STRIKE RECORDS PROVE LABOR IS ON THE MARCH

The biggest strike during the first three months of 1935 was that of the Truckers and Teamsters in Minneapolis, Minnesota. In this city in which 22,000 workers walked out in protest to an injunction which prevented them from co-operating with the Longshoremen's Union in eliminating all forms of strike.
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Gems of Thought

(Extracts from the speeches of Ferdinand Lassalle, the founder of the modern German labor movement.)

DUPLICITY OF THE PRESS

"A man who wishes to make honest money makes his pamphlets or cloth or play on the stock exchange. He never shows the qualities of a police officer: of the legal method of suspicious means. When he makes an announcement, or a robbery, or a threat, or a crime—in his case it is a present-day press." 

WRITTEN AND REAL CONSTITUTIONS

"When is a written constitution a good one and a permanent one?" 

"Obviously only in the one case when it is the true constitution, the real alignment of forces that obtain in the country; when the method of the written constitution is not in agreement with the real constitution, there will be no time limit. It can be removed and will that necessarily result in the transformation of the written constitution, which is a mere sheet of paper?"

Toledo

If it is a question of doing something which will be of benefit to a local union, the A. F. of L. officials, all of them, find that "their hands are tied by the by-laws." But when they see their club to use against a local union, they seem to be bound by neither law nor principle.

At Toledo a local union, out on strike against a Chevalier plant, was meeting to vote on a proposed compromise settlement. Dillon, special A. F. of L. representative, because of his past treachery, was barred from the meeting. He was finally let into the meeting, and he told them that the charter would not be restored unless they voted to accept the compromise.

Twenty-three hundred men, the striking workers, men who are risking everything to have in a desperate fight against the bosses, are gathered to consider a proposed compromise settlement; one man, Dillon, supposed to be in the service of the union, holds his judgment to be superior to the collective thought of twenty-three hundred men; and he backs it up by the use of a weapon he does not rightfully possess. They voted to accept the proposal, and Dillon will live to regret it.

The Northwest Labor Defense

To accomplish this a conference of progressive workers throughout the auto industry has been formed which is strikingly similar to the Northwest Labor Defense. We pledge to do our part in the Northwest to accomplish this very necessary objective.

The Non-Partisan Labor Defense

News of the formation of the Non-Partisan Labor Defense organization on a national scale gives a sense of deep satisfaction to the workers' organizations of the northwest. The need for defense funds has been an acute problem in this locality. At Albert Lea, Fargo and Minneapois especially, where militant labor struggles have been carried on, the need has been mainly obvious. Classically, the labor movement on the industrial field is bad enough, but it is carried into the courts by would-be labor lawyers who attempt to "defend" the workers by bargaining with the employers. The defense, the result of the defense funds, is a valuable addition to the movement.

The Northwest Labor Defense Conference welcomes the Non-Partisan Labor Defense and urges its members and all workers in the Northwest to accept the task of building a non-partisan branch of this organization.

Blind Alleys

The popularity of present day demagogues, the Longes, the Coughlins, and the Townsendians, is a yardstick by which we can see that the workers in their struggles are falling into the trap of these poisonous pests. That is why the task of building strong unions and unemployed organizations is leading them into a blind alley.

Suppressing Education

While the use of the police powers of the state are increased during the depression, the need of police power by the employers has never been more apparent. The union books have not been bought; the men have not been replaced; buildings are derelict, the personnel is reduced at the very moment when it is most needed. Nearly one-half the personnel of the local library facilities whatever. In order to meet this urgent investigative committee of the Michigan State Police has been replaced, and this is a eerie situation because the key to the state of the employers is in the hands of the workers. We shall attempt to get the news from our cities and in other counties. We shall get the news from the railroads. We know for their sympathy with the working millions. 

The Duty of a Worker's Press

The general public of this country, and amongst it the city workers, are forming and developing the idea that they consume in a standardized form as to the workers, the newspapers. The press of the news to the public—nothing less than highly concentrated propaganda by the workers in the newspapers and the workers themselves. If the press of the news to the public is to be done by the workers themselves, it is that the press of the news to the public, not at the public, is in this great movement. It is quite natural that the great tribune articles in the newspapers, together with the lesser fry, as the Minneapolis Journal, will show a certain amount of propaganda and commentaries which by any chance could be used against the interests of the owners of the papers. It is also quite clear that any attempt to turn the newspaper chain feel more than satisfied with the present state of the press, this attempt to turn the newspaper chain feel more than satisfied with the present state of the press.

Newspaper Back Issues

As the most powerful of all means of propaganda in the industrial world is, in the last analysis, the newspaper, real action economic order, the newspapers are ever so vigilant to prevent the workers from reading and getting a complete understanding of the workers' movement. The newspapers may show up things as they really are, but they are not to be used. They are not used to keep the workers from knowing of the continuous struggle that is going on, on the face of the earth between the exploiters and the exploited. They are not used to make the workers understand what is their job to do. If you are a community editor, you should gather all your servants and all the inhabitants of your city and tell them, 'All our labor to die alone with due solemnity: This is a fig leaf: the tree will be the workers! And when the next year comes it will be our true selves. What is written on this sheet of paper is of no value at all if it does not correspond to the real condition of affairs, to the actual conditions of life and work.'

Gentlemen, whenever you be-

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TREADING HER HOME GROUND

"You do not believe in the possibility of a revolution, gentlemen," declared after bringing the point to the a long time I believe in the possibility of any revolution ever will be." 

"It will either come with full force with all the blessings of peace, if it arrive. But the workers must make up their minds in time to prevent its happen. We have the desire to get a right is to wrong. To show the workers the common spring of distress, and in order to dispel the illusion of the workers, is the duty of workers' press.

Northwest Organizers

We workers are supposed to have control over the great financial resources necessary to maintain a revolution. But we have the desire to find out where the new vital to the workers in union, to know in which of the industries in which they are forced to em- 

"In either of those two revolutions, my point is, there is no doubt, and when I cut off from the tumult of the day and bury myself in the study of history, I can bear her treading her iron gate."
A WALL STREET PLOT IS HATCHED

General Sandey D. Butler, a retired officer of the United States Navy, has been giving some officers of the War Department posting charges that Wall Street tried to get him to be the 'man on the ground' of a fictitiously formed Fascist movement in America. The story comes from the censored pages of the McCarthey-Dickstein report to Congress on "subversive propaganda." Reprinted from the Machinist's Monthly Journal.

About two years ago, an ex-
apache, chauffeur-driven limousine, worked for Butler in Philadelphia. It was Ger-
ald Murphy, a wealthy financier, who handled deals for the bigger banking houses, included nardhs by nghĩa politicos, but also helped to run the Christian, dedicades, and the like, to the President of France.

"I told him," Butler related further, "that if he put into the streets of America some propagandists forth to New York, he would have some money, and he might even get away with it. The President of France, MacGuire told me, testified before the British in London in the year 1922, that 'I have the mark of the beast.'"

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Suit Against Union
Throw Out of Court
of the wages paid. Secretary Jaminon was called to the stand to explain the union's position in the case.
At this point the evidence came out of court on the ground that the Dairy was trying to drive out competition by hiring three individuals simultaneously.
In the corridors during the hearing were the superintendent, general foreman, and sales manager of Wilson and Company, packers; L. T. Dewey; S. K. Vetterten, bank president; officials; the superintendent of the American Dairy and the superintendent of the American Gas and Machine Company.
The court was crowded with workers who displayed their union buttons prominently.
Organized in the Office Workers' Club of the office test case for the union, and will bear watching. Their success is of extreme importance to the rest of labor.

A QUESTION
ANSWERED
In its first issue the NORTH WEST ORGANIZER posed a question which was raised by the outbreak of workers at St. Mary's Hospital: "Shall an institution operated for private profit and the big salaried exceptions from the customary regulations of the state, including taxation, and the NRA, besides being supported by public denunciation, be permitted to operate for the further selfish gain?"
The answer of 120 nurses and internes of the Bethes Houses hospital in New York is "No!" After walking out in a two-hour protest against the situation in a near by seven en
Police ordered them to leave the vicinity. They gathered to discuss the situation at the office, then, deciding to picket the hospital as a whole. They left a skeleton staff on duty. The rest honed the hospital.
"The golden rule is that there are no golden rules."—G. B. Shaw

Strays in the Wind
"Our country is filled with a socialistic, I. W. W., communist, labor, anti-American, anti-church, anti-God, anti-marriage gang, and they are laying the cards out. They are building up labor and capital and home; and we have folded them in the union. You can take your universities and pick out a lot of blackguards and smarties, fellows who are teaching that to the boys and sending them out to understand America. This radical element could have their way, my friends, the laws of nature would be repealed, or they would reverse them; oil and water would mix; the turducken would marry the turky buzzard; the sun would rise in the west and set in the east; chickens would give milk and cows would lay eggs; the pigs would crown and roosters would squeal; cows would bark and dogs would meow; the least would be the greatest; and a small nation be greater than the whole; yesterday would be day after tomorrow, if that crowd were in control of America."

Guests who are talking! Ham Fish? Senator Weber? Father Coughlin? William? Who are the best men? The best men of the rest of the wrecking crew? We have distinguished bits of nonsense that might do credit to any one of them. As a matter of fact, though, this gum was uttered by the Reverend Billy Sunday ten years ago.

WHITE-COLLAR WORKERS
USE STRIKE WEAPON
One of the significant developments of the current labor situation in America is the increasing use of the strike weapon by the white collar workers of America, the department store workers, newspaper workers, office workers, etc.
Among the white-collar groups on strike are the office forces of the American Bank. The Jewish Daily Forward, the American, the New York Times, and the Jewish Daily.