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GENERAL HANNA AND HIS WRANGLING LIEUTENANTS.

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AS a fitting tribute to the efficacious work of several senators and representatives in procuring a fifteen days' vacation for the machinists employed on government work, the *Machinists' Journal* decided to publish their pictures. All appeared, excepting that of Senator Hanna.

Now there is a fight on in the International Association of Machinists over the matter, and the committee which had the tribute in charge threatened to make some interesting "revelations" unless O'Connell, President (God help the mark!) of the Association withdraws his objections to the publication of Hanna's photograph.

It is fitting that the Lieutenants should show their esteem and consideration for their General, especially as that General has been "good" to his men. O'Connell should be censured for his action, and made to appreciate the fact that "nothing can stand in the way of organized labor" when Organized Scabbery is bent on obtaining recognition.

While it is apparent that a great injustice has been done to General Hanna, and that Lieutenant James O'Connell—now exceptionally guilty, and suspiciously so, of insubordination—is responsible for that injustice, how does it happen that, unless he gets out of the way, "startling revelations" will be made?

If there is anything to reveal, it should be revealed for "the good of the Union," not for the good of Mark Hanna. Perhaps John B. Simering, lobbyist, who spent several days watching the bill go through, will come forward and make his threat of revelations good.

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