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# Casualties

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Ruby Herman, acting State Secretary of Washington, and John McSarrow, her brother, have been arrested under the state syndicalist act. Ruby Herman is the wife of Emil Herman, State Secretary of Washington, now imprisoned in the US Penitentiary at McNeill's Island, charged with violating the espionage act.

Ludwig Lore, editor of the New York *Volkszeitung*, has answered the indictment in Chicago and is now out on \$5000 bail. Marguerite Prevey, who first contested extradition in Ohio, has also gone to Chicago.

A few more comrades recently indicted are N. Juel Christensen of the Scandinavian Federation; Dr. Karl Sandburg of Chicago; and Dr. O.J. Brown of DeKalb, Ill. All are accused of having "conspired" at the Communist Labor Party convention in Chicago last fall [Aug. 31-Sept. 5, 1919].

Max Bedacht, member of the National Executive Committee, was taken from California to the Chicago jail on the same charge. In California he was jailed five times in four weeks.

Harry Petzold has just been convicted of "criminal anarchy" in New Jersey.

Minnesota varies the program a little. It has convicted Jack Carney for "discouraging enlistment in the United States Army" because he helped to get out the leaflet entitled "Hands Off Russia."

The State of Oregon is trying to convict Comrade Oster, the State Secretary, and a lot of the active comrades in Portland of the crime of "criminal syndicalism."

That's what they call it in California, too. And they don't reserve it exclusively for "foreign agitators" either. They have just convicted Anita Whitney.

Way down in North Carolina Comrade Julius Soos is held in jail charged with the heinous offense of being a party member. Jack Campbell was arrested with him.

All these are casualties in the class war, and should be considered as such. Of course the master class will use the courts and all other

means at their command in the attempt to down the propaganda for proletarian dictatorship. Of course they will outlaw all that stand with the Third International. Comrades must realize this, and organize in such a way that the hirelings of plutocracy can not so easily interfere with our work.

The State chairman from Oregon writes “Our whole committee is in jail except one, and he is on the jump to keep out.” And yet the work there goes on the same.

The Oregon comrades call it “Comical Sillyism.” Twelve CLPs are charged with this and 40 are held for deportation. A similar number of Wobblies are keeping them company. A comrade about to be deported writes: “Here’s five dollars for the *Voice of Labor*. You can also send me 15 *Communist Labor* a week. You see, I will do my best for our paper as long as I am out. I’ll let you know when I receive the call for that free fare to Sweden.”

We wonder what world capitalism thinks it gains by transporting seed like this from one place to another.

Here’s a cheerful sound from Nebraska: “Enclosed find ten dollars which you can use as seems best. Every lucky man is all right in our sector for the time being.”

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