

ered the local authorities to preserve law and order.

Great care should be exercised that those on strike do not permit themselves to be provoked by the coal and iron police into the commission of overt acts. The operators, failing to break the strike and deprive you of your well earned victory, are now attempting to array public sentiment against you by making false claims that a reign of terror exists in the coal fields. Be steadfast and true while this struggle for living wages and American conditions of employment is going on, and we have no hesitation in saying that victory will be achieved in the not distant future. The heart of the nation beats in sympathy with you and all good citizens favor your cause.

Do not fail to have resolutions drafted in plain, temperate language, telegraph them at our expense to President Mitchell's headquarters immediately on the adjournment of the meetings.

(Signed) JOHN MITCHELL, President U. M. W. of A. D. T. NICHOLS, President District 1. THOMAS DUFFY, President District 7. JOHN FAHY, President District 9.

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Shaw's Surrender to Wall Street

Secretary of the Treasury Shaw has issued the following circular to national banks:

"A wholly unauthorized and unfounded report appears to have been sent from Washington yesterday, calculated to mislead, with reference to the action taken by the secretary of the treasury relative to the maintenance of reserves against government deposits secured by government bonds. That there may be no misunderstanding, either as to the law or the action taken by the department, you are advised:

"The national banking act, as you are well aware, lays down the rule that all associations shall maintain certain reserve against all deposits, failing to do which the comptroller of the currency may notify any association to make good such reserve; failing to do which within thirty days the comptroller may, with the con-

ance to banks and great corporation interests, and disapprove when any one suggests that the government should assist other classes in need?

We all agree that it is right for the secretary of the treasury to strain a point and send \$20,000,000 to Wall street for the relief of business men, when they feel the need of money.

Why should not public sentiment request the government to take some kind of action when large masses of population feel the need of work?

The banker, or Wall street manipulator, in need of millions of loose money to carry on his plans, deserves some sympathy, of course.

But he surely deserves less sympathy than the man who wants work to enable him to feed himself and his family.

In this country all men are supposed to be equally important in the eyes of government.

Why does the government respond so warmly when the bankers need \$20,000,000, and respond not at all when hundreds of thousands of men need employment, in the cold winter, or during times of panic?

Since it is possible for the government to pay out interest on bonds in advance, would it not be possible to arrange to give work to those who need it?

Could not some scheme be devised even for lending government money to the small individual now at the mercy of usurers?

Could not public roads, canals and other enterprises give work to the man actually seeking employment for his hands?

Is there not some way of securing a national administration which will feel the needs of a great number of poor men as keenly as the present administration feels the needs of a small number of rich men?—Chicago American.

Only Hope is Democracy.

Only through democratic congressmen can the anthracite coal question be permanently settled.

On the United States representatives, to be elected this fall, depends the real work of the democratic party.

The coal trust, the beef trust and every trust which abuses the power of organization with the aid of tariff or through railroad monopoly can be attacked successfully only through the congress of the United States.

It is with congress that the trusts must reckon. It is the election of congressmen that most interests the trusts at this moment.

It is in hope of electing republican congressmen to perpetuate the present

currence of the secretary of the treasury, appoint a receiver,' etc.

"The law therefore lays down the rule that the reserve shall be maintained, but lodges discretion with the comptroller and with the secretary of the treasury as to the enforcement of the rule. You are notified that the rule will not be enforced so far as it relates to government deposits secured by government bonds.

"It must be borne in mind in this connection that it is not the intention of the department to encourage increased credit. On the contrary, very great conservatism should be exercised.

"But it is the desire of the department that no worthy business interest shall suffer simply because a bank has invested its money in government bonds to secure a government deposit, and to that extent has relieved the treasury from a growing surplus, and has thus restricted its capacity to extended accommodation.

(Signed) "LESLIE M. SHAW, "Secretary."

trust paradise that the president has been stumping the country. It is to the defeat of democratic congressmen that the trusts will most willingly devote their resources in this coming campaign.

The election of democratic congressmen this year can alone give reality to the ideas which the democratic platform expresses—and the election of democratic congressmen can alone disturb the tariff-fortified serenity of the trusts.

Congress alone can make effective the demands of the democrats.

It is the duty of those who feel that the people should govern the country to vote for democratic members of congress and bring the coal trust, the beef trust and the other pirate trusts within reach of the people.—Chicago American.

John Mitchell, Plan.

Mitchell has given proof that he possesses the gift of invincible patience and good temper, and he has the entire confidence of the miners. It is to be hoped that the men will support him loyally and not make it hard for him to do his duty as a good citizen. The public may require of them some sacrifice of pride, some yielding of their just rights to the general good. The public has stood by them and given them aid and comfort when they needed support, and it will be the readier to support them again in their struggle for a fair show if they now prove that they have regard for the rights and the welfare of others.—Philadelphia North American.

Objection not Valid.

There is a movement on foot to change the music of our national hymn, "America," on the ground that it is the same that is employed by the English and Germans in their national anthems. Since we have recently adopted the imperial policies of two empires, we should not object to join them in singing the same tune.—Memphis News.

Lancaster (O.) Democrat: The trusts are permitted unlimited sway by the republican party to tax the consumer in order to obtain the cash that will rob and corrupt the producer.

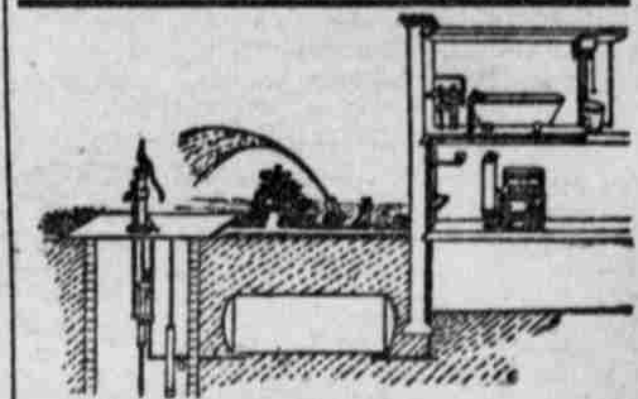
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