
Example of Democracy

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CHICAGO, May 18 [1917].—The raid on the Indiana Socialist state headquarters and the seizure of the property by federal authorities is a splendid example of the “democracy and human rights” for which, we are told, this country has joined in war.



If that is their idea of democracy, I want none of it.

People whose cause is right need not resort to the methods of the physical force anarchists, as the federal authorities did in the case in question, Were they not brutally stupid, they would know that such despotic acts caused the house of Romanov to fall.

What do I think of Gaylord for turning official documents over to Senator Husting and for writing him the letter published in the Congressional Record on May 11 [1917]?

Well, what do Americans think of Benedict Arnold? The world holds an informer in contempt. All the documents and “evidence” Gaylord fur-

nished to Senator Husting 3 days after the St. Louis Convention adjourned reveal no secrets. The secret service agents attended our convention, and were informed of everything that happened. Gaylord simply scabbed on them.

Gaylord Charges Forgery.

Gaylord and Simons charge that Hillquit and Berger committed a forgery, and dropped certain phrases from the war resolution; [this] is a base falsehood. The omission of the words over which they make so much fuss was inadvertently committed by a Chicago printer in resetting it. The resolution printed in leaflet form is complete. Gaylord faked the Senator. In his eagerness to supply him with “reasonable stuff” he furnished an incorrect copy. But what do persons who yearn to “deliver the goods” care for accuracy?

Informers, whether they do their work free or for a consideration, have no place in the Socialist or any other working class organization. Not even the Pinkerton or Burns agencies would have them.

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