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MONDAY, OCTOBER 13.

WHAT THE FIGHT IS ABOUT.

"If you mean that we are to recognize the existence of a labor union, I tell you right now that the operators will consider no such proposition." That remark was made by President Thayer yesterday, in reply to Senator Primrose, who, at a conference with representative coal operators, urged the granting of concessions in order to end the strike, comments the Hamilton Herald.

This, then, is the issue—the question whether the men who dig coal have a right to organize for their own protection and mutual benefit. It will be noticed that Mr. Baer did not specifically object to the united mine workers for the reason given by the operators at the conference with President Roosevelt—because it is an "anarchistic" organization. He declared that the operators would not recognize the existence of a "labor union," meaning any labor union.

Mr. Baer represents one of the most completely organized combinations of capitalists that exists in all the world. That combination was brought into existence and is maintained solely for the personal profit of the capitalists who compose it by controlling the price of the product which they sell. And now the spokesman for this combination denies to the workers whom it employs, and without whose labor it cannot carry on business, the right to do what the coal companies are doing—to organize for their own protection.

It seems amazing that any intelligent man could publicly commit himself to such a cynical and insanely arrogant position in a country where the principle of equal rights for all classes of citizens is supposed to prevail. It indicates the dangerous degree in which the unchallenged possessions of monopolistic power can beset the ablest minds and make them blind to fundamental truths. Baer's declaration of yesterday is on a par with his other remarkable claim made a few weeks ago that the Almighty has in His wisdom given the coal companies control of the anthracite deposits in Pennsylvania.

But there is method in Baer's madness. If he and his colleagues can withstand public opinion, starve the miners into submission, win the fight and crush the miners' union, they will have the workers at their mercy for years to come. They will be able to increase their profits by piling down wages to the point of bare subsistence. The miners are keenly alive to this fact; and who can blame them for holding out to the last extremity to save their organization?

CITIES MUST BE CAREFUL.

Says the Toronto Star:
Several Canadian cities are investing money in coal and wood, which will be sold at cost to citizens during the coming winter, and we desire to call the attention to Toronto aldermen and the editors of newspapers in other places to the probability that these municipal ventures will, later on, be described as experiments in municipal ownership by the opponents of this advanced idea. Those who are friendly to the principle of municipal or public ownership should, therefore, see to it that the municipalities that are venturing upon a difficult line of duty at a critical time are not involved in preventable blunders. Aldermen in Toronto and in other cities who advocate municipal ownership should keep a steady hand on the municipal trading of this winter in coal and wood.

The conditions at the present time are such that no fair test can be made of the public ownership principle in connection with the fuel bought and sold by the city. It is a blind venture the public is compelled to make—much more hazardous than if normal conditions existed. Toronto is forced to lay in a supply of fuel so that, if the worst happens, she can sell it without desire of gain.

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The municipalities must guard against unbusinesslike investments. There are several wild-goose schemes being advanced in connection with cordwood, which Toronto should keep clear of. We do not believe, for instance, that the city should spend a dollar on wood now in the tree, unless it is impossible to get out wood. Green hardwood will not be used by city people if any other fuel is procurable, and the result will be that such wood will remain on the city's hands until it is dry, and by that time prices will have gone down. As an immediate fuel it were better to buy dry hemlock than green hardwood.

But the main thing is to resist the tendency to make the city's fuel charity fuel. If the coal and wood are supplied at cost—and by that we mean the full cost—nothing more should be asked or attempted. With the prices high, people having no personal pride will seize the excuse to get fuel for nothing from the city, but they should not be allowed to do so. There should be no free fuel except for those in indigent circumstances, and those who apply should do so through the Relief Officer. There can be no gilded indigents getting fuel on the q. t. to keep their parlors warm.

In short, the city must make the best showing possible in its venture, and come out next spring with an even balance sheet.

STAND AND DELIVER.

Carleton Place Canadian.
Dr. Channonhouse has Mr. Ross under his muzzle and says to him, with flashing eye: Give me Renfrew, or you die.

BREAKING UP FAST.

Montreal Gazette.
The result of the recent provincial bye-elections has set certain of the Liberals to the task of blaming each other for what is a party check. They are doing it in public, too. The forces of disintegration are working fast.

OVERLOOKED BY PROVIDENCE.

Syracuse Herald.
If it is true, as Mr. Baer says, that he and his associates were given control of the coal mines by divine providence, it is too bad that enough brains weren't thrown in with the gift to enable its recipients to get along without making such a frightful botch of it.

BORN NORTH OF THE ARCTIC CIRCLE.

Detroit Tribune.
John R. McVicar, who celebrated his golden wedding anniversary in Boston a few weeks ago, was the first white child born north of the Arctic circle. He was born at Fort Revolution, Great Slave Lake, January, 1828, and was christened by Sir John Frame.

HIS TREASURE NOT ON EARTH.

Stratford Herald.
There is something pathetic in this item among the list of Oxford wills probated in September: "Francis E. Nugent, Methodist minister, Plattsburgh, probate \$600." His treasure must be laid up in heaven, for he amassed none on earth. Nor is his case exceptional, but frequent among many churches. Such evidence ought



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Hamilton Times.
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Hamilton Spectator.
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IT DODGES.

Boston Herald.
When we consider that scientists know exactly where the north pole is located, it seems as if somebody ought to be able to find it.

GOOD FIGHTING STOCK.

Halifax Echo.
The battlefield of Paardeberg has been sold as part of a stock breeding farm. It was there, by the way, that the world was shown the kind of stock we breed in Canada.

CAUSE AND EFFECT.

St. John, N. B., Telegraph.
"He kissed his sister and then shot himself," says a contemporary in describing a Truro suicide. This of course is better than if he had done the shooting first, but the sister has cause to complain. For the headline makes it look like a case of cause and effect.

MORE SUPPORT FOR TARTE.

Ottawa Citizen.
Another supporter of Mr. Tarte has taken the field in the person of Robert Holmes, M. P., for West Huron, who says in his paper, the Clinton Era, apropos of Mr. Tarte's position: "The New Era has certainly never been a protectionist paper, as generally understood, but we confess that we do not like the treatment this country has received from our neighbors to the south. It has not been either friendly or fair, and if we can so arrange our tariff as to aid our own industries, without increasing the burdens of the consumer, we do not know but that it would be advantageous."

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Peterboro Examiner.
It seems a paradox of fate when Zola, the French novelist and defender of Dreyfus, after dealing out volumes of hard realism to his readers succumbs to gas.

TALKS IN HIS SLEEP.

Syracuse Post-Standard.
The wife of Carter H. Harrison, mayor of Chicago, has written a book of fairy tales. Perhaps she has simply jotted down some of the yarns that Carter H. tells about politics.

SURE OF RE-ELECTION.

Toronto Exchange.
A Toronto alderman offers to allow the city to take 6,000 cords of wood off a place owned by him forty miles from the city, for the use of the poor. It is estimated it could be laid down at less than \$4 a cord. That is practical philanthropy.

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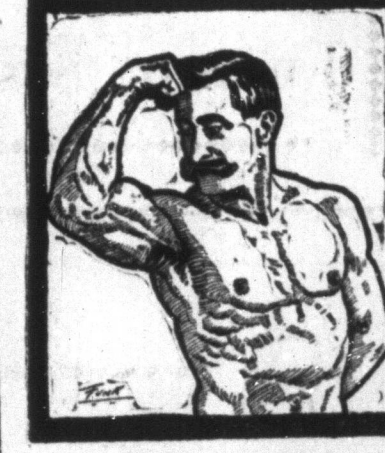
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