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Puts It Up To Associated Press.

Upton Sinclair charges news gathering agency with coloring and suppressing news.

It has long been charged by Socialists and others desirous of seeing fair play and the truth disseminated regarding important events that take place, that the great news gathering agencies of the country, particularly the Associated Press, have discolored or distorted the news sent out at the behest of and in the interest of the great capitalists of the country, or with suppressing it altogether as best suited their purpose, thus keeping the mass of the people in absolute ignorance of the true state of affairs.

During the West Virginia coal strike which was ended about one year ago, the correspondent of the Associated Press is said to have been a militia officer who directed a murderous warfare against the striking miners and presided at drumhead courts martial trials, sending dozens of men to prison, some of them sentenced for life, on trumped up charges and on no charges at all. Later during the Michigan Copper Miners' strike which has just been settled, the correspondent of the same concern made his home at the mine owners' club in Calumet. Similar cases in times of other labor troubles could be cited, so it is easy to imagine the character of news that the country at large gets under such circumstances; and it is only by means of the labor press, and sometimes when the situation becomes so serious as to be no longer ignored through a few of the great metropolitan dailies of liberal tendencies, sending special correspondents to the scene, do the people in general get a fairly accurate

idea of what goes on. About a year ago "Masses" a Socialist magazine of New York City, inspired by what took place down in West Virginia, published a cartoon representing the Associated Press poisoning the news at its source. That organization immediately caused two indictments to be found against the editors of the publication for criminal libel, one of which, however, has since been dismissed and the other may be the better prosecuted. Now according to Upton Sinclair, author of the "Jungle" and other books, who has been in Colorado investigating the coal strike situation there on behalf of the "Appeal to Reason" the Associated Press is at its old tricks of warping and twisting and suppressing the news in order to fool the people. In the "Appeal to Reason" of May 30 after several weeks on the ground, and becoming exasperated because of the refusal of the Associated Press to carry his messages, particularly in regard to the attempt

of Governor Ammons and his henchmen to deceive President Wilson, he published this challenge: "I charge that the Associated Press following its regular policy of suppressing wherever possible and to as great a degree as possible, all news unfavorable to vested interests, has refused to permit the publication to get the slightest hint of the true situation. Max Eastman and Art Young, editors of 'The Masses,' are under indictment and liable to a sentence of a year or two in state's prison for charging that the Associated Press is poisoning the reservoir of public opinion at source. I now under my own signature and as a deliberate challenge, charge that the Associated Press has poisoned the news of the Colorado situation at its source. Will the owners and managers of the Associated Press take up this challenge and make an attempt to send me to prison? I am waiting, gentlemen, for your answer." To date so far as we have heard

Democratic Primaries.

The Democratic primary for the selection of delegates to the territorial convention at Skagway is to be held at Fairbanks on July 7, and at other places in the Fourth division on July 11. Before being allowed to vote at the primaries, all must pledge themselves to support the candidate who is nominated at Skagway. This rule has been adopted for the reputed purpose of avoiding any danger of the convention being controlled by any but "tried and true" Democrats, but in reality it is a new scheme in the way of machine politics that has been sprung on the faithful with no other object in view than to make it easier for a few to say who shall go to the convention. The

would-be bosses of the party know very well that every democrat will not pledge himself to vote for any dummy that may be put up, and that is just what they want. The fewer and the more select the contingent that vote at the primaries the easier it will be to direct things in the way they should go. The local bosses are in all probability the chief instigators of the scheme as it is in consonance with their oft repeated wishes to keep the party of Jefferson, Jackson, etc. "pure," but they may yet learn that the men of Alaska are not to be handed like a lot of socks and bums on the "Barbarian Coast" in Frisco or the brow-beaten "niggers" down in Jaw-gin.

they have not answered. The Governor of Colorado had called a special session of the legislature, ostensibly for the purpose of devising ways and means for settling the strike, but all they did was to authorize a bond issue of \$1,000,000 in order to secure money to pay the militia and gunmen that had been imported to shoot down the miners, and to pass an act "to generally investigate all matters connected with said strike; that remedial legislation may be enacted at the next general assembly which will tend to prevent a recurrence of insurrection and public disorder," and also an act enabling the governor to close schools in time of disorder, and to pass a law designed to prevent the miners from defending themselves against the murderous onslaughts of thugs and militia. When that had been accomplished the legislature was preparing to adjourn when the whole bunch of them

was thrown into a furor of excitement by a telegram from the President of the United States to the Governor calling the latter sharply to account because of the conditions prevailing in the state. The telegram could not be ignored; it had to be answered, so the Governor called some of the machine politicians in the legislature and two or three agents of the mine owners to consultation, and together they framed up a lying deceptive reply stating what the legislature had actually done; and some things it had not done, among the latter, that a committee on mediation had been provided for and appointed. After frustrating all attempts to have the president's message and the reply read before the legislature, the reply was sent to Washington. It was in an attempt to set the matter right before the President and the country, that Sinclair came into collision with the Associated Press. That concern in Denver refused to accept and carry his messages, though some of the papers it served accepted and paid for them when sent by Sinclair by means of the commercial telegraph.

Dr. Bradley Files Milk Report Council again grapples with unwelcome subject.

The investigation into the character of the milk supplied to the people of Fairbanks was up again before the City Council last Wednesday evening for settlement, but it wasn't settled. The question is to be tackled again however, at the next meeting of the council, when it is expected by the city fathers that they will get it off

their hands; and it is believed they will be glad enough when they have seen the last of it. For as the matter has developed, it has assumed a rather serio-comic aspect—serious to those immediately concerned in the mix-up, and comical to the rest of the community. The spectacle of City Attorney Marquam insistently

demanding proof upon which to base a prosecution, when he knew that the evidence necessary to convict had been destroyed, was enough to affect the visibilities of the gravest citizen, but it did not fool anybody. It did lead to a suspicion, however, that it was not the milk dealers that Marquam was after, but

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Are You One Of The Socialists who Says

"Yes I am a socialist—been one for many years—always vote the ticket—but I do not belong to the organization." If you are in that class, you should get out of it. The only Socialists that count are the ones that pay their little 25 cent dues per month, and aid in the work of the party organization. These are the fellows that are making the Socialist Party the great force for the common good in America. The capitalist class won't finance our party and we don't want them to. It's the twenty-five cents per month from its thousands of real Socialists that keep the wheels of the organization going. Come on in and find out how we run things. You will have just as much to say as another. We have made it easy for you to take the first step—below is a coupon which you should

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