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THE SAME EVERYWHERE.

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AS in America, so in Britain. The class-conscious instinct of the South Wales miners which prompts them to a general strike in the Welsh coal fields in sympathy with the men of the Ely pit who struck on a question of pay for special work, is meeting with the resistance of the Union leaders.

As in America, so in Britain. The Union officers who brace themselves against the interests of the class that they are supposed to represent, are intimately connected with the political representatives of the exploiters' Class.

The Union officers, who, in Britain, are now throwing themselves into the fray as a rampart for the exploiters' class, are, first, William Abraham, president of the South Wales Miners' Federation and vice-president of the South Wales Conciliation Board, and also Member of Parliament for the Rhondda division of Glamorganshire by the grace of capitalist politics; and, second, Thomas Richards, who holds the Union office of general secretary of the South Wales Miners' Federation, and is also a Member of Parliament for West Monmouthshire, likewise by the grace of capitalist politics.

How much like America, where political office holders in the Federal and State and Municipal administrations, Republican and Democratic, also hold office as presidents and secretaries and walking delegates in the A.F. of L. and kindred Unions, and are seen banqueting at National Civic Federation Banquets, and ever on the alert to obey the exploiters orders to "keep the rank and file in order"!

As in America, so in Britain; as in Britain, so in America. Craft Unionism breeds the craft Union leader; and the craft Union leader is the buffer and rampart, breastwork and shield of the capitalist system of Labor exploitation.

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