Chicago. He proclaimed a boycott early in the fight, and they have not handled him with soft gloves since that occurrence.

It is a fortunate thing for the great car builder that the strike has been declared off, as it is said a plot was brewing to ride Mr. Pullman on a rail.

A glance at the exchanges from the various parts of the country, show an alarming number of cuts of McKinley doing duty as Debs' pictures.

When Debs commenced bucking the United States court he began to realize that he had assumed a bigger contract than he could execute.

The Astorian's bulletin board attracted great attention yesterday afternoon. It is a feature that has come to stay.

SLASHINGS.

Paper for Bank of England notes is made from new linen, never from rags. Cramp, the Philadelphia ship-builder, is now negotiating with the Chinese Emperor, to build ships for their navy.

A dyspeptic writer on household affairs says: "Lemon pies are now made without eggs. The lemons have long since been discarded."

During the reign of Elizabeth, no less than 283 English writers appeared, nearly all of whom possessed some unusual excellence.

A British gun will fire a 100-pound projectile four miles with such rapidity that four of them will be in the air at the same time.

A Boston man who believes in elevated railways says the horse car must go. We are glad to hear it. If he can make them so it is something their drivers can't do.

San Francisco would not seem to be a good place for a workman to go to. They have a saying down there that "The Irish have all the offices, the Jews all the money, and the Chinese all the work."

Fishes balance themselves in water by the muscular contraction of the air bladder. At death the muscles relax and the air bladder expands, with the result that the fish is thrown on one side and rises to the surface.

The Miseses Picket, who belong to an old and highly respected New York family, though in reduced circumstances, have begun to earn their own livelihood as "parlor banjoists." They made their first appearance on the Vaudeville stage at a campfire recently given by Mr. and Mrs. Oliver Summer Teal. Society has taken to the idea with a rush, and the lot of the Miseses Picket will probably be financially pleasant.

In Colorado City most of the reformers are supposed to be affected with unsound lungs and these are known by the cheerful name of "lungers." Everyone seems to be "lungers." The hotel clerk has a hacking cough, so has the hotel barber, so has the bootblack, and the news and cigar vendor and the typewriting young woman. The car drivers and conductors have coughs, and hectic flushes, all of which is a trifling oppressive to one with sound lungs.

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