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EDITORIAL

OHIO BEHIND NEVADA.

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JUDGE GEORGE F. ROBINSON'S order, granted in Ohio on the 7th of this month to the American Sheet and Tin Plate Company restraining the Warner and Acorn Lodges of the Amalgamated Association of Iron, Steel and Tin Workers of Youngstown from exercising the right of picketing, is being hailed by Republican and Democratic papers as a move that will break the back of the strike, and as the most effective move yet devised against the Unions.

Fudge!

As to "breaking the back of the Strike" and of Unionism—the weapon has not yet been forged, or is at all forgeable, that will accomplish the feat. The path along which Capitalism is whipped by the Law of Progress, and of its own existence, leads straight to Unionism, ever more perfect Unionism; and does so to the orchestration of the Strike until that final "Strike" which will lock-out the capitalist class, and inaugurate the Industrial or Socialist Republic.

As to the Ohio move being "the most effective yet devised" against the Unions and strikes, Ohio is away behind Nevada, Nevada leading by many a length.

The "Nevada move" is to point a gun at the picket-man. If the picket-man is a craven he will make tracks for home—and that ends the picketing. If the picket-man is not a craven, and is, besides, aware of his civic rights, he, being assailed with a deadly weapon, will on the spot shoot dead the limb of banditism that assails him; whereupon he is arrested, and indicted, and convicted, and hanged, or locked up in the penitentiary, all done strictly according to rules and regulations of the buccaneers' log-book called "Law" under Capitalism,—and that, likewise, ends the picketing.

Unquestionably, in point of swiftness the "Ohio move" cannot hold a candle beside the "Nevada move"; nor yet in point of deftness and neatness; nor yet in point

of effectiveness—for a time—but only for a time.

Even the “Nevada move”—how much more so the “Ohio move”—is but a manoeuvre of Capitalism that superior counter-manoevres will out-flank and out-general, finally routing the manoeuvrers’ horse, foot and dragoons.

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