







THE LOWER COAL FIELD.

Miners' Grievances Vary Only in Detail.

Overwork, Unhealthy and Dangerous Conditions, Low Wages, Fraud and Tyranny Prevail Throughout...

Special Correspondence to The Worker. TAMAUQUA, Pa., July 4.—The story of conditions existing in one part is about the same as that heard all over the anthracite region.

Under this system the contractor makes four or five dollars a day, sometimes not over two dollars...

Solidarity and Peace. Touching each of the above named places and visiting in turn the mines surrounding them...

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Old Parties Are Twins. The political status in the towns throughout the region is about evenly divided between the two old parties...

Fate of the Children. Let it be remembered that children are forced into the mines to suffer from the same conditions.

Independent Mines Are Worst. And yet, while the Philadelphia and Reading is so omnipotent here, had as conditions are at its mines, they are much worse at those managed by individual operators.

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HELP THE CLERKS.

Grocery Employees in Battle with Butler.

They Are Fighting for Shorter Workday—Grocer King Proposes to Crush the Unions—Workers of Other Trades Should Aid the Clerks.

The organized grocery clerks of New York City are engaged in a fight with James Butler, the Grocer King, in which they deserve the support of all workmen...

A Broken Agreement. A year ago the Grocery Clerks' Union had made considerable progress in their effort to establish a shorter workday.

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FOR THE DAILY.

General Meeting in Labor Lyceum Last Monday.

Plans Discussed at Length, but Action Deferred till August Meeting—Mass Meeting to Be Held in Brooklyn.

A meeting of the Workmen's Cooperative Publishing Association was held last Monday evening at the Labor Lyceum.

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Mosquito Bites

By PETER E. BURROWS

My newspaper informs me that the government of the United States had consigned a quantity of coffins to the Philippine Islands last year...

The great statesmen among us, and there are many of us besides Hanna, who are willing to let another great nation help us in our progress...

The philanthropic capitalists among the Jews are very eager to purchase the Jews and retard the natural progress of mankind through economic classes...

Very few men of late years have attained to any great public office without a university degree.

What a melting moment; what a tender scene that must have been which took place between dear old Senator Lodge of Washington and dear old Buencabida of Manila!

It is said that where there is much smoke there must be some fire. Another thing, however, may be said of much smoke, as a fire indicator...

Between what is called the "spirit of the law" and the "letter of the law" lies all the range for that fertility of resource and resourcefulness through which the lawyer and judge graduate to success or failure.

The Emperor of Russia, who is probably the worst informed "respectable" man in his empire as to what is going on in his empire...

It was always a subject of curiosity to me to know what is the principle upon which we assume that it takes a rich man always to give a certificate of good character to a poor man...

It was long realized by professional politicians of this city that the brief season of election time did not afford leisure for disfranchising their opponents with security.

Although the law of the economic determination of our morals operates generally on circles too wide for satisfactory specific application in our private experiences...

REIGN OF TERROR.

Persecution of Puerto Rico's Organized Workers.

Public Authorities Sanction Attacks on Trade Unionists and Socialists by Capitalists' Hired Thugs—A Sad Specimen of American Institutions.

The weeks ago The Worker published a communication from Puerto Rico, telling of the systematic persecution of Socialists and trade unionists...

Hardships of the Clerks. The man who through greed or obstinacy blocks the way to an earlier closing has much to answer for.

Meanwhile the clerks, with the aid of every trade union in the metropolitan district, will fight on till their fair and reasonable demands are granted.

Certainly every Socialist in the city should use his influence to help the clerks in this fight and to enlist others for the same object.

The Servile Press. President Monahan reports that, owing to the fear of losing Butler's aid, the whole police force of the city is closed against the statement of the clerks' case.

The Worker would suggest, not only that every Socialist help the clerks to the full extent of their power, but also that every clerk make himself familiar with the principles and objects of the Socialist movement.

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VAIL IN ROCHESTER.

Speaks to a Crowded House, Discussing Meat Trust and Coal Trust from Socialist Standpoint.

(Note.—This communication was in type for our last issue, but pressure of other matter compelled us to leave it out on the ground.)

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"The secret of their power is because they have the ownership of the public powers. Down in Pennsylvania to-day, where the 147,000 men are on strike...

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GRAND FAMILY OUTING

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Do with the Meat and Coal Trusts? The subject, although not one of my first choice, is one that does not admit of being left to the hands of the Meat Trust, by experience...

"There are trusts. That does not need to be emphasized. Notwithstanding the President's and Attorney-General's bluffs, they are here to stay. The powers that be think they are under obligation to do something; they are making galley plays to make the people believe that they are going to put the Meat Trust out of business.

"Now, if you are going to kick whom are you going to kick? Kick hard, but kick yourselves for voting the capitalists in power. While you are kicking, they are raising the prices, charging more and more abominable prices, for you vote for it, you have no right to kick unless you kick yourselves.

"Every man who votes for what he is getting should hire a boy to kick him around the block. Just so long as you vote for what you do not want, you must expect exactly what you are getting. Just so long as you vote the old party tickets, which are capitalist tickets, of course, there can come no relief.

"The Socialist says we have got to live here in this world; we must eat; we must supply our needs here, food, shelter, and clothing.

"Inasmuch as we have got to live here and stay here, and we have our great social needs, it would seem to me that the people themselves should get together and produce and receive the commodities at the exact cost of production. What is the use of turning over our own lives to a few irresponsible persons...

"When the capitalist class allows you to work at the machine, they take all you produce and then give you back sufficient in wages to allow you to live. The supply of labor is so tremendous, on account of displacement by improved machinery, that the individual does not count now. Because the laboring class is servicable to the owning class they will see to it that your wages as a class will fall so low that you can barely live.

"The secret of their power is because they have the ownership of the public powers. Down in Pennsylvania to-day, where the 147,000 men are on strike, the capitalists are the owners of the mines. They can say to these men: You shall not operate these mines unless you operate them as I prescribe.

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