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## THE STRIKE SETTLED.

Early this morning the gratifying announcement was made that the strike had been settled, and that business would resume its wonted activity. The agreement was the result of a compromise. The "boys" got an increase of wages and certain other concessions, but they did not obtain recognition for the union.

We think both sides to this controversy are entitled to commendation for the moderation shown. If they had not had the welfare of the public as well as their own interests at heart, they would probably have continued the strife for some time. Both sides made concessions, and that resulted in an amicable agreement. The "boys" must be commended, too, for their orderly conduct during the controversy. They were not conspicuous in the crowds that created disturbances. They realized that law-breaking was not part of their program.

The men are particularly to be congratulated that they did not hold out for a so-called closed shop. That is an un-American demand. In this country every honest man has a Constitutional right to earn an honest living for himself and family, regardless of his affiliation with fraternities or unions. Every man has also a right to work, un molested, for whatever wages he thinks sufficient. That they did not insist on un-American and unreasonable conditions proves their good sense. They would, besides, almost certainly have lost on that point. The general public would not have been with them on that issue. A defeat would have been disastrous to themselves. Some years ago the newspapers reported a similar strike in a western state. The men demanded more pay and recognition for their union. The question of wages was admitted to be just, but the other issue was not. The men decided to hold out, and the result was that they, after a while, found themselves without work and had to go out into the country, to the farms and vineyards, and work for whatever they could get. Their wages as farm hands were from \$1.50 to \$2.00. They had struck in the city because they did not earn more than from \$3.00 to \$4.00. A clear case of biting off the nose, to spite the face.

As far as we can see, there was no occasion for continuing the strike. Mr. Bancroft has all the time declared himself willing to arbitrate the question of wages, or any other legitimate issue the boys might bring up. He has had the hand of conciliation stretched forth all the time. Only he would not recognize the right of strangers to come in here and take part of the management of the business out of his hands. The wage question, as we understand the situation, could have been settled without a strike, just as well as with one. The strike itself did not, in that view, strike, serve as a useful factor in the settlement. It rather embarrassed the situation. We hope the men will remember this another time, and try arbitration first, even if professional strike-managers, in their own well understood interests, take another view. This community has been singularly free from agitation and labor troubles, owing to the intelligence of the laboring classes and the fairness of employers. We should all work together to keep that class of troubles away from the city.

One of the most deplorable features of the strike was the indifference of the police force to the numerous assaults of the thugs that took advantage of the situation. The local apologist for crime says the officers were not prepared for a riot and were not at the scene when the assaults occurred. The fact is that photographs show not less than nine policemen among the spectators to the outrage committed on Monday morning. That they did not come to the rescue of the victim can be accounted for only on the supposition that they were under orders not to interfere with the mob. That they proved themselves the worst enemies of the street car men by not holding the riots, did not occur to them. But they did.

A word of commendation should be said for the men who stood by their employers and risked their lives in the performance of what they conceived to be their duty. They are heroes, in the true sense of that word. They took a view of the questions at issue different from that of their comrades, as they had a perfect right to do, and they refused to strike. They should be rewarded. Every man and woman who stays to be true to his or her convictions, even when faithful means means sacrifice, is a valuable member of a community.

## THE MAN OF THE HOUR.

It was the great Napoleon, we believe, who said, "Men are nothing, and it is everything." This epigrammatic statement of the world famous Corsican found a new illustration in the settlement of the street car strike last night, when the Hon. B. H. Roberts brought the strikers and the company together, in a manner that was a substantial victory for each, and entirely satisfactory to both sides.

For weeks negotiations have been under way for an adjudication of the differences that existed. The last resource of the employing and carmen's organizations had been exhausted. Prominent citizens had been conferred with frequently. The good offices of several

were solicited. The mayor of the city had his turn. All failed. The trouble grew. Order strikes were threatened, and were near at hand. It was then that Mr. Roberts, already recognized throughout the state as an arbiter of ability and fairness, was called into the controversy. The strikers had faith in him and he was wholly satisfactory to the company. It was perfectly willing to treat with him. It had gone on record, that under no circumstances would it deal with Mr. Pratt or the amalgamated union that he represented. By this declaration it stood to the last and there was no swerving from it. The question of wages it would, and did, arbitrate through Mr. Roberts, and with the result that the men will have something more than fifty thousand dollars a year added to their wages. It was a big concession by the company and will prove a great benefit to the men, many of whom own their own homes and have large families. The outcome is a happy one and unmistakably the company, the carmen and the public owe a debt of gratitude to Mr. Roberts, who acted as peace-maker, with such marked success.

## IF CITIZENS COMBINE.

The daily apologist for corruption and crime is alarmed. It fears that maladministration of the affairs of this city by its officials will serve to unite all decent citizens for self-defense at the next municipal election. It endeavors to prejudice any such movement by one of its crafty institutions that "the hierarchs" probably will "combine both wings of their political activities and order a joint ticket," etc.

To anyone not wilfully blind to truth, such thrusts at a "hierarch" that has no existence, are as amusing as the valiant exploits of Don Quixote and his famous attendant Sancho Panza. There is no "hierarch," and the Church leaders as such are not interested in politics, local or national. They are adhering, as they always have done, to the excellent "Mormon" motto: "Mind your own business." Nor is the Church as a church organization interested in politics. But Church members, whatever their ecclesiastical position may be, if they are American citizens are very much interested in the political issues that arise from time to time, as are all good American citizens, be they "Mormons," Catholics, Lutherans, Jews or what not. And they have a right to be interested in the affairs of the country and the communities in which they live. They have not only the right to interest themselves in the election of good officials, but it is their duty to do so. So much for the idiotic gibberish about "hierarchs" and their "political wings."

But the intimation that a citizens' ticket may possibly be put into the field in the fall, has but too much in its favor. The present administration has proved its utter unworthiness of public confidence. Under its crime of various hues and colors have flourished as never before in the history of the City, openly and defiantly most of the time and more or less secretly all the time. Public money has been squandered, with nothing but a deficit to show for it. And these days mobs have been permitted to assault murderously, unoffending citizens, in full view of police officers, while men that should be responsible to the public for the maintenance of order, have made exhibitions of themselves as partisans of criminals in disgraceful riots. If the City cannot be redeemed from the tentacles that have been wound around it, by any other means than a combination of respectable business men and other responsible citizens, regardless of creed or party affiliations on national issues, no one can be surprised if that means is resorted to. It had to be done once before, when the City was in the hands of sons of Belial who openly and shamelessly advocated the establishment of dens of iniquity as the most efficient means of draining the youth away from the pure faith of their fathers. It would not be strange if history were to be repeated.

This city will not attain its full development until scarlet vice and crime are suppressed as much as possible and its public affairs are administered by competent, responsible men, who accept office as a public trust and not as the legitimate "spoils" of a campaign of slander and vilification. Officials who are no better than pirates have no legitimate place in an American community. If the citizens should combine, they would do so, not at the behest of any hierarchy, but for protection and good government.

## SAN FRANCISCO, TOO, IN TROUBLE

Some time ago, it will be remembered, the street car men of San Francisco decided to strike, and a conflict was precipitated, which was only ended by the bringing into the city a large force of strike breakers. A committee of arbitration was then appointed, to consider the questions in dispute. This committee is now said to be ready to report, but rumor has it that the men will refuse to accept the decision, and another strike, it appears, is scheduled for the first day of May. If it takes place, San Francisco is likely to be plunged into another conflict and all the dangers of violence, destruction of property, assaults and murder are imminent.

The vital question in San Francisco, as here, seems to be the recognition of the right of union men to a monopoly of the fruits of the field of labor. As far as that question is involved, a strike in any American community becomes of interest to every other community in the country. The demand for a monopoly is contrary to the fundamental principles of American government. It is a denial of a right that belongs to every citizen of this Republic—the right to the enjoyment of life and the pursuit of happiness, under the law. To accede to such demands would be to court a danger that unquestionably would threaten the stability of our industrial progress and prosperity.

We have emphasized the interest of the public in all questions relating to the operation of public utilities, and this interest must be protected. At present the public is neither consulted nor considered in the discussion between contending parties. Probably, some time it will be found necessary

to provide protection by law against the inconvenience and financial loss every successful agitator has it in his power to inflict upon the business world and the general public.

## CITY IMPROVEMENT GRAFT.

If official investigation shall prove that certain contractors and foremen in this city have been giving preference to Greek, Italian and Japanese labor over white, simply because they have found it easier to exact fees from such employees, then there should be some effective, not too drastic remedy. According to the protest of labor this evil has been carried on for a long time past to the enrichment of men who should at least stand for a square deal in matters of this kind. The collection of a dollar a head from every man who is given a job, is not such a tremendously large drain from the laborer if it were confined to that amount only, at the time of employment; but add to that a dollar a week, as it is claimed has also been done, and it is seen that the opportunity for graft becomes enormous, and that the moral effect is bad. Local laborers, naturally, will not submit to this sort of treatment. But transient Greeks, Italians and Japanese will, if they have no families to support, no taxes to pay, and no expenses beyond that of maintaining them in the primitive existence they lead. The consequence is that Salt Lake workmen are forced from the field to find employment in the mining camps and elsewhere in this and surrounding states. It requires no argument to establish the injustice of such a practice. The man whose home is here, who is a bona fide resident in all respects, and a taxpayer, no matter how unpretentious and humble his abode may be, should have the preference, and it is the duty of the city council and board of public works in awarding contracts, to see that this policy is pursued, in all cases so far as they have the power to enforce it.

Veni, vidi, vici.—B. H. Roberts.

Tomorrow is moving day. Get a move on you.

Walk while you walk and play while you play.

The manager of the Taft interests in Ohio says that Barkis is willing.

The walking delegates were the only people riding the last few days.

Colonel Harvey bids fair to achieve as great a fame as did "Coin" Harvey.

During the strike the police were as idle as a painted ship upon a painted ocean.

The return of the bicycle is predicted. The prediction doesn't include the stolen ones.

A new police graft has been uncovered in San Francisco. Scratch San Francisco anywhere and you find a graft.

And now there is said to be a balloon trust. Only the most trustful will consent to go up in a balloon.

The czar is said to be an accomplished musician. Then he comes very near fiddling while Holy Russia burns.

Commodore Peary admits being sixty thousand dollars short of reaching the pole. It is a terrible thing to be short of money.

William Dean Howells' new novel is entitled "Through the Eye of a Needle." It sounds as though it might be the annals of a sewing club.

Madame Sarah Bernhardt says that she has found the secret of eternal youth. Ah! no. She has but discovered the art of dressing old ewe lamb style.

If a man in ordinary times should cut a trolley pole rope he would be arrested. Why should not a man who cuts a trolley pole rope when a strike is on be arrested?

The men who during the late strike, were inclining to riot and rowdiness and setting upon and beating citizens, are certainly "undesirable" citizens, to use no harsher term.

An Arizona man is, by an eastern paper, said to have shot a partner for trumping his ace. That is, we presume, another instance of either "brainstorm" or "unwritten law." But was it not an easterner instead of an Arizona man?

It is said that all the trouble was caused by strike sympathizers. That is not so. It was caused by sympathizers with riot and lawlessness, by those who made the streetcar strike a pretext for indulging their depravity and viciousness.

Upon the authority of its Washington correspondent the Boston Herald prints a despatch stating that "frontic appeals from better class of Wall Street financiers are pouring in upon the President to stay his attorney general from proceeding against the Union Pacific and Southern Pacific railroads."

The San Francisco Chronicle says that "if the police of San Francisco would cultivate the habit of attempting to enforce ordinances instead of winking at the commission of abuses, the city would soon have a better opinion of the force. At present it appears to be the policy of the police to curry the favor of offenders rather than to conserve the interests of the public." Salt Lake City is not the only community that has cause for complaint against its police department. Cold comfort!

The local daily exponent of anarchy tells its readers that the police have been doing effective service these days, by promptly arresting the disturbers of the peace. If that is true, why did the company have to abandon every effort at running its cars until protection from the Port was secured for the mail cars? And why have not the perpetrators of murderous assaults been brought to justice? Every effort to whitewash the police department is a failure, because the facts speak for themselves. Many of the men are willing enough to do their duty. The responsibility rests with their superiors.

## JAMESTOWN.

New York Evening Mail.  
The Jamestown exposition ought to give us at least a momentary rest from the railroad question and, even from presidential politics. Its interest is historical, patriotic, economic and picturesque.

Cleveland Plain Dealer.  
It is the sentiment attaching to the locality itself that will make the strongest appeal to the visitor. Former expositions have been for the most part somewhat staid and displays of our business and richness of our great endings. To the thoughtful American the Jamestown fair will suggest our small beginnings. Perhaps it is worth while to hold an exposition merely for that purpose.

Boston Transcript.  
Managers of the Jamestown exposition do not need to go far back into the history of world's fairs to find a precedent for opening an exhibition of the kind while it is yet in an unfinished state. The difficulty would be, one imagines, to find a true and faithful account of a great exhibition named for the world opening on the announced date with everything right and light and the exhibitors in complete agreement on buildings and their contents. But other fairs have worked their way to completion while visitors stumbled over litter in the paths and faced barred doors not ready for the opening, and this one in the south will probably do just as well as others have done with the handicaps. And as the best-intentioned visitor would be unable to see all that such an exposition offers, no matter how long his stop, there will be in even the incomplete stage more than the chaff and jest, and there is no reason, really, for letting the "unfinished" story prevent one's making his call at Jamestown at the time and day set.

## NEW ANIMAL WANTED.

Philadelphia Record.  
"What we need most in my business," said a butcher, "is some sort of new animal. One of my best customers came in this morning, a man that's well able to pay for anything he wants, and said he'd tried of eating beef, lamb, mutton, and pork, and want to know why we don't get something new and different. I've got other customers that feel just the same way; they are tired of the old things and want something new. Can't somebody give us a new animal for butcher's meat? The man who discovers something new along the meat line will be a benefactor to others and won't lose anything by it himself."

## JUST FOR FUN.

No Reason to be Disturbed.  
Chicago is not disturbed by speculations as to whether the American cereal crop will be larger than it was last year. It is not necessary to have real out-of-door wheat to gamble with, and as long as the glucose factories and the breweries hold out there will always be beer and pie.—Louisville Courier-Journal.

Too Gentle.  
They were talking about fads. "Suppose I should bring you a Roosevelt bear?" ventured the young man. "Oh, I wouldn't care for a Roosevelt bear," replied the pretty girl. "And why not, my dear?" "Because Roosevelt bears can't hug." And then the young man took the hint.—Ex.

Purposes of Hague Conference.  
The coming Hague congress is confidently looked to mitigate war and W. T. Stead.—Milwaukee Sentinel.

## Speaking of Thaws.

"Thaw—" began Mrs. Stubb the other morning. "The—" she snapped Mr. Stubb, irritably. "Now, look here, Maria, if you begin to talk about the Thaw trial I will leave the house. I am sick of hearing about it and—"

"Didn't I tell you to stop? This Thaw argument is a nuisance and—"

But Mrs. Stubb was rapping on the kitchen table with the rolling pin. "Ignoramus!" she hissed. "Will you give your weak woman a chance to get in a word? I am not talking about the Thaw trial. I was merely telling you to go out and thaw the pipes. Of all the—"

But Mr. Stubb had fled with the kettle of hot water.—Ex.

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