

OUR BOARDING HOUSE

Reflections on Current Events by the Boarders.

"It might be well for workmen to remember," said Phil, "that as far as the mayoralty election is concerned, there is no necessity for them to get excited about it. Neither of the candidates are friendly to labor reform and neither of them, if elected, will introduce reforms such as we have demanded for years. As a matter of fact both have shown their antagonism to organized labor in the past on more than one occasion, and both should be left severely alone. They are no friends of ours—let them fight their own battles."

"I don't at all approve of that," said Brown. "I am willing to admit that neither of them is friendly to labor reform; at the same time, there is a difference between the men themselves, and those who support them. Grenier has always been a bitter opponent to us and our demands; he represents dollars and cents—the plutocracy of Montreal—he is the nominee of capital, and if elected will look after the interests of capital alone the same as he has done in the past. He has been placed in nomination by a class who despise labor and its aspirations, and who were well aware of the antagonism existing between him and us. His nomination is not only a challenge but an insult to labor, and his defeat would teach the class he represents that labor in the future will have to be reckoned with in Montreal elections. McShane poses as the representative of the working class and, rightly or wrongly, is regarded as such by his opponents. His defeat would prove a setback to the cause of those whom he is supposed to represent. He may not be very friendly to organized labor, but he has at least never opposed our demands with the bitterness of his opponent—he has not done so much for us in a legislative way as he might have done—but he does not actually hate us like the man he is running against. He is the smaller of the evils we can choose and should be supported."

"Between Grenier and McShane," said Gaskill, "I would choose 'Jimmy' every time; not that I believe that he would be a better Mayor than Grenier, but that his election would teach the upper crust of this city that when Labor endeavors to present a suitable candidate for any office it would be better to endorse the choice than to go further and fare worse. Had the Grenier clique supported Dr. Guerin he would have been elected by a large majority, but now they and their nominee are going to get a well deserved thrashing. Men who have no love for McShane will now vote for him for very spite."

"For St. Gabriel's Hadley is opposing Thompson," said Phil, "as though any man of common sense was willing to part with Thompson. Why, he is the only man in that Council who can always be depended upon to support or introduce measures calculated to benefit labor, and if a good deal of Corporation work is to-day done by day's work instead of contract labor, you may thank this self-same Edwin Thompson for it. He has a record second to none, and for Hadley to oppose such a man is nothing less than madness. Some people will feel sore on Monday evening, and Hadley will be one of them."

"Thompson comes out fair and square as a reformer," said Brown. "The men of St. Gabriel knew what labor reform is. They have read about it, talked about it, and thought about it, and on Monday they will vote for it. If the workmen of the city are true to themselves and as wide awake to their interests as those of St. Gabriel Ward Mr. Hadley will have an ex-Mayor to sympathize with him in his troubles and keep him company."

BILL BLADES.

TERRIBLE MINING HORROR.
Over One Hundred Men Meet an Awful Death.

PITTSBURG, Pa., January 27.—A terrible mine explosion occurred at the mammoth works of the H. C. Frick Coke Company at Mammoth at nine o'clock this morning. Between sixty and eighty miners, Americans and Englishmen, were at work at the time. Eighteen bodies were taken out up to 2 p.m. The mines are about half way between Latrobe and Mount Pleasant. The machinery which runs the fan was not damaged, and plenty of fresh air has been forced into the mine to sustain the living and to allow rescuing parties to enter in safety and bring out bodies. The mine was badly wrecked in places. There is no fire in the mine. It is said most of the killed were either English-speaking or German miners. The shaft is about 100 feet deep and has a number of galleries.

A Scotsdale special places the number of lives lost in the shaft at eighty, and says: The explosion, it is supposed, was due to the ignition of a miner's oil lamp. The after damp which followed the fire damp explosion suffocated nearly every workman. A few men, realizing the situation, fell to the ground, thereby preventing the gas from striking them. The persons not killed are in such a critical condition that their deaths are momentarily expected. Thus

far fifty bodies have been recovered; all without a sign of life.

The news spread through the entire coke region with great rapidity. Everybody was awe-stricken. Coffins have been ordered for eighty persons. The only man who escaped from the fatal mine was Mine Boss Eaton.

Master Workman Wise and other prominent labor leaders left to-night for Mammoth to render sympathy to the bereaved families. It is estimated there are sixty widows and families made destitute by this disaster. They are almost penniless, as the plant has not been running full time and work has been scarce. Every means possible will be resorted to to supply the widowed mothers and their children with the necessaries of life. Master Workman Wise has issued an appeal to the miners and owners of the region for aid for the families of the men killed in the mine.

MAMMOTH, Pa., January 27.—One hundred and ten men were killed in the explosion. Sixty bodies have been taken out so far. The mine is on fire, and it is feared the bodies will be cremated.

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