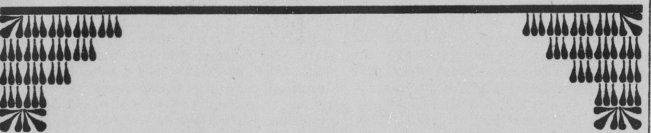


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of Riot and Crime, Also a Char-
acter Assassin.

What is the Province of Govern-
ment, If not to Protect Life and
Property?

Notwithstanding the fact that the strike in this coal region is completely broken, and the fact that our operators have more men at work than they really need to fill their orders, as is evidenced nearly every day by the turning away of men applying for work, we still have people in this region who deny that the strike is broken, but who must know that they are uttering an untruth every time they make such an assertion.

The fact that all kinds of depredations are being committed, such as burning company houses, attempting to blow up tipples, shooting at guards, entering mines and breaking tools, stoning the houses of men who are working, etc., is proof positive that the strikers feel their utter rout and defeat most keenly. It is only natural and reasonable to lay the depredations and crimes enumerated at the door of the vicious element in the ranks of the strikers, as the operators and men at work could have no motive in resorting to such things.

As we have often said before, many of the strikers are good, law-abiding citizens. They deplore the lawless acts of their vicious brethren, but they do not deny that they have in their ranks a considerable number of men that ought to be in penitentiary, or at least out of this region for the region's good.

We do not blame the criminals for trying to conceal their crimes or smooth over their dastardly conduct, but it comes with remarkably bad grace for any newspaper claiming to be a respectable journal to side with criminals, help them to cover up their crimes, and at the same time try to blacken the characters of men who are good citizens. The Meyersdale Commercial is the only paper in Somerset county that has thus far followed such a course, and we hear it condemned and denounced every day by the better class of people, while it is praised by the low, vicious and criminal element in the ranks of the strikers. The Commercial is only upholding outlawry and inciting the same by its outrageous course, and in so doing we believe its editor guilty of a great outrage against the safety of life and property in this region. We believe that he deserves to be locked up for the public good, for we can see him in no other light than as a moral leper and a menace to law and order. Of course, due allowance must be made for an old man in his dotage, who is probably driven nearly insane by being haunted, with the thoughts of a misspent, debauched, worthless life—a life that has wrecked the fortunes of others, and viperlike, turned and struck its venomous fangs into those who rescued it from utter ruin and despair. Misery loves company, and we believe that is why Lucifer Ananias Smith tries to uphold criminals and condone crime, while at the same time it tries to ruin honest

men and drag them down to his own level.

Following we will reproduce some of the vile, outrageous and ridiculous stuff that appeared in last week's Commercial, together with our comment on the same:

Commercial—"The strike is broken," shout the Meyersdale Republican, Salisbury Star, Lonaconing Star. But here comes the Somerset Standard saying "peace is maintained at a cost of thousands of dollars." Who is the liar?

Comment—Neither of the four papers you name is the liar. The strike is thoroughly broken, and has been broken months ago, as the Commercial well knows. At first only one mine in the lower end of the region was running, while now a majority of our mines are running, and gradually increasing their output from week to week. A broken strike does not always bring peace, and the Standard was right in saying that peace is maintained at heavy cost. The strikers are badly defeated in their struggle, and because they are sore over it is the reason we have outlawry. They would not work themselves, and some of them want to make it impossible for others to work, by resorting to violence, in which they are upheld only by the Meyersdale Commercial and the Georges Creek Press. The liar in the case, can, we believe, be found during business hours in the Commercial office.

Commercial—It appears Boswell operators demand the county should pay its proportionate share of the costs of maintaining a force that is exemplified in that other condition that "the strike is broken." The county commissioners would better go a little slow in paying out the people's money to a class of men who made the intolerable condition they complain of themselves. They brought on the strike; now let them maintain and pay for the costly luxury. It's their business, not the people's.

Comment—It is untrue that the operators brought on the strike. They reduced the price of coal mining, but that is a right they have at any time, just as Lou Smith has a right to reduce the wages of his printers, if he sees fit. All employers have a right to reduce or increase wages, and last year the coal operators of this region increased the price of mining without being asked to do so. It was not calling a strike when the wages were cut which had been voluntarily increased before. The miners' organization called the strike, which the organization had a perfect right to do; but the strikers have neither a legal nor a moral right to resort to violence, threats and intimidation to keep others from working. It is because a lot of dirty thugs and criminals have overstepped their own rights and want to trample the rights of others under foot, destroy their property, etc., that deputies have become necessary. It is the province of government to protect life and property, and no matter whether it is the Commercial printing office or a coal company's property that is threatened with destruction, it becomes the duty of all to help pay for such protection as may be necessary. The coal companies pay large sums of money toward keeping up our schools, our highways and all other things that the whole people get the benefit of, and the Commercial only makes itself ridiculous when it says the companies are entitled to no protection or county aid when their property is being destroyed and their lives and the lives of their employes are endangered. When Cain slew his brother he answered God's inquiry concerning him by saying he was not his brother's keeper, but God told him otherwise. The anarchistic Commercial would have us believe that it's none of the people's business when company houses are burned and life and property are constantly threatened. And it would teach that coal companies are entitled to no protection, but common sense, common decency and common law all teach us differently. The Commercial's position simply amounts to this: If coal companies do not pay and concede to the miners just what they demand, and the miners destroy their property and run away such men as are willing to work at the operators' price, it is the concern of no one but the companies. Such logic is simply ridiculous and tends only to foster outlawry and anarchy.

Commercial—As we expected, the Salisbury Star charges the union miners with burning "Noah's Ark" at Coal Run. This is a grave statement to make, and there is no doubt Mr. Livengood will be called upon to substantiate it, when he can at the same time give the names of the Union miners who said they also so believe.

Comment—It is not reasonable to suppose that the said property was

fired by any one outside of the miners' union, or that any but union men entered Meager's mine, last Friday night, breaking the workmen's tools at that place and scattering powder about in such a way as to cause a series of explosions if a spark from a lamp should ignite it. We are not in the least afraid of consequences if called into court. "Sufficient unto the day is the evil thereof."

Commercial—There are a good many mysterious fires. We have had them in Meyersdale and in Salisbury. We have people here walking around with insurance money in their pockets who should be wearing striped suits and doing time in the pen, which is equally true of some in Salisbury.

Comment—We know nothing about the origin of the fires you have had in Meyersdale, and we don't have the least idea whether any of your people have been burning themselves out to get insurance money or not. Neither do we know anything about the origin of any of the fires we have had in Salisbury, but we do know that there isn't a decent man or woman in this town that for one moment believes any of our citizens ever burned themselves out. But the Commercial says there are some in Meyersdale and some in Salisbury who have done that very thing. If that is the case, the people here would all like to know just who the incendiaries are, so that they could be compelled to suffer for their crimes.

Editor Smith says in his closing paragraph that it is a principle of law that "every man is innocent until proven guilty." That being the case, there can then be no doubt that the persons he is hinting at as being incendiaries are guilty, but just when they have been proven so, no one here knows. If they have not been proven guilty, then why does Editor Smith not practice what he preaches? Or, if he has any evidence that will prove them guilty, he is *particeps criminis* if he does not reveal it, for it is crime to conceal crime. It will not be a hard matter to compile a list of all the people in Meyersdale and Salisbury who have been burned out. Among the list that could be compiled, there are some in each town that have burned themselves out to get their insurance, according to the allegations of the Commercial. If this is true, it is now up to the Commercial to point out the guilty ones in order to lift the odium from the innocent ones, and at the same time help to bring the guilty ones to justice. If Editor Smith can not or will not do this, he brands himself as a liar and a slanderer; and if those who have been burned out in Meyersdale and Salisbury take him into court to compel him to tell whom he meant and produce his evidence, won't he be in an awful predicament? That may be done, too. Just wait and see.

Smith says positively there are some in this town and in Meyersdale who have burned themselves out for their insurance. The STAR did not speak quite that plainly in regard to the Coal Run fire. We did say that there is no doubt that it was the work of some union miner or miners, meaning, of course, that there was no doubt of it in our own mind. There may or may not be some doubt of it in the minds of others, and besides, we did not say or intimate that the Coal Run fire was the work of union miners in Coal Run, Boynton or from some other region.

Commercial—It is the meanest of little littleness to turn on the miner, who did more to build up Meyersdale and Salisbury than any other single agency.

Comment—This paper is not turning on the self-respecting, law-abiding miner, but it is dead against a lot of thugs and criminals that have blown into this region from various places and have been a detriment to the honest miner and the operator alike, as well as a menace to law and order, life and property ever since they are in the region. Especially is this the case since the union gained a strong foothold in the region. The thugs hold the dominating hand in it, and the time has come when they should be run out of the region, together with the worthless agitators that have been coming in here at intervals from other regions. We give the miners due credit for the great part they have performed in the rebuilding of Meyersdale and Salisbury, but the operators must also be given due credit. Without their capital and development the miners would not be here, and we contend that the operators have a right to be protected in their rights and property, the same as the rest of us. The present predicament is principally the fault of the miners' organization, and the best class of miners admit it. The strikers made some great blunders early in the strike, and one of the first and greatest was when they called out the men at Boswell, where no cut in wages had

been made. Their next was when they fired on the deputies who were called there to guard the men who wished to continue working. Since that many other forms of outlawry and violence have been resorted to, and during the whole strike many of the strikers have resorted to nothing but bulldozing, trying to force everybody to think and do just as they do. They have been carrying their meanness into the churches and everywhere else, and they have just kept up their foolishness until they have lost the sympathy of all decent people. As a result the strike is broken, the union in this region is completely knocked out, and all that is left is the lawless acts and crimes of the vanquished, which will be at an end only when the guilty persons are brought to justice, which is only a question of time.

The Meyersdale Commercial is the only newspaper in all Somerset county that has the audacity to try to conceal and condone the crimes of men that ought to be in penitentiary, and it is welcome to the stinking brand of notoriety it is getting by its course. In nearly all the strikes that have ever taken place in this region, the Commercial has nearly always been against the miners, no matter whether they were in the right or wrong. This instance is the only notable exception, and there is a reason for it. By acting the filthy hog and the dirty dog, the Commercial and its polluted masters have been driven away from the party pie counter. They have been trying every ruse imaginable to get back, but have been spurned away from all decent people. The only thing left now is for poor old Lucifer Smith to try to get back to the trough by the votes of the miners, the very men he has fought for years. But it won't win, Lucifer, for not all the miners are fools and criminals. Many of them are good citizens, and the reliable, steady, sensible ones are all onto your little game. Selah!

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The Chicago Chronicle, an influential Democratic newspaper, has come out against Parker and Davis, and is supporting Roosevelt and Fairbanks.

The Gleaner compares the drunkard to the "little crippled one in our home circle," and thinks that both appeal to sympathy with equal force. What a burden of fool fanaticism this Prohibition cause must carry! So says the Somerset Standard, and so say we.

HON. A. W. MAXWELL, State Chairman of the Iowa Democratic Committee, has resigned his position and repudiates the Democratic national ticket. In a letter he states that he "cannot countenance, aid or support the candidates or platform of the St. Louis convention."

J. H. TIMBERLAKE, who was nominated for Congress upon the Democratic ticket, in the sixteenth district, in Ohio, has declined the nomination and announces that he has withdrawn his allegiance to the Democratic party. He declares that "the paramount issue is the curtailment of the privileges and immunities of trusts, but nothing is to be hoped for from Parker or his backers on that question. The Republican party seems to have settled convictions on questions of public policy, he says, "while the Democrats seem to have none."

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