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THE FATES ARE UNKIND TO GOMPERS!

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THE fates are certainly very unkind to that prince of labor fakirs and blatant editors, Sammy Gompers, otherwise known as Hanna's vice-president and a favorite of both Republican and Democratic administrations at Washington, in the matter of securing political appointments for his son. Just as this bombastic worthy is giving vent to his alcoholic spleen in the *American Federationist*, in an editorial tirade against the Socialist Labor Party for refusing to accept the coal strike commission's awards as a victory for the miners and exposing the same as fraudulent, events in the anthracite region are proving the Socialist Labor Party right and the H'organizer of the A.F. of H'ell wrong, as usual.

According to the news from Wilkes-barre, Pa., the anthracite miners in the Schuylkill district are in a state of rebellion over the practical workings of those awards. Realizing their deceptive character more and more from day to day, they threaten, at any moment, to assert their manhood and rights, and engage in a spontaneous outbreak. The situation is admitted to be a serious one. So serious that the district presidents of the mine workers' union are clamoring for the national president, John Mitchell, to come to the scene and quell the threatened trouble by his influence and presence. It is well for the miners to show thus that Gompers, as usual, writes more with a regard for their master's interests than theirs, that imagination plays more of a part in his writings than truth.

As for the Socialist Labor Party, it will continue serenely on its way, exposing the fraudulent Gompers and the fraudulent "union victories" which he foists on the working class. It will continue to show the working class that the interests of employer and employe are irreconcilable and, therefore, impossible of arbitration. It will continue, as heretofore{,} to teach the working class that there is a class struggle in society growing out of these irreconcilable interests and that if the

working class would improve its conditions and emancipate itself, it must organize on the economic and political fields according to its class interests. So organized the working class movement will become a victorious movement, an elevating movement, instead of, as at present, a movement of fraud and defeat, led by a Gompers in the interests of the capitalist class.

The Socialist Labor Party will so continue, for as the fates have been unkind to the traitors of the working class, they have been kind to the Socialist Labor Party. In the events now transpiring in the anthracite region the course of the S.L.P. is justified, and, being so justified, why should the S.L.P. not continue in that course?

On with the S.L.P.! Down with Gompers and the labor fakirs!

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