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TORONTO JUNE 24th, 1901
THE COLORADO REBELLION OF THE
1900.

After a strike in Colorado...
 developed the strenuous efforts to a degree
 that should be gratifying even to
 the most ardent of the Tombstone
 Youth.

In 1900-1901 the miners and allied
 workers of Colorado secured the passage
 of an eight-hour workday law. This
 law was ignored by the mine owners.
 When the miners endeavored to obtain
 their legal due the Supreme Court ruled
 the law to be unconstitutional. The
 labor organizations appealed to the
 legislature to amend the constitution
 so as to make it possible for the state
 to enforce the eight-hour workday to
 apply except in all cases of emergency
 where life or property might be in
 imminent danger. The legislature
 complied; submitted the amendment and
 it was adopted by the people by a vote of
 72,050 to 26,306.

Following the vote, it was only
 necessary for the legislature to enact an
 appropriate law. This, however, juggled
 with it for three months and adjourned.
 This is accounted for by the fact that
 an agent of the mining companies was
 on the floor during the entire session,
 and it is said without contribution
 bribes were distributed almost openly.
 The miners, finding that the will of
 the mine owners (the landlords) was
 to be the law, decided their only hope
 lay in striking.

After the strike in Teller county had
 been in progress about a month, the
 mine owners applied to the governor
 of the state for troops. The governor
 sent a commission to report. This
 commission was not by the mine owners'
 representatives; taken to their Association
 headquarters and the sheriff was sent for
 to explain the situation. He stated there
 was no trouble and he had matters as
 in hand there would be none. Notwith-
 standing this, on the return of the com-
 mission, the governor ordered out the
 troops. The action of the governor's
 commission was denounced by the
 unanimous vote of the county commis-
 sioners of Teller county.

Although military rule was not im-
 mediately declared, the troops acted as
 if it had been. They arrested unionists
 without warrants and refused to release
 prisoners, even when the civil courts
 decided they were unlawfully impris-
 oned and ordered their discharge.

Matters continued to grow more
 strained until the independence declara-
 tion at 2:30 o'clock on the morning of
 the 1st. Non-union men were on the
 station platform on their way home.
 As the train approached the mine was
 sprung under their feet, killing and mor-
 tally wounding fifteen. An excavation
 had been made beneath the station in
 which a heavy charge of dynamite had
 been placed, together with a pistol for
 discharging. The pistol had a wire at-
 tached running some 300 yards to a
 stockade. The Western Federation of
 Miners, in session at Denver, on receipt
 of word, immediately offered \$5,000 re-
 ward for the capture of the assassin.
 Blood-hounds were put on the trail but
 persisted in going to some buildings the
 property of the mine owners. Up to
 this time the union men had been under
 constant surveillance of the military au-
 thorities, making it much easier for
 someone acting in conjunction with the
 mine owners to locate and place the
 mine beneath the station platform than
 would be possible for a union man. If
 this be the case, it is but one more
 warning to strike-breakers that treacher-
 ous treatment is the reward of those
 who serve corporate interests against
 the rights of their fellow-workers.

This piece of villainy was the signal
 for the reign of terror. When the news
 reached Victor a mass meeting was
 called by C. G. Hamlin, secretary of the
 Mine Owners' Association. Hamlin ad-
 dressed the crowd from a wagon, stating
 that the perpetrators of the independ-
 ence outrage should be hanged from a
 telephone pole and he would be glad
 to pull the rope. He concluded his
 speech with a request to hear what the
 boys in the mines had to say. A union
 signer by the name of Hawkins held up
 his hand and asked permission to talk.
 Shooting began and Hawkins fell, shot
 in the body.

The union men gathered in the union
 hall a short distance away. Word was
 sent to the military that the unionists
 were arming and the hall was stormed,
 a volley first being poured into the
 building, followed by a bayonet charge

in the stairs. Shots were fired at the
 soldiers run towards the union hall, they
 claim from the windows of the hall. The
 miners kept firing. The fight lasted
 about fifteen minutes, twenty miners be-
 ing wounded, but none of the military
 lost. The miners overran all orders
 from the military, searched into the
 streets and in fact with their hands
 raised.

Immediately following this fight the
 mine owners and the Citizens' Alliance
 the business interests, organized a
 Vigilance Committee and took steps to
 suppress the official authorities. Accord-
 ing to the Chicago Tribune of the 24th, every
 official from deputy marshal to judge,
 supported of having union sympathies,
 is wanted to hand in their resignation.
 The method of procedure is to notify
 each official to step at the headquar-
 ters of the Citizens' Alliance in the
 military hall. On arrival the official is
 ushered into a room where the chief piece
 of furniture is a long table bearing
 strips of rope with names knotted in
 suggestive fashion. The names are
 the names of the agency of the request for
 resignation, and as far as we are in-
 formed the rightfulness of the method,
 the "rightest protest bringing down
 threats of immediate lynching."

One to be understood men are in the
 Fullen's' Association, secretary of the
 Mine Owners' Association, says they will
 sign over the hills to the border and
 would never to come back. Later re-
 ports are in the effect that 75 of these
 men, charged with no legal offenses, are
 violently escorted by a detachment of
 Colorado military to the Kansas line;
 ordered from the train and warned not
 to return. They were left in the open
 prairie without food or shelter and met
 by a Kansas sheriff who ordered them
 back. They were finally taken care of
 by the Salvation Army of Holy, Colo.,
 near the Colorado-Kansas line. Further
 deportations has since been made.

The press despatches of the 13th
 bring to light another development which
 may have an indirect bearing on the
 Colorado situation. It is announced
 that John D. Rockefeller has organized
 a new corporation which will practically
 control all the valuable mines in Amer-
 ica with the possible exception of the
 Calumet and Hecla in Michigan. This
 gigantic trust is capitalized at \$2,500,
 000,000 (twenty-five hundred million).

Sunday-school John attributes the suc-
 cess of his business ventures to direct
 answers to prayer. His Bible class
 must have been praying overtime. It would
 seem, though, if he has anything to do
 with Colorado, some of the prayers must
 have got side tracked and been answered
 from the Birmingham City.

Every day I hear men talking about
 co-operative industries, and how men are
 co-operating here and there in this coun-
 try. We hear about a co-operative bak-
 ery that is doing well in Guelph, also
 about another either started or going to
 start in Woodstock. I wonder how long
 Toronto toilers will be before they see
 the need and realize the benefit of co-
 operative industries.

The toilers of Canada are a long way
 behind the toilers of Great Britain,
 France, Germany, Switzerland, Denmark
 and other countries in the co-operative
 industrial affairs.

The toilers of Canada should study
 the difference between the principles of
 co-operation and competition, and they
 could see how much precious labor is
 being wasted by useless competition. If
 the toilers want industrial freedom they
 must read and study, so that they can
 become educated in what they need.

The Toiler Temple.
 "Every toiler in Toronto would be
 pleased to read in The Toiler last week
 that the Athenaeum Club has been pur-
 chased by the toilers, and now the com-
 mittee are ready to go on with the alter-
 ations necessary to turn it into a Labor
 Temple. In order to do this, they want
 to get all the shares paid up now, and
 of course we know that all the toilers
 will do their best in this matter, so that
 the Temple will be ready for Labor Day.

A Labor Temple.
 Men who are tired of church formalities
 can preach the gospel of "Love one an-
 other" in industry in the Labor Temple.

A Labor Paper.
 Men who dislike the gospel of wealth
 in our daily papers can preach the gospel
 of labor in The Toiler.

A Labor Party.
 Men who dislike the gospel of competi-
 tion in the old political parties can
 preach the gospel of co-operation through
 a labor party.

Labor Can Co-operate.
 The toilers that dislike the gospel of
 selfishness in our privately-owned indus-
 trial institutions can co-operate with
 their own capital and labor and estab-
 lish co-operative industries on the prin-
 ciple of "Love one another."

Socialism.
 The toilers that stand for socialism
 must remember that the toilers that learn
 by co-operating how to run a store, a
 workshop, a factory or a farm will have
 a better idea how the country should be
 governed in the future. A little at a
 time, and that done well, will be a very
 safe motto for the toilers of Canada to
 follow.

The Old Days.
 If in the old days a toiler had sold his
 bit of tools and then wanted to use the
 other fellow's, we would have laughed
 at him, and said that it was not fair to
 expect another man to provide him with
 tools. Now, the toiler to-day has allowed
 the other man to get control of the
 tools he uses, and that is the reason he
 has to pay for them.

Let Us Unite.
 If we would only unite and get
 best in securing subscribers for the
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