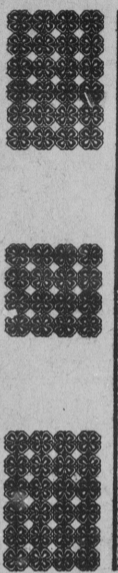




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"IF"

If It Were Not for This or for That, Things Might be Different.

Once in a while we hear some striker or strike sympathizer remark: "If it hadn't been for some of the county newspapers declaring the strike a failure, the business men of the region selling goods to strike-breakers, others renting them houses, furnishing board, etc., the union would have won the strike long ago." But that "if" has always been a bothersome thing, and nine times out of ten it is well that it is. To THE STAR it looks about as follows:

If merchants who have goods to sell would have preferred to keep the goods or sell to strikers on time, instead of selling them to working men for cash, it would have helped the strikers for a time, but the merchant would have seen the Sheriff sell the remainder of his stock in due time. Besides, the coal companies can supply their men with all the merchandise they need, if they see fit to do so.

If people who have houses to rent would have preferred to see their houses empty to being occupied and bringing in good interest on the owners' investment, it might have helped the strikers for a time, until the companies built scores of houses of their own, all over the region, just as they did down at the old Shaw mine. But sensible people do not build houses to have them stand unoccupied, or to have the renting thereof subject to the wishes or orders of the miners' union or any other union.

If our preachers would have refused to visit the families of strike-breakers, or to allow them to come to church, as many of the strikers have tried to induce them to do, it might have pleased the strikers very much, but it would not have pleased God, who has commanded the scriptures to be preached to all mankind. Besides, such a course would have been more detrimental than helpful to the strikers.

If all the newspapers of the county would have joined the Meyersdale Commercial in publishing silly lies instead of the truth pertaining to the strike, they could have added to their subscription lists a whole lot of names that are not worth the space it would require to write them on. Nearly all the bad accounts on our books now are against strikers whose battles THE STAR fought to victory during the strike of 1898-9, men who applauded us vigorously at that time, promising us their loyal support, etc. We have the patronage of most of them yet, but the saloon-keepers have been getting their money, and but few of them have ever paid us a cent.

There are a whole lot of other "ifs" that could be mentioned, but it is not necessary. The truth of the matter is simply this: If all the men and women composing the general public would have made the kind of fools, monkeys and idiots of themselves that the miners' union, or rather a lot of its members demanded, the fool-killer would have annihilated the whole community long ago, and that would have settled the strike and left no one to "chaw the rag" over it.

But the fates have decreed otherwise, and the coal companies have long ago won the strike without the assistance of the fool-killer. The public was in sympathy with the strike until bulldozing, intimidation, incendiarism and attempted murder were resorted to, and then respectable newspapers and the general public turned the other way.

The defeated and their sympathizers, instead of chewing over the "ifs" already enumerated, should think over how things might have turned out if murder had not been attempted; if company property had not been destroyed; if intimidation and bulldozing had not been resorted to by the strikers; if the actions of union men had not been so despotic and arbitrary before the strike came; if the strikers would have accepted 60 cents per ton when Mr. Meager offered it to them. These and more of the same kind of "ifs" are the things that have been responsible for the undoing of the union, and many of its own members know it and freely admit it.

Some miners seem to be of the opinion that every man and his business ought to be subject to the commands and demands of the miners' union in times of strike. They have no right to such tyranny, and we resent such impudence, such insolence and such infamy with every drop of our blood, for it is blood that came from the land of William Tell. We shall take orders from no man as to how our private business shall be conducted.

We have worked in the mines, too, and we have worked there long enough

to know that when the miners are getting their price, they care not a straw what wages people in other lines are making. When things are moving smoothly with them, they are not laying down their tools and helping farmers, mechanics, merchants, printers, farm hands and others to get better prices. Should they be asked to do so, they would laugh long and loud. But note the difference when they are on strike. Then everybody is supposed to take orders from them and do their bidding. If the business men and other artisans and laborers would obey their commands, the entire business of whole communities would be wrecked, and the miners would not be benefited in the least.

If the striking miners had not gobbled up about all the work that had heretofore been done by the general day-laborer, and gobbled it up at reduced prices in many cases, the strikers would have more sympathy and have a better claim to consistency and the exclusive use of the word "scab." That is another "if" that must not be forgotten. But if—

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"The strike is not broken, nor have any of the men in the vicinity of Coal Run as yet gone to work," announces the Coal Run local union through the Meyersdale Commercial. Partly true and partly false. The strike is broken long ago and the companies have all the men they need. Many applicants for work are being turned away, and among the refused applicants are a good many strikers. That many miners are still striking is a fact, and we regret to say that many of them will have to keep on striking, for other men have taken their places and are filling all requirements. To publish "Stay Away" notices will do the strikers no good, for that game was worked to the limit all through last spring and summer. That only helped to bring more men into the region in quest of work. Men out of work elsewhere would read the notices, and then they knew that they could get work here, which they did, and they declare that they have been making bigger wages here than they ever made anywhere else. Some of them have worked in regions that are contributing to the strike in this region, and they have learned that the contributors in most regions are unable to make half as much money as can be made here at 55 cents per ton.

Col Geo. A. Pearre to Contest Maryland's Vote in the Electoral College—Declares Republicans Carried State.

Colonel George A. Pearre will enter protest in Congress to giving Maryland's vote to Parker.

In a statement given out by Colonel Pearre, Monday last, in Washington, he has this to say:

"It is my intention when the electoral votes of the states are canvassed in Congress next February to arise and protest against the acceptance of the electoral vote of Maryland," said Representative Pearre to-day.

"I think the program of our party to abandon the contest against the action of the state canvassers in giving the certificates to seven Democratic electors is a grave error. We ought to have made the fight, and I propose to do what I can to bring about an investigation of the counting of the returns. I am convinced that the state went Republican, and I intend to see if we can't prove it. When the vote of Maryland is called I shall challenge it and give my reasons, and I shall ask that Congress appoint a committee to investigate the matter.

"I think the leaders of our party ought not to have laid down. We owe it to every Republican in the state who voted the Republican ticket on election day to at least try to get justice for him. A man has a right to cast his vote as he pleases, and he has an equal right to have that vote counted as he cast it. What a pretty spectacle it is to claim that we Republicans carried the state, and then tamely submit to have it stolen from us! I for one won't submit. If there is any way of having the election investigated I shall try to bring about an investigation, and if it accomplishes nothing more, it will at least prove to the Democratic machine in Maryland that there are some Republicans in Maryland who will not permit themselves to be cheated with impunity."