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Hell in Calumet, Michigan.

The capitalist class are showing their true temper at Calumet, Mich. Sixteen thousand miners of that place have been on strike for some months. Calumet is the centre of a rich copper country, where the copper barons have taken over a hundred million dollars profits on an investment of one million dollars. These enormous profits have come out of overworked and underpaid copper miners. The miners struck for better conditions. The Citizens' Alliance has fought the strikers. The citizens banded together to support the mine barons. Economic determinism has made the small business men hostile to the strikers.

When the miners worked, they traded at the local stores. Many a dollar found its way to the pockets of the little middlemen who dealt in the necessities of life. When, however, the men struck, the Western Federation of Miners poured money in to support the men while out of work. Instead of dealing with the Calumet business men, the W. F. M. bought wholesale. One trainload of necessities purchased by the Union in Chicago was composed of sixty-five cars. Buying in such quantities, the Union could buy lower than the merchants of Calumet, and the cost of supporting the strikers was considerably lowered, much to the anger of the men whose economic interests were disregarded. Therefore the business men fought the strike. Thugs were imported, strikers shot up, evicted, maltreated, and forced to suffer the usual brutalities which revolting slaves suffer at the hands of their masters and their agents.

On Christmas eve the foreign strikers held a Christmas tree and festival in a hall. The hall was packed. In the midst of the festivities the cry of "Fire" was raised by a man said to be wearing the insignia of the Citizens' Alliance. The cry came from two or three places. A panic ensued, and seventy-five persons, fifty-six of them children, were crushed to death. At once the capitalist papers reported that this was the end of the strike. It was heralded that all class feeling was sunk in the presence of death, that business men and masters and miners would get together. The Citizens' Alliance raised \$25,000 for the relatives of the victims of the panic. Chas. Moyer, on behalf of the striking miners and the W. F. M., announced that outside aid would be refused. The Union would look after the victims, and no money would be accepted from foes of the Union.

On the day after Christmas Charles Moyer was at Hancock endeavoring to get the mine owners to arbitrate. He was set upon in his room at the Scott hotel, Hancock, Michigan, by armed thugs, shot two or three times and brutally assaulted. He was then drag-

ged a mile and a half through the streets, thrown on board a train, and told that if he ever came back he would be killed. Charles H. Tanner, travelling auditor of the W. F. M., was also beaten up and deported. At the same time the owners, editors and employees of Tyomies, the Finnish Socialist daily at Hancock, Mich., were arrested and the plant of the paper seized. The staff of twenty men arrested are charged with conspiring to print false statements calculated to cause "felonious assaults on residents of the country."

Moyer was one of the three held in Boise, Idaho, in 1906, along with Pettibone and Haywood, over the Colorado strike. They would all have been railroaded to the gallows, had not the Socialists roused the nation. A continent wide protest is now on, and the Socialists of the states are raising a mighty protest over the present hellish conditions produced by the profit mongers who batten on the Michigan copper slaves.—Cotton's Weekly.

Not For Money,

They tell you a man will not do anything unless there is money in it. It was not for money that Columbus discovered America.

They tell you a man will do nothing except as he may make money from it. Yet Shakespeare did not write for money, nor Emerson, nor Whitman, nor many others.

They tell you men will do nothing except for monetary reward. Yet Livingston did not go to Africa for money, and Florence Nightingale did not do her work for money.

They tell you that unless one may pile up stores of showy wealth he will not do his best work. Yet Jesus had not where to lay His head, and Socrates was not rich, and Bruno was not a millionaire.

They tell you that men will not work for anything but money. But the agitation of the present day gives the lie to the word. The best work of this age, and of all ages, has been done for the joy of accomplishment, and not for money.

It is all right to have remuneration for one's work. Every man should have it. But to permit hogs to give a hog's reason for everything, and to keep the workers from their due because of their own hoggishness is not reasonable or right.—App'l to Reason.

Twenty thousand persons are starving in the eastern provinces of Russia, and thousands are feeding on weeds and the bark of trees.

The Lancashire cotton mills have been closed down and 160,000 men, women and children thrown out of work, and an equal number reduced to half time.

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