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HOLY COAL OWNERS FIGHT FOR LIBERTY

Charleston, W. Va.—The secret of why the benevolent coal barons of the Logan, Mingo and McDowell coal fields fight unionism has been discovered, says Editor Snyder of the West Virginia Federationist. "They are not opposed to unionism, as such—that is, 'the right kind of unionism.' They are willing to take unionism to their manly bosoms, but for one thing—it interferes with the miner's individual right to contract."

"While the coal masters are not adverse to making a few pignies out of the miners, occasionally, above all, far above all—they seek to preserve inviolate the great fundamental liberties guaranteed by the constitution."

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"Of course, the miner gets no 'say' in any of these holy proceedings, but it isn't necessary. Let him be content with having his 'rights' protected. Let him be thankful that there are such generous, whole-souled patriots to look after his interests. It saves the miner the trouble."

LEAVING INJUNCTION JAIL. UNIONISTS ARE DEFIANT. Hoboken, N. J.—Eight machinists who served a year's imprisonment for violating an injunction, have been released and are more strongly opposed to the injunction writ than when they entered jail.

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son, William Murray, Patrick E. Musto, Abraham Ebert, Vincent Grammona, George Miller, Albert Therry, and Stephen Bethman. When a strike was called by the Machinists' union against the Bijou Motor Appliance company, the workers were enjoined from picketing by Vice Chancellor Brennan. The strikers refused to desist, telling their story to employees and were jailed by the chancellor, who now finds that his anti-American order creates no terror among workers.

Before leaving jail the unionists signed a letter of appreciation to district No. 15, International Association of Machinists, for making common cause in the fight and for aiding their families while they were in jail.

ONTARIO GOVERNMENT TO CARRY ITS ONE-THIRD PROPOSITION. The Drury Government gave a deputation from the city of Toronto definite assurance that it would bear one-third of the excess cost of carrying on municipal public works during the winter months as measures of unemployment relief. The deputation stated that there was about \$15,000,000 worth of work that could be done.

BIG BUSINESS FAILS IN WAGE-SLASH POT. Washington—Big business came to the unemployment conference called by President Harding all primed to put over drastic recommendations for: 1—Wage reductions everywhere. 2—Repeal of the Adamson Act. 3—Unqualified gift of \$500,000,000 to the railroads.

They have been fought to a standstill on these issues up to the present. What will happen when the conference reconvenes to work out permanent relief and remedial measures remains to be seen. In the emergency program announced after the first series of meetings big business got none of the big pickings for which it came to Washington.

The men and women who did not represent organized greed were in the majority and they persistently refused to view the problem as one solely of smoothing the pathway of dividends. They were convinced of

the economic fallacy of drastic wage reductions. Consequently they recommended that in each community relief work be carried on by employers and employees co-operating. They put responsibility squarely up to mayors and communities, and they demanded that there be price reductions from start to finish—from manufacturer to retailer.

Commenting upon the emergency program, President Gompers said: "Undoubtedly the American Labor movement will give its whole-hearted support to the program for unemployment relief."

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STANDING BY UNION. Chicago—More than 8,000 organized meat cutters and butcher workers attended a mass meeting in this city to protest against the anti-union stand of the meat barons who have organized company "unions," which they call the "American plan."

The workers are alert to the purpose of the packers, who say employees have the right to join unions—and then nullify this right by refusing to treat with the unions and pit a manufactured institution against the bona-fide labor organizations.

The butcher workmen declare the company "union" is a farce. This travesty upon justice has been designated as "industrial democracy" by philanthropists.

PRICES GOING UP? New York—While the country is discussing methods to end the "buyers' strike," Wall street is discussing higher prices. Crude oil has jumped 25 cents a barrel, and the steel trust is praised for not getting panicky and slashing prices during the past several months. It is whispered that small steel manufacturers will be glad if the steel trust jacks up the market, and that one automobile company, manufacturing a medium priced car, will make a profit of \$35,000,000 this year.

Profits in other lines will be increased, it is predicted, because wages have been "deflated."

PRESIDENT IS URGED TO PROTECT MINERS. Indianapolis—Under instructions of the United Mine Workers' convention, President Lewis appointed a committee to call on President Harding in the interest of the safety of miners confined in West Virginia jails. These miners have been arrested by the wholesale by the coal owners' gunmen and public officials under control of the coal owners. Information from West Virginia received by delegates to the miners' convention indicate that vigilance is necessary to block another "frame up" against workers.

In appointing the committee to wait on the chief executive, President Lewis said: "There is ample reason to believe the lives of President Keeney and Secretary Mooney, of the West Virginia district, and others, are in jeopardy."

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