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The Editor Found Guilty.

"Guilty as charged in the complaint" was the verdict of the jury that tried me in the superior court at Tacoma, Wash., for the heinous offense of "publishing matter tending to create disrespect for the law."

The prosecution introduced the picture "Anarchy" into the case and piled it up to the limit. One would have thought at times that Anarchy and Home Colony were on trial. That was the game of the tricky prosecution. They dared not try the case on its merits. They dared not meet Anderson and me on the question at issue, which was the right of Free Press, before the jury; a fact that, by its general ignorance of the subject, would have been favorable to them from the start.

No, these noble lawyers preferred to wallow in the mire of prejudice and misrepresentation.

But they won, and to some men success is everything, the means nothing.

In this case there were two very unusual occurrences. The case was tried and the jury in his own behalf, and the crowded court room once burst into applause, when Col. Anderson told the jury the reason why the prosecuting attorney don't go after the daily papers for the articles they publish tending to create disrespect for law was "because there is too much power, too many votes behind them."

According to the law, the penalty goes as high as a year in jail. But the case will be appealed. We go to press the judge had not pronounced sentence. A more complete report of the case will appear in next issue.

Industrialism vs. Parliamentarism.

Ramsay McDonald, chairman of the English Labor Party, has made a "brilliant" attack upon Syndicalism, and the General Strike.

This is the labor "leader" who attended the convention banquet in regulation uniform, and, with the other lackeys and lick spottles, brayed his allegiance to the new king. After showing the impracticability of the whole scheme, and low everything is going to turn out to the ultimate benefit of the Syndicalists, he proceeds to inform the readers of the "Socialist Review" that "the new revolution advocated by the Syndicalists is the I. W. W. is a mere exaggeration of the nursery mind. It is the product of the creative intelligence of the man who is impatient because it takes the earth 24 hours to wheel round."

The foremost thinkers of Europe and America, the men who have led the march of social progress for the last quarter of a century, the mass of the intelligent workmen of France, Italy, Spain, and a large portion of the workers of the other countries of Europe and America are "nurslings," "impatient babies, bawling for the moon, in the opinion of the great Ramsey, whose example work in the cause of labor has been to eat out of the king's hand.

Of course such smart mouthings are ridicu-

"not the Industrialists the fullility of that kind of warfare. As a matter of fact, the police always apply direct action. To look men in the eye in a peaceful and set action as to drive them from the city. So I don't see where this turning of tactics comes in. The change of tactics was not expected, and there are geographical difficulties that make it hard to meet the change. But the fight has not been given up. It has really not begun yet. Altho the merchant-police are beginning to squeal about loss of business. They have been marked by the boycott, and now it is multiplied. Every self-respecting working man in the city resents the outrageous attack on Free Speech, and the murderous assault on the men who dared to uphold the free speech he has hard won. These I. W. W. fellows don't give up a fight till they're licked, and they have not been licked yet.

The fight for free speech in Afghanistan is prac-

The Bourgeois is weakening, and the presence of 150 agitators in the town at this time is going to effect its downfall in a hurry, and before this answer reaches your eye, Mr. Question Mark, you may have learned that through other means of speech of Afrasiab, Bami-
deen are again open to the soap box, for the free expression of his opinions.

WHOLE NO. 29

Ten men were arrested the other night and discharged next morning. The leader of the pick handle brigade asked for a conference with the I. W. W. at which they requested a truce of three days "in order to consider methods of agreement." Does that look like failure?

The Slaughter of the Helpless.

In a mine disaster in Braviceville, Tenn., over a hundred men lost their lives. Yet we hear no bloody howls for the death of capitalists in consequence benevolent keeping the Almighty has placed these mines, altho it is common knowledge that the explosion which killed them was caused by criminal neglect on the part of those capitalists, whose inhuman greed for gold outweighed every thought for the protection of the lives of the miners.

Just ordinary human feelings ought to prevent someone from using safety devices in the mines. But they are devoid of those human feelings which are the common gift of common humanity.

The mine owners were compelled to work in the mines we would have no mine disasters.

The Braviceville miners were powerless to com-
pel proper protection for their lives. Their union has been broken up by the rapacious owners some time ago. Thus they were reduced to a helpless dependence upon the heartless owner, who have less consideration for them than for any other of the tools with which to glut their ravenous appetites for gold. For every tool except the human tool costs money.

The human machine is the cheapest thing on earth. It is dirt free. Therefore, why shud the unionists of this machine expend good money, providing protection for it? The mine owners of America are logical if not human. They kill more miners than all the rest of the world combined.

In 1907 the figures for Colorado reached the appalling height of 21 to every 1,000. In 29 years 30,000 miners have been killed in the U. S. The United States is industrially murd-

"Not Guilty!" is the verdict in the case of the proprietors of the Triangle shirt factory, charged with causing the death of 146 working people. No one with any knowledge of things as they are expected otherwise than the ac-

The people know that those factory slaves were killed by the greed and rapacity of the "owners," who took no heed of either the law of the land or of humanity. Their machinery and stock was covered by insurance. The slaves cost nothing, so no provision was made for their protection.

Money is mightier than the law. Its influence is greater than justice, whom it leads around by the hand. It makes a mockery of all our fine spun theories about equality, etc.

Murder may be murder in theory, but the money bag has proven that the ghastliest wholesale butcherly is not even detectable when perpetrated by the ruling class.

JAY FOX.
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Whatever really useful thing government does for men they could do for themselves if there were no government

The McNamara Storm.

The psychologic storm provoked by the admission of guilt on the part of the McNamara brothers has set all manner of human nature dancing nacked in the limelight—and for the most part it has been a very sorry exhibition, though some expressions have come from quarters least expected, revealing qualities in the main, that men like mine, take pleasure in recognizing in this case of the two men, on whom as public characters, or rather on their puntos de vista, as a very good rule, I have no very high opinion. Yet, if their theories are correct, they are extremely improbable.

The socialistic press, in accordance with an old-time policy given by the enemy, has especially the Appeal to Reason, notably through Eugene Debs and one of its ridiculous figures, Mr. David Calwell, in an article in George Shattuck's 新聞. The appeal last summer to the discretion of every sensible reader, put forward the notion that General Ola had blown up his own building. And while I thought that was a bare possibility, it sounded the height of improbability to me. And so do these other theories.

I have never been a member of a union, because my occupation is one which does not call for it. I have often regretted it; but this week I have been glad—glad my views are held and free, owing no allegiance to any association whose interests would be my gauge. For all that I have no inside knowledge, however, I judge from outside observation of them that certain elements of human nature in work them in precisely as they do in all associations.

Human nature in general is very quick to let some one else stand in the breach. Most people believe in force; all government does it. Only a question of applying it. Unionists believe in force, non-unionists believe in force, scabs believe in force, capitalists believe in force, judges and hangmen believe in force. I am opposed to all these, and thought no more about it. But these men who were able, why had they come to the conclusion that they did not need a force.

I have tried to think it out, and I have concluded so: These were men who were familiar with the lives of ironworkers. They were not like those of us who are not familiar with these fellows, scabs, labor leaders, or library shelves, or cloth, or cookery, who cry over a burnt finger or a sprained joint, who know little about those things, who must think about machine-absolute, who of the steel manufacture and structural work. Those who work at such employment, or mix constantly with them who do, have some idea toward which is the spiritual tall humanity must pay for the iron triumphs of its iron civilization.

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TREMBLE BEFORE THE JUDGMENTS OF THE NATIONS!

LORDS OF THE SEAS AND HEAVENS!

A CRY OF PAIN FROM THE CHILDREN OF HUMANITY!

May the gods be with us! Help us! Amen.

We appeal to the World, to those who know our suffering, to those who care about the fate of mankind.

We demand justice! We demand freedom! We demand peace!

Lend us your ear to our plea for help.

Offer us no armistice, no truce, no false promises.

Assist the Builders of Cities! Help the workers of the world in their struggle.

Down with the Dictators! Down with those who profit from the suffering of others!

And the final word? The final word is: Peace! Justice! Freedom!

Lend us your ear to our plea for peace and freedom.

The people of the world, we appeal to you. We demand your support. Help us to achieve our goals.

We are the future of humanity. We deserve a better world.

Tremble before the power of the masses. Help us to overcome the obstacles that stand in our way to a better tomorrow.

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STUDIES IN SCARLET.

It is over a century since the worker was enfranchised and he has been living under the illusion that he is master of his own destiny. During that period he has relied upon the vain promises of those whom he considered qualified to legislate in favor of his well-being and personal liberty. So firm is his belief, so complete is his submission to the wills of politicians, that in his judgment he has failed to realize that the laws are more and more encroaching upon his rights, more and more restricting his personal liberty. So real is his conviction that he is set forth by the master and the voter—the endowed by bounded faith and inestimable credit—is still hoping for the fulfillment of some of those promises. He is still so gullible as to place confidence in the same programs, in the same reformers.

WHAT A SIGHT! Are you still so wise as to believe that someone else will ensure for you what you are not willing to strive for yourself? Reform is only a ruse upon that every so often, like when in your own mind you readily admit that if you were in their places you wouldn't give a continental damn for the interest of the people and you would only seek your own welfare and your own particular interest.

No matter whether their cloak varied in shade—white and blue or the clear sunshine of different political parties, they all remain either rogues or fools. Rogues, if knowingly, they make political promises that they never fulfill. Fools, if they firmly believe they can be fulfilled.

kill, you caved but to take under consideration the welfare of your social classes. He developed its development, its possibilities to reach this conclusion. If you study economic phenomena, you will find that any statement of the existence of uncertainty is without possible foundation. It is based on the existence of a social class. The former is always the same as the latter. The employers are asking for stringent laws against strikes and strikers, and the workers are organizing for the purpose of ending this miserable state of affairs. They are the predominant factors in the market. The workers, the working class, are the dominant factors in the market. The workers, the working class, are the dominant factors in the market.

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The Supreme Council has been elected by the workers for the purpose of organizing a strike. The council, however, does not order him from giving to the world this and other good stuff right here and now.

"Oft have I looked into the brow of night With bitter fancy, wondering why so hard The way, so bright it should fulfill the sober reward, Duty so wearing and wrong so bright; And as I looked my questioning thoughts took flight Beyond the repose of the placid, all the stars of the sky my petty seat seemed heeled, chained and barred, But man I knew would triumph in the right Still holding to some sort of upper air. Where each shall live himself, complete and free, And each, unmoored, shall round his destiny And function and drive down with stars and sea. For, with right the sparkling hosts arise, So shall there come a world we do not see."}

THE AGITATOR BEATLE.

The Basque Ball was a huge success. The ensembles that properly to make a ball successful are: First, that a sufficient gathering is assembled at the appointed place for the purpose of enjoyment; second, that the enjoyment is forthcoming. On these two cardinal points the Second Annual Basque Ball, sponsored by the Basque Group, was good. Reddings' large ball was well filled with as many as ever gathered together. The con- suming passion is not always as they are believed to be, but they are made up in quality for the lack of numbers.

The bunch of mock officials, dressed in appropriate uniforms, presented a fine parody of capitalism's officialdom. Not the least conspicuous part of the crowd was the jail. Why should the jail not be held up as an important present-day institution for ridicule? The jail is the most tangible and nearest to the state. Without it the state could not last a week. It might manage to limp along without the church, but the jail, never! Chief Justice Myers has fulfilled his duties well. He upheld the dignity of the law and made a record during his short term of office that would make many a capitalist judge envious.

Annie Grosz outdid a magnificent record in the marriage market. She was hitched up in the matrimonial harem ninety-one times, beating all competitors, and carried off the prize, which she very much wanted, but worked very hard for the success of the ball.

The prize was won by Pauline Urban. Some I. W. W. boys, assisted by the police, gave us an imitation of a free speech fight. Much credit is due the comrades and followers of the Seattle for the splendid time that was had, and they promise another one in the near future.

THE EDITOR'S DEFENSE.

To lovers of Free Speech and free play.—It is evidently evident that Jack Fox does not get a fair deal in his trial. The Jury was poisoned against him from the start. Many of them admitted they had been prejudiced against Home Colony by the newspaper stories inspired by the prosecutor.

If this certification allowed to stand, will the precedent it establishes in some radical state be the same as that which the murderers of the persecutors may be thrown into jail at all. Under the law, the Fox may be given a year in prison and fined $1000. A similar fate hangs over the head of every editor whom the capitalist class dislikes. Our duty in the clear is to make an appeal of this case. The interest of free press and free speech demands it. But we cannot do it without money, and therefore would like to invite you to subscribe to this fund as liberally as you can.

We urgently appeal in full realization of the present distress of True Fox's speech before the court, when he said: "Free speech is the foundation of all progress. Show me a country where there is free speech and a show you a country where the free speech is.

The Free Speech League.

THE DEFENSE FUND.

Free Speech League Comrades—whereas the defense of our comrades, Jay Fox, is of the utmost importance to all workers; that the fund now at hand $28.45 is insufficient to do justice to your cause; and our best wishes to you in this fight against Capitalist domination. Yours for the social revolution.

GOLOS TURDA, Russian Labor Group.

Previously acknowledged: $128.78
Russian Labor Group, Y. C. Clin., 2.35
Russian Progressive Circle, Brooklyn, G. H. Lang, 2.00
Alex Lupo, 2.5

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EXPENSES
Jay Fox, wages, 26 weeks, $250.00
R. G. Paler and Co., ins., 136.80
Standard Paper Co., 24.15
Postage, 14.65
Reed Co., Rollers, 2.00
Seattle Times, 3.00
Fare, 25.00
Light and fuel, 9.00
Total, $451.73

DEFICIT, $13.73

RECEIPTS
Wine, $5; Local 457 I. W. W., $4; Local 327 I. W. W., $2; Montgomery, Local 545 I. W. W., Los Angeles I. W. W., Pandit, Local 457 I. W. W., Portland, Wen. schip, 69, I. W. W., 15, Social: $1.25; Local 327 I. W. W. 73c. Matieska, Petroff, Roth, each 50c.

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