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## Attend the McNamara Demonstration at New Club Hall!

### This Coming Sunday, Dec. 3, at 2 o'clock, in the Afternoon!

#### Eight Singing Societies Will Sing In Joint Chorus! Good Speakers! Everybody Welcome! Admission Free!

Socialists, Trade Unionists, Working Men and Women of St. Louis:

Will you sit idly by while the ruling class is using every possible means to railroad two of your fellow workers and brothers to the gallows in the city of Los Angeles? Shall



J. B. McNAMARA. J. J. McNAMARA.

the wage-working proletariat of this metropolis of the great Southwest permit the capitalist press to misrepresent the entire American labor movement and to do all in its power to assist the Otis, Burns, Kirby, Post crowd in their desperate efforts to kill the McNamara boys under the cloak of law and order?

The working class of St. Louis must speak out in no uncertain language that they are ready to stand by their brothers in the Los Angeles jail and that they will do all in their power to arouse the people of this community to the grave situation confronting not only the representatives of Organized Labor, but also every freedom and justice loving man and woman. The breaking into the general headquarters of

the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers in Indianapolis, the stealing of books, records and money of the Union by private detective agents in the employ of the National Erectors' Association, the kidnaping of Brother J. J. McNamara, the national secretary of the organization, his imprisonment in Los Angeles, Cal., the indictment by a made-to-order jury, and the present trial under Judge Bordwell's chairmanship and Detective Burns' management, are some of the blackest spots on the pages of American history.

For the last eight weeks the fight has been going on in Los Angeles to secure a jury that will do the bidding of Gen. Otis and the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association. Judge Bordwell has shown his unfairness on more than one occasion and has admitted men to sit in the jury box that no fair-minded judge would have accepted, even without protest on the part of the defense.

Working men and women of St. Louis: What assurance have you got that in the near future the officers of your own local and national trade union organizations will not be treated like the McNamara brothers? What assurance have you that what happened to the National Union of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers and their secretary may not happen to the Brotherhood of Carpenters and Joiners, the United Brewery Workers or any other national organizations of labor?

Twenty-four years ago the capitalist class, with the help of hireling judges, criminals in the employ of the police department, and packed juries succeeded in murdering a number of men who had taken a leading part in the great Eight-Hour movement of 1885-86. At that time the machinery of the capitalist class was put in operation, the people throughout the country were made to believe that Parsons, Spies and their unfortunate fellow workers were the worst criminals on the face of the earth, the Eight-Hour movement was broken down under the weight of an artificially created scare of anarchism, and during this general excitement, fear and confusion the labor leaders were sent to the gallows on November 11, 1887. The object of the enemies of the labor movement had been accomplished, and for several years it seemed like the American labor movement was dead for good.

But two or three years later the battalions of the labor movement rallied, and with renewed energy and determination the pioneers of Organized Labor proved to the ruling classes that the American labor movement had come to stay.

Twenty years later a similar warfare was inaugurated against the labor movement in Colorado. While in 1886-87 the bugaboo of anarchism was used as a means to scare the people and inflame them against the indicted labor leaders in Chicago, the capitalists now believed they could successfully use the Socialist scarecrow to create a general sentiment against the labor leaders in Colorado. The further fact that there had been at that time some internal troubles on between the Western wing of the trade union movement and the A. F. of L. made the capitalists and their Pinkerton crime-breeders believe that the great mass of the workingmen affiliated with the A. F. of L. would sanction the capitalist crime against Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and under such favorable conditions and sentiment it would be easy to teach a bloody lesson to the American proletariat.

However, the solidarity of the American wage-working class soon asserted itself. Thanks

to the brave and courageous attitude of the Socialist and Trade Union press, the rank and file of the working people were soon informed of the true state of affairs in connection with the kidnaping of the leaders of the Western Federation of Miners. After a farcical trial, in which the criminal work of the capitalist class and the Pinkerton hirelings was shown up to the American people, Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone left the Idaho jail as free men, while the capitalists had to do the best they could with their specimen of a criminal monster, Harry Orchard, who was supposed to save law and order, save the country, by sacrificing the lives of three innocent labor leaders.

The third desperate move against Organized Labor came with the McNamara kidnaping. Here was a case where the men directly involved could not be denounced as anarchists or Socialists, because their record was that of conservative leaders of a conservative Trade Union organization. This, however, did not prevent the Citizens' Industrial Alliance and Manufacturers' Association and their detectives and agents from concocting a sensational dynamite story and cause the indictment of the kidnaped men in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion.

Every thinking working man and woman must fully realize what this fight against the McNamara boys and the Organized Labor movement means. It is the last stand of the Citizens' Alliance desperadoes? It is an effort on the part of criminal detective institutions to prove their right of existence and their absolute necessity to the capitalist class interests.

For this reason the working class of St. Louis must rally to the support and assistance of J. J. and J. B. McNamara and the organization they represent. Purposely Otis, Burns and allies are circulating the news through the capitalist press that over a million of dollars had been collected for the McNamara defense fund. This is done for the purpose of deceiving the people throughout the country and making the rank and file of Organized Labor believe that there was no further need of money for the defense of the indicted men in Los Angeles. Without any money the defense would be compelled to give up the fight for the McNamara boys and Organized Labor, and the Otis-Burns-Kirby-Post conspirators would have accomplished their purpose.

Organized Labor of St. Louis, of this metropolis of the great Southwest, must now prove by its action that the solidarity of the working class is no empty dream. We must have a demonstration of protest the like the people of St. Louis have never seen before, and greetings and cheers must go out from here to our brothers in jail and to the brave men and women of Los Angeles who are fighting such a noble and inspiring battle for labor's cause in the present campaign that will result in the election of the entire Socialist ticket.

On to New Club Hall, to-morrow, Sunday, December 3, in the afternoon at 2 o'clock, to take part in the big mass meeting and McNamara demonstration!

Men and women of the working class, it is your duty to come to the front in these hours of storm and stress to take up the battles for right and justice and for the great cause of your children and your children's children!

Socialists, Trade Unionists, Citizens of St. Louis! Your presence is wanted at the New Club Hall on Sunday afternoon. You and your wives and children, your friends and neighbors, are vitally interested in this cause.

Or will you permit the ruling class to rob you of the last remnant of your liberties and make this so-called free country of ours a second Siberia to live in?

NO! A thousand times NO! When duty calls us to come to the rescue of oppressed, persecuted labor, we must respond promptly and must aid willingly and liberally.

The eight Working Men's Singing Societies have decided to attend this McNamara demonstration in a body and in joint chorus render some of their most inspiring songs of the freedom of Labor. The following speakers will address the meeting:

**Duncan McDonald**, Secretary Treasurer of the United Mine Workers of Illinois; **David Kreyling**, Secretary of the St. Louis Central Trades and Labor Union; **William M. Brandt**, Secretary-Organizer of the Socialist Party of St. Louis; **Fannie Sellins** and **Kate Hurley** of the United Garment Workers, who visited the McNamara brothers in jail while working in Los Angeles for the Job Harriman victory at the primary elections; **G. A. Hoehn**, editor of ST. LOUIS LABOR; **P. Morrin**, of the Bridge and Structural Iron Workers; **J. C. Shanessy**, of the Journeymen Barbers' Union; **L. G. Pope**, of the Socialist Party.

We repeat: On to New Club Hall on Sunday afternoon, at 2 o'clock!

Remember our brothers in Los Angeles jail! Remember their old, suffering mother, whose heart-blood is devoured by the hyenas of capitalism that try to take the lives of her two beloved sons.

Men of Labor, up, arise!

Know the might that in Thee lies!





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## Editorial Comment.

The Rocky Mountain Fuel Co., in Louisville, Colo., whose coal miners are on strike, demand federal troops "for the protection of their property."

East St. Louis real estate speculators and the Terminal Association seem to co-operate very harmoniously in their work of bleeding the people at both ends of the unfinished municipal bridge.

The Socialists of Germany have already opened their Reichstag election campaign. The election will take place January 12, 1911, and the bye-elections one week later. There will be some exciting times over Christmas and New Year!

The New Review is the name of a Socialist review that some comrades in New York are about to establish. It is devoutly to be hoped that this new review will not duplicate the International Socialist Review and devote its columns to miseducating its readers in regard to the international Socialist movement.—Social Democratic Herald.

What about the Free Municipal Bridge? In view of the fact that the Public Service Commission has practically endorsed the Socialist and Trade Union attitude on the free Municipal Bridge bond issue, the Kreismann administration will be compelled to drop Jep Howe and favor the repeal of the Southern Traction franchise steal. If not, we may have another word to say in the near future. We shall see whether St. Louis is to be governed by the Big Cinc interests or by the people.

No Politics in the Union! O, no! The latest A. F. L. press bulletin appears booming L. W. Quick of St. Louis as candidate for Governor of Missouri, under the disguise of a St. Louis dispatch, which reads as follows: "St. Louis, Mo., November 25.—L. W. Quick, secretary-treasurer of the Order of Railroad Telegraphers, is being boomed for the nomination for Governor of the State of Missouri. Mr. Quick is one of the active trade unionists of the country and well and favorably known." Now, Mr. Quick is also director of a St. Louis bank. No doubt this will give him the endorsement of the Bankers' Association.

From Paris comes the sad news of the death of Comrade Paul Lafargue and his wife, Laura, the second oldest daughter of Karl Marx. Comrade Lafargue left a letter saying he felt the approach of the affirmities of old age which threatened paralysis, and determined to die while still in possession of all his faculties. His wife refused to survive, preferring to share his fate. The editor of ST. LOUIS LABOR had the pleasure of paying two visits to the Lafargues, at their family home in Le Perreux, a suburb of Paris—the first time in 1888, and the second time in 1891, while on his way to the Brussels International Congress. The death of Paul and Laura Lafargue means a great loss to the International Socialist labor movement.

Now comes Wm. English Walling with a long letter in the New York Call, captioned "A Danger to the Party." If the Socialist Party should ever need a savior, such would-be revolutionists and confusionists like Wm. English Walling could never save it. Mr. Walling, so it seems, cannot forget the sound thrashing he received in the columns of ST. LOUIS LABOR some years ago, when he published his reactionary anarchistic and direct action articles on the movement in France, which were reprinted in full by Samuel Gompers in the American Federationist. We knew Walling and his policy then as we do now, and if he thinks he and his International Socialist Review friends can transform the Socialist Party into a second edition of the old-time anarchist movement he is badly mistaken.

The Milwaukee Leader, the daily Socialist organ of our Milwaukee comrades, will make its appearance on December 7. Over \$90,000 have been contributed to the Daily Leader fund. When the Milwaukee Leader starts, which will be December 7, the local edition of the Social-Democratic Herald will no longer be published. Subscribers who have paid for the local edition will have their time extended for the national edition to correspond to the difference in price between the local and national edition. The national edition will be the only edition of the Herald which will be published after the daily starts. The Social-Democratic Herald will not be circulated in Milwaukee after The Milwaukee Leader appears. All subscription credit due Milwaukee Herald readers will be transferred to their credit on the Milwaukee Leader.

That Capitalist Political Agents are at work against Job Harriman and the Socialist Party in Los Angeles, under the disguise of radical Socialists and the I. W. W., may be read out of the following special dispatch to the St. Louis Globe-Democrat: "Los Angeles, Cal., November 25.—Samuel Astay, wearing a button of the Industrial Workers of the World, declaring himself a Socialist and posing as a police officer, this afternoon tore down an American flag at one of the Alexander headquarters. C. J. Johnson, an old man and a veteran of two wars, called Astay to account. Astay told the veteran the red flag was as good as the Stars and Stripes, whereupon Johnson ordered him to replace the flag and to kiss it. Astay demurred, but Johnson forced him to do as he ordered. Then Astay attacked Johnson and was given a trouncing. Johnson went about his business and left the Socialist lying on the curb, bleeding." The fact of

the matter is that the I. W. W. crowd is bitterly opposed to Job Harriman and the entire Los Angeles Socialist campaign. Hence the Samuel Astay work smells very much after the agent provocateur in the employ of George Alexander's Merchants' and Manufacturers' Association.

## Professorial Ossification.

Dr. Nicholas Murray Butler, president of Columbia University, addressed the members of the St. Louis Commercial Club last Monday night.

"There is a definite movement on foot in our country to-day," he said, "backed by consistent, persistent and thoughtful men, to change the form of our government from a representative republic to a socialistic democracy. This is the most impressive political fact in this country, taking precedence over all economic questions and going to the root of all the institutions of the United States."

Dr. Butler spoke of the agitation in favor of the initiative, referendum and recall, the adoption of which, he said, would amount to the surrender of the experience of 125 years in this country, and, taking into consideration the history of England, the experience of 500 years.

"It may be," he remarked, "that men would be happier under this form. It may be that rights would be better protected and property more equitably distributed, but if we make the change it can only be by a revolution in our fundamental political beliefs, ambitions, hopes and aspirations."

"A change from representative government as it now exists to a democratic form under the initiative would not be progressive, but retroactive."

"The movement toward a new democracy began years ago when the people departed from the idea of a constitution which expressed general principles and began to incorporate in their constitutions provisions regulating the location of colleges and the salaries of state officers. Such constitutions struck a blow at the fundamental guarantees of liberty and put the bill of rights on the same footing with the salary of a state auditor."

It takes a university professor to tell the bankers and Big Business lords that direct legislation would undermine the "fundamental guarantees of liberty."

With all of the historical book knowledge of the 125 years of American and 500 years of British experience, Dr. Butler has not been able to unlearn some of the things that befog his professorial mind. That his anti-direct legislation address should appear in the daily capitalist press on the same day that a committee of the Municipal Assembly was expected to report on the Initiative and Referendum bill is a suspicious coincidence, to say the least.

Modern Capitalism has succeeded in making representative government subservient to capitalist class interests. The beginning of capitalist production and class rule also marked the beginning of the representative government. Thus the bourgeoisie in England rebelled against feudalism. When Charles the First insisted on the recognition of his "Divine Rights" and bucked against the representative government of young "capitalist England," he lost his royal head. In France the youthful rebellious bourgeoisie played their historic mission in the greatest and most far-reaching bloody political revolution in the history of mankind, wiping feudalism and "government by divine right" from the soil of France. The capitalist representative government was established, and when Louis XVI and Marie Antoinette conspired against the new regime they traveled the same road as King Charles.

In America representative government has been a reliable capitalist institution up to this very hour!

No wonder Dr. Butler is defending it before an audience of bankers and "Big Business" men!

Within the last twenty-five years the working class of Western European countries have succeeded in breaking into these parliaments, thereby disturbing the political peace of the capitalist class. It is generally admitted to-day that the representative government, in order to be a government of the people, must be supplemented by direct legislation.

If the 150 years of American and the 500 years of British experience with representative government can prove anything, it is this one fact: that representative government has never yet been a government of the people, but a government of, by and for the capitalist class!

Dr. Butler might tell us: But representative government rests on universal suffrage!

Well and good. But during all these many years the ruling classes have succeeded in keeping the people politically ignorant and using universal suffrage as a means to strengthen the capitalist class interests.

The world is moving toward Social Democracy, or socialistic democracy. This much Dr. Butler frankly admits. That the people can no longer be deceived and fooled with glittering generalities, or "general principles," expressed in state and federal constitutions, is another fact which attracted Dr. Butler's attention.

One hundred and twenty-five years ago the "general principle" that "all men are born equal and are endowed by their creator with the inalienable right to life, liberty and happiness" was inserted into the American Declaration of Independence. This "general principle" did not prevent the "revolutionary forefathers" to recognize the principle of negro slavery in the United States Constitution.

Almost a hundred years later it required a bloody civil war, with the sacrifice of a million human lives, to give that "general principle" a definite meaning.

The time has come when the people will no longer submit to be governed by a slavish faith in the dead letter of the law, or by means of glittering phrases, called "general principles," in our state and federal constitutions.

Dr. Butler don't seem to know that all of "our fundamental political beliefs, ambitions, hopes and aspirations" are by no means so unchangeable as he may imagine, because they are simply the reflex of economic conditions and are bound to change with these conditions.

That a constitution containing direct legislation should strike a blow at the "fundamental guarantees of liberty" may be the opinion of a university president, but the people are not afflicted with the disease of professorial ossification.

G. A. Hoehn.

Two of your brothers and fellow-workers were kidnaped by the thugs of Capitalism, deprived of their personal liberty and constitutional rights, and transported to Los Angeles, Cal., where they were thrown in jail, charged with murder in connection with the Los Angeles Times explosion and indicted by a drummed-up grand jury.

## Seidel and the Tax-Dodgers.

Last Tuesday's Globe-Democrat published the following dispatch, with sensational headlines:

"Asks Impeachment of Socialist Mayor—Milwaukee Alderman Makes Charges Against Seidel and Two of His Cabinet—Tax Returns Involved—'Malfeasance, Misfeasance and Nonfeasance' Alleged Against Officials."

"Milwaukee, Wis., November 27.—The impeachment of Mayor Seidel, City Clerk Carl D. Thompson and City Attorney Daniel W. Hoan for alleged misfeasance, malfeasance and nonfeasance in office in connection with the 1911 tax assessment, is asked by Alderman J. P. Carney, in charges submitted to the Common Council at an adjourned meeting to-day.

The city officials named are charged with employing tax ferrets to investigate the taxable property of Milwaukee, paying them out of a contingent fund for the use of the City Attorney for city purposes.

"The second charge says the persons so employed made an investigation of the assessment before and during the time fixed by law for the session of the Board of Review; that they made a full and regular report of their discoveries and findings to Mr. Hoan and Mayor Seidel and Clerk Thompson were fully informed of the investigation.

"The third charge alleges that the Mayor, the City Clerk and the City Attorney failed in their duty in that they did not lay the information and the results of their investigation before the Board of Review.

"The fourth count alleges that the several persons, known or unknown employed by the City Attorney for making an investigation, conspired and connived with each other to the detriment and against the best interests of the people of Milwaukee to withhold information.

"Mayor Seidel said he had not yet seen a copy of the charges, but when informed of the nature said:

"I look on the charges as a huge joke, and it is a question in my mind whether I will take any notice of them at all

"We got after a few of the tax-dodgers and the so-called reformers are jealous of the work being done by the administration. Nothing has been done in violation of the law."

The concluding paragraph of the above press dispatch tells the secret of the story. Comrade Seidel went after the rich tax-dodgers, and they are now trying to cover up their work by accusing the Socialist Mayor of unlawful procedure in the tax investigation. These gentlemen, who robbed the city of Milwaukee out of many thousands of dollars, wanted the Seidel administration to submit the results of the investigation to the capitalist "Board of Review," but Seidel could not be bluffed.

Mayor Seidel insists that the wealthy speculators shall not escape taxation; he sees no valid reasons why the burdens of taxation should be shouldered by the working people, and by small business men whose lot, in most instances, is even worse than that of the wage workers.

We have had similar cases in St. Louis. Remember the indignation of Dave Francis and other millionaires when Assessor Brinkop went after them. Of course, the St. Louis assessor was a part of the Republican machine, and when the tax-dodging cases had reached a certain stage the assessor had to go away back, sit-down, and keep his mouth shut, provided he would not commit political suicide.

In Milwaukee, however, the situation is radically different. Mayor Seidel is at the head of a Socialist administration that cannot be scared into silence and official paralysis by capitalist bluffs and threats. Neither a capitalist Alderman like Carney, nor a capitalist "Board of Review" can prevent Comrade Emil Seidel from doing his duty as Mayor toward the people of Milwaukee.

We feel confident that the rank and file of the people of Milwaukee will exclaim in unison:

"Bravo, Seidel! We are with you in this fight against the wealthy tax-dodgers!"

G. A. Hoehn.

## ATTENTION! ATTENTION! ATTENTION!

## Members of Brewers' and Maltsters' Union No. 6, Take Notice!

The members of Brewers' and Maltsters' Union No. 6 are hereby notified that in accordance with the decision of the last regular meeting, our organization will take part in the McNamara Demonstration at New Club Hall this Sunday afternoon.

All members of No. 6 are requested to meet on Sunday, at 1:30 p. m. sharp, at our meeting hall (Thirteenth street entrance of New Club Hall); from there we shall form in line on Thirteenth street and march to the big hall, where the McNamara demonstration will take place. Our Union banner will be carried in the parade.

Hoping that our members will do all in their power to make the McNamara demonstration a success, I remain

Fraternally yours,

JOSEPH HAUSER, Secretary.

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