The Passing Show

Hervo Flops Again.

Gustav Herve, who is serving a term in prison for his anti-militarist propaganda, has flop back to the politicians, whom he deserted some years ago, when he joined the direct actionists.

In a recent issue his paper, "La Guerra Socialle" (The Social War) announced the change of policy.

We are told the change is due to the conviction that the anti-parliamentary propaganda is against the interests of the workers, and that experience has proven it to be useless and harmful.

It surely has not been comforting to one proletaire, who might, had he continued his harmless political gyrations, be now a deputy, or a cabinet minister. But to say that revolutionist direct action has proven a failure for the masses of European proletariat is pure assertion, and has not a morsel of evidence to support it.

No direct action tactics have flurried the calm sea of socialist politics in Germany. What has the 110 Socialist and the 103 Trade Union officials in the Reichstag, and the 700 Socialists in other offices, to show for parliamentaryism? What liberties have these officials achieved for their fellow workers? Karl Legien has more liberty than Gustav Herve, but what of the rank and file? The Belgian workers were so hopelessly defeated in the recent election that, in their desperation, they resorted to direct action as a protest and declared a general strike. What does that show? I ask.

On May 23rd the social democrats of Budapest declared a general strike, and got a promise of universal suffrage from the government, before they called it off. Is this a worse speech for the ballot? In Italy a bill has passed the House of Deputies disfranchising every worker under thirty, and the bitter opposition of the socialists in parliament availed them nothing. Is that an example of the failure of direct action?

But what's the use of wasting good ink arguing colors with the blind?

Sabotage, a Sketch.

(Scorn—The Wahlbrich-Astor. Characters—Two pluteus.)

"My, but this salad tastes queer. Bless me if it isn't castor oil the stupid help has put into it. What's the matter there? See, the waiters have removed their aprons and are filing out! A strike! The mean, ungrateful things, to strike just at meal time, and—think of the iniquity—to put castor oil in our salad. There should be a law against such practices."

"Castor oil in our salad, kerosene in our soup, that's sabotage. We are tasting the felonious French prescription, curse it. I see now why the socialists have declared against it. There are many near-respectable men among them, to whom the taste of castor oil and kerosene is as distasteful, almost, as it is to us. I shall instruct my valet to vote for them, as a mark of appreciation for the excellent service they are rendering our class, by discouraging the development of vicious habits in the mob."

"I quite agree with you that the greatest benefactors of the rich are they who teach legal methods of procedure. For, the law being made to protect our interests and our persons only, we cannot always control the actions of those who attempt to adjust their grievances by the law. Don't you think so?"

"I think it's the wildest dream imaginable for these socialists, if sincere, to think they can beat us at our own game."

"But how about our dinner, friend? The waiters are gone, and here we are, helpless, with the castor oil still thick on our palates."

"Curses the striking waiters, we are reduced to the menial condition of serving ourselves or starving; let us bolt for the kitchen."

ELEVEN MONTHS IN PRISON

The members of the Mexican Junta have been found guilty in Los Angeles on the charge of abetting violating the neutrality laws of the United States, which makes it a crime to conspire against or aid a revolution against a government that is on friendly terms with "ours."

This prosecution is inspired by the especial friendship "our" capitalists have for the wealth of Mexico, a great portion of which is "theirs" by the law of government gift. In short, robbery. The Mexican workers are engaged in the nefarious work of stealing their own country from the thieves. It is a serious crime to be sure; and we must not let it be said that anyone on this side was a party to it with our knowledge and consent. It is better our progressive policy that we send these men to the penitentiary for a few years to learn truly what modern civilization means.

Why didn't they try to bring about the changes they want to make in the land tenure according to the legal methods laid down by the landlords? Why fly in the face of providence, and get themselves all beat up trying to do things in that clumsy old-fashioned way. Herve could have told them all about the futility of direct action, having had a dose of it himself, continuously, during these last few years, from the French Government.

Few men who try to do anything of real value to their fellows escape the jail or the scaffold.

Teddy and Bill.

So Teddy Roosevelt, ex-everything that's great, is going to have a brand new elephant of his own. He owned the regular old animal once, thanks to Coochgoosh, whom he severely attacked, merely as a blind. Teddy foolishly loaned the gift to his friend Bill. And Bill, the ungrateful, became so attached to the animal, no doubt through the sympathy born of kinship, that he refused to give it back. Instead he handed poor Ted the steam roller.

Teddy, however, is not the stuff pie crust is made of. He dragged his mangled form together, shaved the sawdust from his teeth, went out and hired a hall for himself, and nominated the only available candidate. You know, now, that's pure democracy; and I have often thought that, should I ever take the notion to run for president, I would start the race in just that way. Except that I wouldn't wait for the steam roller.

As mythology has it, Teddy is a first class rider, and so he should be; but there is a theory that they will stop several times during this race to exchange fraternal greetings (the language of which won't be printed in this paper), and it is quite possible that some wily chap inside a smaller animal may win the race. My country for a jackass.

Every Man His Own Party.

"There's something rotten in Denmark. The only way to cure it, apparently, is to carry the new idea of more political parties to its logical conclusion and let every man be his own party. Thus every man would be a boss and a leader. There would be no insurgents, no rump conventions, no contesting delegates. Every man could hold his own convention by his own fists."—Washington Post.

What's that? My respectable Christian contemporary, don't you know that you are advocating anarchy? Anarchy pure and simple! Every man his own party, his own boss and leader, holding "his own convention by his own fists."

You may have intended that as a joke. But there are thousands in this country who take it seriously, who can show that it is the only solution for the corrupt business and bottle political confusion that is engulfing the masses today.

When men begin to do their own thinking they will not follow crack-brained saw-mills, like Roosevelt; nor huge atomacs, like Taft; nor soothing syrup savours like Bryan; nor lanky loonies, like Debs; nor any of the lesser lights of the political promise-land.

Every man his own party, would mean the end of parties, the end of politics; and men would turn to useful lines of endeavor. They would direct their energy to sane, elevating, peaceful usage. They would lavish their labor on the land. The workshop would be made a place of pleasure and enlightenment, no less than the theatre and the concept ball.

Musicians to the State House, politicians to the field. Let the Washington joke come true.

San Diego Fight.

The fight is still being fought in San Diego. The city has purchased 100 155-San francisco rifles and 100,000 rounds of ammunition. The gas company has discarded the red flag as a danger signal over its seaports and houses in the streets and substituted old glory instead. This is a distinct compliment to the Reds. Such degrading service has certainly not been in accord with the honor and dignity befitting the red flag and the San Diego gas company are to be highly commended for finding a substitute more in harmony with the menial occupa-

They are forcing the suffragettes to eat in the English jail, a most atrocious act, but only second to the act of jailing. Civilization will not jail either men or women. It will free them.
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letter of it. Our Syndicate, established by
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education of themselves and their fellow toilers.

Many in the United States have said it is a work of love—
the love of the idea, of a world fit for the free.

An ambassador is a man who goes abroad to lie for
the good of his country. A journalist is a man
who stays at home to follow the same vocation.

J. P.

REVOLUTIONARY TACTICS

Autonomy of Militant Minorities.

The organized militant minorities in the various
unions would each be autonomous, and
united together under the banner of common interest, not by
constitutional provisions or an autocratic G. E. B. a la
I. W. W. The necessity for this autonomy is evident.

Each of the conservative unions, A. F.
of L. and Independent, would present a different program, and
the workingmen would be divided into
kinds of tactics, others different ones. The most competent body
of the various alliances, a. F. of L. and
Independent, would be replaced by a new one, a milit-
ary minority alone could be depended on to
decide when and how to secede the necessary life force
of the old machine and create a new one, a new
union. The autonomy of this union by the
centralization of the policies of the various
minorities into a set program—e.g.,
the I. W. W. with its centralized dual organization program—has stripped its militants in the various
industries of their autonomy in the important
matter of dual organization tactics, and is forcing
them to use these tactics willfully, regardless
of conditions in their industries, would result in
arbitrary tactics and disaster. The various or-
ganized minorities would have to be free to solve
their various problems

in the Unskilled.

Many rebels believe it to be a special function of
the I. W. W. to organize the unskilled, now
being neglected by the A. F. of L.;
that the I. W. W. is superior, and would be to
deprieve these unskilled workers of their
organization.

There is a groundless fear. If the I. W. W. were
solely a propaganda organization, unskilled work-
ers could organize as well or even easier than now.
Militant among unskilled workers would—
with the help, if need be, of the national propa-
ganda organizations' funds, literature, organizers,
etc.—organizations that their fellow workers,
the question of affiliation would be a vital one to such
unions and they would have to be free to decide it
as their interests dictated. In this respect also I.
W. W. is superior, in the use of their autonomy and
their policy centralized. They must pay per
capita tax into the I. W. W. even though to do so
amounts to suicide.

Many a union—not a few of them I. W. W.
unions—have been crabbed for refusing to pay
dues or per capita tax into the A. F. of L.
workers. As for instance the Shingles Weavers, purchase
immunity from A. F. of L. by paying in their
dues, the Shingles Weavers, honor and
affiliation with the A. F. of L. and peace and it
would be most compatible with their interests; and
affiliate or remain independent accordingly. Such

unions in organizing wouldn't have to face the
strong A. F. of L opposition they do now.

By quitting our ridiculous dual organization program and concentrating our efforts on our
propaganda program along the lines sketched above, in addition to the invaluable advantage,
we would abolish the four causes I have cited as being chiefly responsible for the failure
of the movement. With the realization of how strong our conservative unions would be treated according to
its needs instead of all being condemned whole-
washed as at present, and with radical potential factors in the I. W. W. to Sinnottism would disappear. Second, As we wouldn't be a later union we couldn't be scabbed out of
our work by the conservative unions. With this the
dread scabby struggle between the I. W. W. and
Scabdom would disappear. Thirdly, The powerful militant minorities in the various
unions are now so generally disorganized would be
freely organized and exploited. It true we would acquire new difficulties, but these would be
as nothing compared to those we would abolish, and the advantages we would gain—many of
them have not even touched in these articles.

Our task would be a difficult one, but by no means impossible. Nothing is, indeed, quite
as difficult as the work of organizing the American labor movement (called "impossible" by Debs) by a handful of Syndicate leaders using "boring from within" tactics,
which are by their very nature not heretical as are
trolling the American labor movement seems
strong only because they have no opposition and
because it has been part of our stock in trade to
support or build in the labor movement. The
U. S. is proof of this. Confront these machines with a
crashy organized rebel machine and they would
easily fall away and their conservative doctrines with
them.

We rebels must learn tactics from the despised the French revolutionists and make
machine as they are doing, but on a larger scale, one designed to
take control of the whole American labor movement. Every
day we delay makes our task more difficult, while we delay
the task of doing from the labor movement, the Socialists are busy
boring from within and taking charge of it. Their
well mean purpose, however, will be immensely
harder for us to vanquish than the present
decrepit ones. And capture the conservative labor
union movement we must sooner or later if we are
going to have a rebel movement in the
American States. As it will not voluntarily come to us,
we are obliged to import all the weapons we can
get hold of. We then proceed to vanquish the old
decrepit unions.

SUMMARY OF FORMER ARTICLES

In the other articles Fellow Worker Poster pointed out the
basic error made by the originators of the I. W. W.,
when they depreciated on the economic field what
had been done on the political field. On the political field
there was no party that even pretended to represent the
alliance of the revolution. So the growth of the S. P. was easy. But on
the economic field the A. F. of L. and kindred organiz-
ations, while in no sense revolutionary, still they were
of the toilers and largely represented there ideas and
tactics to defend themselves from the insatiable
capitalism.

It was these organizations, covering every line of in-
dustrial and political work, with every one of them, when it
entered the economic field to organize the workers. And
that the I. W. W. met with resistance and opposition
from the beginning. It is quite possible that after the old
organization and 26 years of effort the I. W. W. is numerically smaller than
when it was started.

The old unions regard the I. W. W. as an interloper, an
enemy, a trespasser and a thorn in the side of the old unions, a

characteristic of this letter feeling of rivalry the old
unions refuse to listen to the I. W. W. s real mes-
to the unions of the old
sage—that of Industrial

Industrialism, the crying need of the hour, and to
which the I. W. W. was joyously hailed by the Rev-
elutionary alliance. But the workers in the

are a labor

organizing, besides being a propagandist organiza-

THE I. W. W., then, has a double program, and it is in
this double program that Foster sees the cause of its fail-
ures and the masses of the toiling poor in the propaganda.

Why this dual program? Why organizing method
be already organized?

The French syndicalists didn't organize unions ex-
cept where no unions existed. They carried their propa-
ganda into the old unions, rejuvenated and inspired them
to develop. This was the only way to gain the spirit: published pa-
pers and pamphlets to educate the masses of the to-
cians and makers and made the unions of France by far
more sufficient to the labor world today.

Why cannot the I. W. W. do for the American labor
movement what the syndicalists di, and is doing, for

The French have shown that the form of organization
makes little difference if the membership has the Rev-
elutionary character. We should not let the I. W. W. cease as a labor
organization and organize for the propaganda
field of the organization?

Foster gives numerous arguments in favor of this sug-
ession and an outline of how the I. W. W. could contin-
uie as an integral organization for purely propaganda purpo-
uses that it cannot succeed on its present line of action.

He shows that the A. F. of L. will not let a rival or-
getto work, that ther are no place in their life-vocab-
lar an organization wherever it begins to attain strength, by
scabbing out and other means well known to the
worker. He shows the membership of the I. W. W., by en-
tering the old unions and in conjunction with the radi-
cal element already there, would form a powerful mili-
tant minority that would revolutionize these organiza-
tions.

If we follow his arguments closely and weigh carefully the evidence he introduces we are inevi-
ted to conclude this is the best way to propagate Industrialism, but that it is the only way the I. W. W. ever will become Industrialists, unless the latter is the

If the reader wishes to pursue these articles in detail,
close for the future series.

The Yelp and the Snarl

From the Beginning of Things, conceived in the
word "worker," is an adequate gloss on the
its vitalization; thus the media of transpired phenomena; across the ages of Fear and Interrogation in all History have been the enemys, and the Snarl and the Yelp the

But they are not all has been the "under dog," so to

But to as, the Yelp and the Snarl symbolize the
influence and strength of the multitude of workers, the element of
morality, the bemoaning of the sentimental brill the
subservient Yelp of weakness! And the mankind justifies, they seek to harmonize to the "abstract" or

—and what is their note but the Yelp of submission.

They who are oppred by "law" and cry for more
freedom, who are a victim of the "corporate" or
"victory," one who is "insulted" by "honesty" and pray
for still greater "honesty," what are they but voices ut-
tering the Yelp! But, there are those who Snarl, whose lives are one

repeated Snarl of Rebellion. Virtue, Duty, Honesty, these words have no place in their life-vocab-

—Away with your duty, virtue," they cry, "by them we have been enslaved through the ages. Out
with your honesty, they seek to harmonize their unhappiness to the "right"—what is their note but the Yelp of submission.

But they who Snarl have not lessened nor weakened
their vocabulary by riddling of rubbish. They have
duly room for a newer and truer system of
expression. In the place of "right" they have installed
might. They do not deny the right of "right" to
men, law becomes "power to oppress," to the "right of

But they who Snarl have not lessened nor weakened
their vocabulary by riddling of rubbish. They have
THE SONGS OF THE VANGUARD

We march along, glad, brave and strong; true warriors of the right;
For a world to be free, men are free, all faithfully to fight.
We shed no tear, and we laugh at fear; still keen for the furious fray.
We score all care and we mock despair: the Vangaurd leads the way!

On, on, with the Vanguard, Comrades; strive for the cause so true.
Be one in the great war; Comrades; until the last man is free.

Our banner red, our hearts have bled and stained it oft before.
We lift it high, where every eye can greet it o'er and o'er.
It cannot fall, for each and all are pledged to the very last;
To bear it still, thus well and ill, where the Vanguard's might is east.

On, on, with the Vanguard, Comrades; for peace we will not sue.
Be brave, and so end the round of the Savage Kings, where victory waits for you!

There comes an hour when the people's power shall conquer the rulers, all;
When the masters' might shall yield at length, and their privilege must fall.
Or slow, or fast, it rise at last; we seek the old Roman's boast.

To strive on with an iron will. The Vangaurd fights in front!

On, on, with the Vanguard, Comrades; your might and your faith renew.

The Vangaurd, the Vangaurd, where the Vangaurd's bays to you!

—William Francis Barnard

.symbolic all that is stagnant, decayed, putrid. They are dead, dead to the wondrous thrill of the Ideal, dead to both Hate and Love.
Not so with the Snipers! They are lean of body, clean and clean in their mentality. And, like Cassius, they are brave for life and death; they know how to make for life. They are voracious in their desire, a desire that encompasses the world itself. They menace all that is false and weak, that is so long and their fingers are clutching, clenching, while the voice of the Sniper.
But let not the Sniper be conceived as evil! It has its halo, but it is also a heart of POWER, drowning in its thunder the weak, crying note of the Yipd, the wall of the unit.

The FLT shall survive! It is immutable law.

Hartwell S. Shippey.

SPECIAL FROM AUSTRALIA

Melbourne, June 15, 1912. — We celebrated May Day, which was a tremendous success for Anarchy. We had an audience numbering from 18,000 to 20,000 people. I spoke with only a few, but I was a very strong piece of POWERFul, drowning in its thunder the weak, crying note of the Yipd; the wall of the unit.

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RUDYARD KIPLING, REACTIONARY

Rudyard Kipling has written for the Daily American Magazine a short story based on the coal strike in England, which presents with great force the reactionary attitude toward the labor movement. It is easily a warning to labor and is so denominated by the editor of The American Magazine, who frankly says that readers who do not at all agree with Mr. Kipling may derive great benefit from the story in that it presents the conservative attitude with extraordinary clearness.

In the story, which is told by a labor leader just decended into the lower regions from England, where he has lost his life as a result of the strike, he tells his hearers of the long struggle against capitalist exploiters and organized society, and that he and his associates have recently waged. At the conclusion of the story the Rev. Mr. Kipling leads the discussion. The Rev. man that England is no longer to be in need of coal. The idea is that the labor unions have pressed their fight to such an extent that it has come forward, surrounded and harrowed the tide to supply power in place of coal, thus relieving society of the need of coal miners. The Rev. man says his prognosis is that some of these leaders are therefore the benefactors of society in that by going too far in their demands they have thus destroyed themselves.

The story will undoubtedly promote a great deal of discussion, and naturally it will find warm critics and defenders.

NEW BOOKS


Tolstoy was one of the greatest personalities of the age. He has influenced the lives of many people, perhaps, than any other author of the time. As Rationalist, novelist, philosopher, and sociologist he has written much; more than the average reader has time to read, if he or she had the inclination to do so. There is very little in this world that met with his approval. He was able to express in many ways the reason why we can easily tolerate his few inconsistencies.

He lived the life of a rebel, estranged even from his own family, and he made a big revolution in the railway station, while on his way to a little colony of peasant friends, forced to leave the home life he could no longer tolerate, and he can trace all of the most pathetic incidents in Biography.

Mr. Hall has done this busy age a real service in producing this volume. The book is composed as far as possible of quotations from Tolstoy's works. So it is said that it is part of partisan. Nor has the author given undue prominence to that in Tolstoy which he especially likes. The Hall biography, however, is an excellent work. He get at the kernal of what Tolstoy taught. The book is well made and printed in large, heavy face type.


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Ruling Others is a Cure to All

No man ever ruled other men for his own good; so man was ever rightfully the master of the minds and bodies of his fellow creatures; no man can control or influence anything but his own. Man controls the life, the work, the welfare of anything but his own, and for his brutalization. The possession of power over others is inherently dehumanizing, both to the possessor of the power and to those over whom it is exercised. And the great man of the future, in distinction from the great man of the past, will truly be the man who does not use power over others, and not gain power over the great. The great man of the future is he who will refuse to be great at all, in the historic sense, he is the man who will literally lose himself, and will altogether diffuse himself, in the life of humanity. George H. Deacon.

THE EDITOR'S DEFENCE

The Editor of this paper has been convicted on the charge of "encouraging disorder." As it is evident this verdict is allowed to stand every radical paper in the State will be at the absolute mercy of the prosecutors, and may be thrown into jail at any moment.

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AROUND THE WORLD

The war department is full of joy over a recent test of an aeroplane built to kill others than the operators.

"Rea" Admiral Frank F. Fletcher, U. S. N., aid for material at the Navy Department, makes the time known in that 3,000 of these air craft can be purchased for the price of a single battleship.

"Consider the spectacle of that aeroplane speeding over the aerial region yesterday," he said, "with the Chippie, without practice or experience, operating that weapon with such ease and success that he picked off one target after another with the machine going at high speed. Then multiply the number of machines by 3,000 and imagine the havoc which the downpour of shots would create.

How useful to dispense a crowd of strikers. What have a "downpour of shot would create" among an unruly mob like the ones we often have to contend with. Good for the cause. We must be careful not to take any immoral means to meet these guys.

Twenty-five lodges comprising the Order of Rail- way Conductors, Brotherhood of Firemen and Enginemen, are favorable to forming a system federation on the North. This is following the line of the system federations recently perfected by the shop organizations on various western railroads.

The Metropolitan Magazine for June has an article on "Haywood and Haywoodism," also by Kel Hoxie on "The Lion, Victor in England." Both articles are well worth reading. Hoxie gives a good and fair definition of syndicalism, while opposed to it. In the July number Morris Hillquit will begin a series of articles on Socialism.

There are seventeen hundred thousand railroad employees in the United States. The average wages of $5,000 general officers is $13,327 a day, while that of the trackmen is $1,47. The average wages of the aristocrats of the railroad workers, the engineers, is $45.50 a day.

The strikebreakers employed to defeat the Laborers' Union of Newark, N. J., are receiving $5.50 in addition to being housed and fed. The laborers asked for only $2.00 a day and house and feed themselves.

Speaking of sabotage before the Socialist Convention, Gaylord of Milwaukee said: "We don't want any of it. We don't want to touch it. We don't want to be connected with it. We repudiate it in every fibre of our bodies.

The strike of the Chicago pressmen is still on. The freight handlers of that city are in the seventh week of their strike.

ELIMINATING THE ANARCHIST

Anarchy is causing a headache of trouble in the socialist camp nowadays. "The Masses" has an article entitled "Eliminating the Anarchist," which contains a lot of the usual gush about violence, etc. The article opens with this profound observation: "A resort to violence by individuals or a majority group as a means of settling a social problem is a confession of moral and intellectual incompetence. It is a confession that those who advocate violence are afraid they will lose the justice of their cause to the arbitration of reason."

In the first proposition it is wrong only for one of the few to revolt. If a majority does so the moral of the act changes and it becomes a wise act. This is modern socialist logic.

Anarchy, ya God! To submit it to reason. Whose reason? The capitalist, of course. There is nobody else to reason with about it. The worker is not going to bother about it. He sees it. It's plain to him. It's the capitalist and his retainers that we must meet. And reason with them about it, it is carrying the joke too far. Let us drop it.

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The same writer says next: "We may be impatient at the slow progress of our campaign to convert the majority, but show a little patience, for this impatience finds expression in "short cuts" to the New Jerusalem, it ceases to be scientific and becomes raw Utopianism. A "short cut" in the form of brutal conflict or contemptible sabotage, it is a confession that education is a farce and that the only argument which men will recognize is a knife at the throat or a blow between the eyes."

What about education showing us that "contemptible sabotage" and direct action is the only way, would education then be a farce? Or does this writer mean to say that we must educate the capitalist class in the great class war that it will be good for their souls and their body to give up all their wealth and step down from their pedestals of honor and power and suffer with us? Does the writer imply that we will bring about the kingdom come in this way. How else can education be use. Educate me, I'm done.

The Anarchist and direct actionist and syndicalist have no special abhorrence of any special means to the end. If it can be attained by other means less costly for the community and more effective for any means to the end. What did Berger mean when he wrote two years ago: "In view of the present law-making of the present day, it is easy to predict that the safety and hope of the country will finally lie in one direction only—that of a violent and bloody solution."

"Therefore, I, say, each of the 500,000 Socialist voters, and of the 2,000,000 workmen who in an insistent and patient way desires to improve their conditions of existence through much reading and still more thinking, also have a good rifle and the necessary rounds of ammunition in his home, and be prepared to back up his ballot with his bullets if necessary."

THE CASE OF ETTOUR AND GIOVANNITI

The arrest of Joseph Ritter and Arturo Giovannitti, two leading figures in that phase of the class struggle, which was recently transmitted in Lawrence, Mass., should arouse the sentiment of the labor movement to a fiery pitch. These fearless men have been willing to sacrifice their lives for the sake of the proletarian. They have gladly relinquished their liberties that the deformed, emaciated babes and hard-worked, half-starved men and women of Lawrence might enjoy slightly alleviated and humanized conditions. It is, therefore, the duty of every individual who lays claim to radical principles or tendencie to raise his voice in loud and vehement protest against this latest of capital's crimes.

AN INJURY TO ONE IS AN INJURY TO ALL. It is Ritter and Giovannitti today. Tomorrow it may be you or I. Every man and woman, who voices a contention against capitalism in danger of being put in the same position and predicament as that occupied by Ritter and his brother prisoner.

This case of the two Lawrence men is only a repetition of capital's incessant attempts to seize into its flindish and inhuman clutches all those in the labor movement who manifest the slightest strength, stamina and determination. The eight Chicago Anarchists faced a like situation. Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone were given similar treatment. Ritter Giovannitti are innocent. Capital, however, would glorify in their execution. These two men are members of the working class. They fast staunchly in our outer struggle. Only to see, their comrades and fellow fighters, can they hope to look for support. And we must be prepared to meet their cry, "murderers," and say, especially Ritter and Giovannitti MUST NOT BE MURDERED.

Haywood, one of the proletariat's most virile forces, walks the streets a free man today. This might be bold front presented by labor during the entire process of his trial.

What we did for Haywood, we can and MUST DO for the fellow workers in Massachusetts. Let not even be hinted that Ritter and Giovannitti have been sent to their deaths thry any neglect upon the part of labor. Labor's reputation in the McNamara was both ignored it is shameful. It is the result of that great error which was the plant itself and at the steadiest of the two sides of the innocent victims of capital's insatiable desire for vengeance. If, however, defense of Ritter and Giovannitti are executed, capitol may rest assured that the working class of America will be prepared to demand and obtain redress for this heinous crime.

ROA MARXUS, aged 15.

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HISTORY REPEATING ITSELF

It is easy to work yourself up into a political frenzy, bawl your head off at meetings, and scream straight from the mouth of your favorite Socialist or Anarchist preach.

But you should remember that arguments you should investigate and think out for yourself. It is the easiest thing in the world to follow a leader, and that is doubtless the only way in which both kingship and tyranny originated.

All these things are bitter, and because they are so easy they are absolutely fatal; for they encourage sloth, rob the masses of initiative, cultivate futility in place of muscle and reduce the whole body to a spineless mass. It is the method by which the church has ruled for centuries, and it is the method by which the labor and revolui 

tionary Socialists have been ruled today. The movement also has its "sacred" orators, preaching from their pulpits and shielded against contradiction; it has its "sacred" colleges, and it has its "sacred" of political measures that operate whatever does not suit the commercial policies they were founded to. To-day hero-worship is actually incultilated as a virtue, and discussion of problems vital to the movement, but dangers to the rulers, is checked at every point. For example; the I.W.W. is now developing certain centralizing policies entirely foreign to the great Syndicalist movement of which it is supposed to be a part; but to get that information I have to go to independent papers wherein the rebels are voicing their protests, and voicing them with eloquence and logic. As always, the official agencies are silent as the grave. They have no limits to the space of sensationalism and hero-worship, but for what vitally concerns the rank and file they have no room.

Wm. C. Owen, in Regeneration.

The Death of Voltairina de Gleyre.

As expected, the following notice and note was received. Next issue will contain a biographical sketch of this deceased Revolutionist:

"Voltairina de Gleyre Died 11 a.m., Thursday Memorial Meeting Sunday, St. John to Preside. Haywood to Speak. Will be Buried Beside Our Five in Waldheim."

THE AGITATOR EXCUBITION

The Agitator Excursion from Seattle to Home was a grand success from every point of view. We shall have more to say and give a full report in the next issue.

RECEIPTS

Excursion Dinner, 26.30; Portland I.W.W., 76; Frisco Ball, 86; St. Louis Socialist League 30; Johns, 21.30; Harvard, 41.80; St. Louis, 32.50; Cal Arts, 67.50; Library, Caps, Four, Zoro, Petrovich, Popeil, Howdoffer, Nagler, Donation, Horner, Goldstein, Ziemler, each $1.25; Y.M.C.A., 15.50; Cal Oberlefein, 40; Greenhalgh, each 50. Springer, Mc Knox, Matisella, Paterson, Magorone, Bonver, each 25 cents.

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Financial Report For May

EXPENSES

Jay Fox, wages, $40.00
Paler & Co., Linotype, 19.20
Paper Stock, 10.80
Postal, etc., 4.05
Help, 1,16
Total, $75.21
Deficit from April, $65.90
Receipts, $26.50
Deficit, $39.40

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