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STRIKING MECHANICS REPLY

They Take Issue with President Burt on Piece Work System

SAID IT IS A DELUSION AND A SNARE

Argue that Company Does Not Intend to Pay Employees One Cent More Than It is Obligated to Pay.

The following appeal to public opinion has been addressed to The Bee on behalf of the striking Union Pacific machinists and is given publicity as they request:

OMAHA, March 6.—To the Editor of The Bee: The striking mechanics of the Union Pacific railway are persuaded that hitherto they have had the sympathy and good will of all impartial men in all the cities and towns through which the line runs, and outside. They prize very highly that good will, and they mean to hold it until the struggle ends in the winning of their contention, if it lies within their power to retain it.

It has been said that Mr. Burt and those higher than him have nothing but the kindest intentions toward their employes in offering them piece work. Their only purpose being to pay every man what he is worth, instead of paying every man, as under the present system, the same wage. They do not intend to lower the average wage, but only to grade it according to individual ability.

This seemingly fair pretense is false in fact, as any man of ordinary intelligence can see at a glance. Would the officers of the Union Pacific railway, bright and able business men as they are, care to plunge their road into a strike that is costing so much, just for the sake of making the best mechanics more and the poorer men less than they are securing now, without in any way lowering the average wage of the entire body?

Whatever any one may think of Mr. Burt, no one can fairly claim him as a friend for what he is doing. He is costing the road heavily, even if he cared nothing for what it is costing the men. Mr. Burt has entered deliberately into this contest for the express purpose of lowering the general average of the wage paid to the employes of the road.

As to the Premium. But does he not offer a premium, a guaranty that no man shall earn less than he has been earning hitherto, if the piece work system, while he is perfectly willing that the best, most skillful men shall earn more? Yes, but again Mr. Burt is not a fool. That premium offer is a transparent device, first to get the men to consent to the piece work system, and, after it had continued for awhile, to withdraw it after he has bent the men to his will. Mr. Burt is not foolish enough to continue his premium offer for a day longer than it has served his purpose. No man could expect him to do so. Were he to continue the premium, so long as he continued it he could not reduce the operating expenses of the road. Indeed, if there were any mechanics on the road who could increase their pay under the piece work system, the increase, whatever it might be, would be at the cost of the road. Mr. Burt, we all know, does not intend to earn his salary by decreasing the dividends of the men who own the road and hire him. He intends to increase the dividends by lowering the operating expenses. The piece work system is the method, or one of the methods, by which he proposes to do that. That is to say, by it he means to lower the wages of the men. That is one purpose of Mr. Burt and of the men who stand behind him. They know it. We know it. The public ought to know it. But that is not the main purpose. We shall come to that later.

Best Brains in Country. They suffer nothing by waiting. They have among their number the coolest, most calculating, most patient brains in the land. If they lack cunning or counsel they can, for money, employ the keenest, the shrewdest, even the most unprincipled minds, that the profession of

the law can provide, to work against us; yes, and against the rest of the great public as well. The citizens of Omaha and of Nebraska do not need to be told this by us. They know it. The best legal talent of the city and state is retained against them and their interests, by the corporations; not because they need it all, but because they intend that the commonwealth shall have as little of it as possible free to defend its rights and interests. What is true of Omaha and Nebraska is true in large measure of the nation. The corporations can buy, and are buying, city councils and state legislatures, and they sit entrenched in the nation's council chambers to influence, bribe and to buy legislation which will forward their control of every business and economic interest. Yet, when amid the excitement and hot blood of a strike which they have provoked, some of our number, forgetting cooler, more prudent counsel, are tempted or provoked to violence, the cry of lawlessness is raised, and every power of the state and nation is invoked against us. They are corrupting the nation's life at its very source by bribery. They choose those who make our laws, giving the people at large the poor privilege of ratifying their choice at the polls. To a very large extent they select our judges to interpret those laws, lest, by any means, they might fall in receiving their proper interpretation after their enactment. Legislators have had them enacted in their interest.

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Yet they call us lawless whenever any of our number fall of self-control amid excitement, and fret and hot blood of a strike! There are many other things we might say in behalf of our cause, in this our appeal for a fair judgment on the part of the public at large. But we have already transgressed the limits of prudent regard for the patience of the public. We will say, in closing, that our interests are identical with the interests of the people among whom we live. We spend all we earn in the cities, and towns in which we work and live. None of it goes to New York, or Boston, or London, or Paris, or Berlin, or Amsterdam, to swell the wealth of those already wealthy beyond their needs, or good. If we earn much, we spend much. If we earn little, we spend little, and the merchant and the tradesman suffer from our poverty. If we earn much we can bring up our children under conditions that will enable them to become many, useful citizens of our state and nation. We can afford to feed and clothe and house and educate them decently. If we earn little we can do none of these things. Long before we ought to do so, we shall be compelled to withdraw them from school to make them help to eke out the support which we ought to be able to give them, until their bodies and minds are able to bear the stress of hard manual labor. We ask not wealth nor college training for our boys and girls. But we do seek a fair education and decent outward surroundings for them, for their own sake and for the sake of the land that bore them. That we are convinced, they cannot have under present and coming conditions, unless labor can control the property, or at least the means of production, and their bodies and minds shall be worth in the market. It cannot do that unless it is united. It cannot be, or remain united, under the piece work system.

Not All Wise and Unselfish.

If we were all wise, and prudent, and far seeing, and unselfish, as we ought to be, we might still be able under the piece work system to control our labor and its reward, and even maintain our union to that end. But we are not. And we know it. The corporation managers all over the land know the weakness of great unorganized masses of men who are dependent upon their daily bread for their support, and their children. They know they could play us off one against another, and so cut our wages to the starvation point, once the federated union of workmen is destroyed. They say they do not want to be dictated to by their men, but they are seeking, at our expense, the position whence they can dictate to us. We only seek the position where we can control our own craft, where we can be able to say upon what terms we shall dispose of the only property, or stock in trade, we have—our labor. The corporations are seeking wealth, high dividends. We are only seeking such reward for our labor as will procure to us and our children decent conditions of living. We may be selfish in all this; and in our stern conflicts to obtain what we are seeking, some of our number, may be tempted to say and do things which most of us, as well as our well disposed fellow citizens, will feel disposed to condemn and regret. If we are unselfish, some of us, be tempted to violate law, even though obedience to law is our most certain way to win our cause. But it is well to remember that we are, as yet, but a mass of men in this land, practically un-disciplined, but partially welded together, while those whose interests are opposed to ours are few, a closely compacted body of men, well trained, and united by the power of unlimited wealth and by the cool, calculated power of intellectual and business training. They can bide their time.

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The corporations know that, and we know it. Hence the Union Pacific strike and struggle. It is a struggle to the death between the corporation idea and our idea. We do not care to send out hard words against Mr. Burt. He is but a power in the game of the looming, threatening giant power that stands behind him; the corporation against the republic; of the dominant power and pride of wealth against the soul and life of individual manhood. That contest is not ours to justify our indulging in the foolishness of hard words against the local agents of incorporated power. We are here fighting the battle of labor everywhere, the battle also, we believe, of the republic. If we lose, labor loses, the corporation wins. If the corporation wins this battle it will move its forces elsewhere to win again, and it will win. If it wins the whole field of labor will be prostrate. And if that happens the days of the republic will be numbered. The age of the barricades, and of revolution, and of standing armies, will rise up on its ruins. The "piece work system" doubtless seems very simple and very fair to many far-minded people, but its consequences reach far into the future for evil; for our children, as well as for the children of those who so jauntily write us down in inspired and purchased editorials. Let the public judge our cause. Let it remember, too, that our cause is their cause, even now, but still more so hereafter. The battle is that of corporate greed and pride of power against the common life of the republic.

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