

CONSPIRING

NOTE:—The work of Ricardo and Enrique Flores Magon is little known in the English Section of *REGENERACION*. In the future we intend to publish some of their translated articles in this section. With this issue appears the first of Ricardo's articles translated from the Spanish section, and one from the pen of Enrique for this page.—*REGENERACION* Group.

The Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party has always had the privilege of drawing hatred, calumnies, insults and persecutions, since it labors indefatigably and fearlessly, undismayed and without retrocession, with enthusiasm and faith.

The activity of this Junta, and the importance and transcendence of its activity would be surprising to all, if the circumstances under which it works were known, circumstances of extreme misery, of constant uneasiness, unending persecution and lack of health.

Without the activity, the persistence, the courage and honesty of this Junta, the Mexican people would be still groaning under the heel of Porfirio Diaz, because, who kindled the Mexican breasts with rebellion, if it was not the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party? And the ever growing, and pronounced radicalism of the Mexican Revolution, to what is it due if not to the work of the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party.

Nevertheless, this fact is denied by many who call themselves revolutionists. They say that the Junta has no influence in the revolutionary affairs because its members are not on the jump, rifle in hand, in the Mexican fields of action. But if those "friends" opine that way, very different is the opinion of our enemies, of those who operate in the opposite camp, those who are not interested in seeing the capitalist system crumble to its end. Our enemies do believe that the work of the Organizing Junta is important, and it is due to that belief that the Junta be constantly hostilized by the bawd of Capitalism, madam Authority.

Our enemies know that without the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party, and without the devoted members of this Anarchist Organization, peace would be reigning in Mexico, capitalist peace, the peace that is based on Law and Order, the peace rooted in the submission of the poor by the brute force of the rich, and that is why the Junta is persecuted. If the work of this Junta had no influence in Mexican affairs, it would be let at peace, it would not be molested, the same as nobody is disturbed because a dog barks at the moon.

This reflexions are well suggested by the declaration made by the lawyer, Luis Cabrera, chairman of the Mexican commission that began its conferences in New London, and which have been continued at Atlantic City, between representatives of Carranza and Wilson, to settle the differences existing between the United States and Mexico.

In the Mexican daily of Mexico City, "El Pueblo", of September last, appears a telegram transmitted by its correspondent in New London, dated the 26th of the same month. It says in part: Delegate Cabrera denounced in energetic terms the doleful work of the revolutionary juntas gathered in New Orleans, El Paso, San Antonio, Texas, New York and other places, as well as the persistent work, seen with absolute indifference by the American government, of the magonist conspirators, who have their general headquarters in Los Angeles, California, and who with absolute liberty carry their

propaganda in plazas and public places, and publish several papers, among them one called *REGENERACION*, in which they never cease exciting to an armed movement against the Mexican authorities.

"So long as these revolutionary juntas exist—said delegate Cabrera—who desired the subsistence of a constant state of turmoil in Mexico, and so long as those semi-anarchist papers be allowed to excite to revolt, there can be no peace in Mexico nor shall the American authorities have any reason to complain about the damages that originate from a semi-anarchic state in the border, since the causes for that state of things have their root here, and the government puts no stop to them.

"Delegates Bonillas and Pani supported with arguments so eloquent the argument of delegate Cabrera, and they gave to understand in such convincing manner the necessity of reforming the American neutrality laws to prevent conspiracies in American soil."

When even the American government pledges itself to reform legislation to kill the activity of the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party, can there still be knaves who dare to say that this Junta has no influence in the Mexican Revolution?

And what can be said of the "revolutionists" of all the countries of the world who refuse to lend their support to the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party? Let their conscience answer, if they have a conscience. Oh, if there really were revolutionists in the world, and not clowns, the Junta would be in a position to hasten the triumph of Anarchism!

Cabrera bemoans our not being exterminated, and even says that we are permitted to work at full liberty. Bully nonsense, that of the said Cabrera, the idea of asserting that we are allowed to work at liberty, when we are being dragged to prison every little while! As to the publication of *REGENERACION* being allowed, don't you know, you idiot, that its circulation thru the mails is prohibited as second class matter? Can you say, you lap dog of Carranza, what American interests protect us?

Workingmen: you now see how our executioners conspire against the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party and *REGENERACION*. It is now your turn to demonstrate that you have dignity, supporting with all your strength the Junta and *REGENERACION*, since an outrage committed against the Junta or the paper is, an outrage committed against you.

To help! to help! The activity of the Junta hurts our tyrants. That means that its activity is beneficial to the interests of humanity.

RICARDO FLORES MAGON.

Grand Social And Dance.

By the International Wrkrs. Defense League, at LABOR TEMPLE, 538 Maple Ave., Saturday, November 25th, 8. p. m., for the benefit of DAVID CAPLAN'S DEFENSE.

Refreshments and buffet. Admission 25 cents.

FOR OUR COUNTRY!

From our cradle to our grave patriotism is cultivated in us with such a careful attention that finally it becomes a second nature of ours by which our best feelings are deformed and our judgement confused to the extent of having us believe that those born in other countries are inferior to ourselves and our natural enemies whom we must see with contempt, distrust and hatred, and whom we must murder in the name of our Country on any slight motive, and to destroy their towns though inhabited by peaceful people, to lay waste their fields, to subjugate their people and to commit all sorts of crimes on them when our Country calls on us for war.

But to those dreadful contests called international wars never go the wealthy people, neither their descendants. We the poor are the only ones sent to the carnage. Our masters remain safely at home to profit by the spoils of war, to take advantage of the sacrifices of the proletarians sent to conquer other countries in the name of our Country.

Of "our" Country.....But, what Country do we, the poor, have in fact? Because we were born in a certain Country does not mean that we own it to be "ours", and that there we be happy, rich and powerful, while in other countries want, poverty and misfortune be our lot.

What Country do we the poor have when in fact we own nothing but our rags, our poverty, our hunger and our sorrows? What Country do we the poor have if wherever we go in this world we ever suffer want, misfortune, sorrows, oppression and exploitation at the hands of our masters who fatten on our sweat and sacrifice?

Wherever we go we always are the beasts of burden, and, therefore, what they call our Country belongs in fact to the rich, because they are the ones who own everything. To the rich belong the land we toil on, the factory and the machinery that we run, the mine within which bowles we labor, the humble shack in which we live; everything, everything belongs to the rich; even our very lives.

We poor have no Country, only the rich.

Consequently, we the poor from all countries should not regard each other with contempt, distrust and hatred, but should recognize each other as brothers since we suffer the same kind of wants and slavery, and should understand, once for all, that the patriotic idea has been inbred in our minds by the rich and their allies, Government and Church, so as to have us taught such false idea to defend their properties and their interests, as well as to keep us, the poor of the world over, eternally divided, for as long as there be disunion amongst us on account of the patriotic and race prejudices that they have infiltrated in our brains it shall be easier for them to keep us in slavery and exploitation.

Therefore, our class interests demand that we never go to the battlefields to fight for a Country that is not ours but of the rich who are the ones that own everything, and that when circumstances force us to shoulder arms let it be to fight against the present institutions by which the rich and their allies, Authority and Church, keep us in submission, slavery and poverty; let it be to conquer a real Country of ours, that of the producers, within which everything should belong to everybody; that is to say, where all and every one of us have the same right of possession and of use of the land, the machinery,

the factories, the houses, the instruments of work and the means of communication and transportation, as explained in the Manifesto of September 23rd, 1911, issued by the Organizing Junta of the Mexican Liberal Party.

Once the social wealth becomes common property, everybody shall have assured the means of living and, hence, there shall not be any longer poor and rich, neither exploited and exploiters, oppressed and oppressors, but everybody, regardless of sex, race or color, shall be happy being as they shall be then free, equal and brothers.

ENRIQUE FLORES MAGON.

The Real Carranza.

(Continued from last issue)

Carranza is at the present time giving a good exhibition of what the term "Private Property" means. When this institution, which is the mainstay and tap root of the present reign of exploitation, is derided by revolutionists, the politicians and retainers exert themselves hoodwinking the mass into the belief that by common ownership we mean that your boots, toothbrush and frying pans, in a word, your household and everything you must of necessity use privately, should be the patrimony of all.

This they do to perplex and distract the attention of the people and keep them from seeing that all public utilities, the commonwealth as a whole, is in their (private) hands, and to retain their hold on it.

As is well known, the wealth of Mexico, and especially the lands, being in the hands of a comparatively few boodlers, was the cause for the present revolution. Carranza, like all the other fakers, promised to dispossess the grabbers from their "illegal" holdings, and restore them to the people. This he did, so long as his political enemies, and in particular the científicos, were the possessors. But Carranza being an apostle of the institution of Private Property, finds himself compelled to return the loot to their "owners", and is now engaged in that function, as can be seen by the following extracts from a recent issue of his official paper, "El Pueblo":

"By special decree of the First Chief, of the Constitutionalist Army, the State Executive Department, has ordered the General Bureau of Interposed Estates, that all estates which for momentous reasons were interposed, be returned to their former owners.

"The buildings and lands returned to date already compose a long list, which we publish herewith."

Then follows a list of about two columns in that issue of the paper alone, giving the names of those to whom these estates have been returned, the nature, and location of the property. Most of these names are those of Científicos, from the Diaz-Huerta ring. Among these is the widow of the old tyrant Diaz, to whom several buildings have been returned, as stated in the list.

Another who appears prominently among those "whose" properties have been restored, is Ignacio Leon de la Barra, brother of Francisco Leon de la Barra, who temporarily succeeded Madero after he was murdered, and who was one of the leading lights of the Científicos. In the list Ignacio Leon de la Barra has nine buildings in his name that have been restored to him by the Carranza government in Mexico City alone. Hundreds of other names appear, most of them of the high aristocracy, to whom Carranza had sworn extermination, but who now finds good reasons to change his mind.

The estates restored to their "rightful owners" extend all over the country and range from a building to an hacienda,

or even several haciendas to one person. It is well to note here that an hacienda in Mexico means a great plantation where usually thousands of people are worked, or rather held in servitude, and the frightful conditions at such places being one of the strongest forces that caused the outbreak of the present revolution.

Could anything be more outrageous and revolting than such brazen betrayal of a people by a politician? This lands were snatched from the masses by the monster Diaz to give them to his favorites who in turn forced this people into peonage in the same land they once worked freely and when they have succeeded at the price of their blood in driving out the vampires this Judas comes along and uses his power to drive out the people from their heritage and restore it to the thieves once more just as Diaz had done.

And remember that this is Carranza the "revolutionist" who proclaimed the Social Revolution in Mexico, promising to bring it about by means of a political machine. Will the simple minded who are boosting this colossal humbug still want more proof of its folly?

The only gratifying feature of the sickening farce, after all, is that the renowned "First Chief" has made such a bungling and raw mess of the whole thing that it will take only the utterly hopeless not to see it.

(To be continued.)

R. G. COX

Keel And Woolf

We are glad to learn thru September's issue of *FREEDOM* from London, England, that our comrades T. H. Keel and Lilian Woolf are free again after serving three and two month sentences respectively imposed on them on June 24 for their opposition to militarism. Of course, the stupid persecution has done nothing more than to stimulate those fighters to keep up the struggle at all hazards. Only cowards give in, and Keel and Woolf are not made of that clay.

Let these few lines convey to those comrades and brothers in the struggle for human emancipation our cordial greetings and our bitter contempt for our masters and oppressors.

"REGENERACION" GROUP

Caplan's Appeal

Below we print the appeal being sent out by the International Workers Defense League in behalf of comrade Caplan. It speaks for itself.

Caplan's jury is now complete and the taking of evidence is in progress. There is no indication as to the length of his trial, but apparently it will not be very long.

Comrades;

The situation of David Caplan is desperate. Unless financial aid is sent to him quickly this comrade is going to be sacrificed.

It was earnestly hoped that sufficient money could be secured without making this appeal to you, but the preliminaries of his second trial have used up all the money which has come for him from all sources.

CAPLAN WENT TO TRIAL MONDAY OCT. 23d WITH ABSOLUTELY NOT ONE CENT ON HAND.

We know of the many demands upon you for the defense of other comrades, but even so, we know you are not willing that David Caplan, after two weary years in the Los Angeles county jail, shall be railroaded to prison for life or to the gallows, to gratify the spleen of the enemies of labor.

There is no case against Caplan, as was proven by five jurymen in his former trial voting first to last for his acquittal. But the enemies of labor have not abated

one jot of their determination to convict him.

The Caplan trial having been made an issue in the present local political campaign will also spur the present District Attorney to do his utmost for conviction.

LOS ANGELES COUNTY HAS JUST APPROPRIATED \$10,000 TO CONVICT CAPLAN AND CAPLAN HAS NO MONEY. Is this equal justice?

Whatever you do for him you must do quickly. His friends in Los Angeles are doing all they can, but without financial aid from outside his defense cannot be cared for.

Send money to KATHERINE L. SCHMIDT, P. O. Box 935, Los Angeles, Cal.

I.W.W. IN A FIGHT

Too late to go into detail, we only can mention the reported skirmish between the I.W.W. and the Everett, Wash., "Law and Order" gang.

For some time a free speech fight has been brewing in Everett. Repeated attempts on the part of the I.W.W. to establish the right of free expression have been met with the vigilantes escorting the men out of town and beating them frightfully. Seeing the futility of flesh against muskets and bayonets, 250 members of the I.W.W., chartered a boat and made their way from Seattle to Everett, not forgetting to take a few guns along.

Upon being refused to land by

R. G. COX.

Address By Enrique Flores Magon Suppressed

by The Federal Court Of Los Angeles, June 22, 1916.

(Continued from No. 244)

(Note:—For lack of space this series had been discontinued)

Revolutions are brought about by the unbearable social, political and economic conditions under which human beings are forced to live; and the only thing that we revolutionists can do is to orientate the movement, by our propaganda toward human betterment. To believe that the Anarchists or any other set of men can start a Revolution in this country is on a par with believing the numerous and wonderful promises of the politicians and office seekers at election times. Men who have not lost their reason do not believe either.

We cannot start a Revolution, even though we were foolish enough to think we could. As I said before, Revolutions are not made by men. When the Natural process of Evolution is hampered and even altogether stopped, then Revolution is the inevitable result. It has been aptly said that "Revolution is Evolution at a gallop".

If we are to be sentenced on the delusion that we were going to start a Revolution in this country, we hope that the Court understands that such a task is beyond our power and therefore this Court should not impose a sentence on us for that reason.

If a Revolution is to break out in this country—and men high up in the affairs of this Nation have predicted that it will—then you may rest assured that such a Revolution will not be caused by the activities of the Anarchists, Socialists, I. W. W., or Unionists, but it will be the result of the unbearable conditions under which this Government compels a large majority of its people to live.

I have often compared the present conditions in this country with the conditions which confronted the Mexican people under the Diaz regime, and I have found them very similar in many instances. The American, workingmen, as a whole, are forced to work at wages below which any man can decently live, just as the Mexican peasants were forced to do.

The lumber camps of Louisiana, the mines of Colorado and West Virginia and other places and practically the same as th

the sheriff, who pulled out his gun to back up the denial, firing started. According to the reports the dead on both sides are seven, and the wounded about fifty. The I. W. W.'s manifestly were poorly prepared, for the dead on their side are reported at five, while on the other side two, with the sheriff badly wounded and likewise many of the mercenaries; while of course, the number of I. W. W. wounded is larger.

The regrettable feature of these incidents is that blood must be shed for something that was won thru the same means a hundred and forty years ago. However, it is very gratifying to see that the workers are realizing that bear fists will not go against a military array, which appears more disparaging still when one thinks of the perfectly LEGAL "right to bear arms", also won thru fire and blood over a century ago. It is to be hoped that if there is to be any shedding of blood it will be for the WHOLE THING and not for trifles.

Unable to effect a landing, the ship, or ships, (they were two) returned to Seattle, where all the I. W. W.'s were arrested and now held in jail charged with murder.

We need not say that this fight is worthy of the fullest support.

Such cases as these are only the prelude to the fast-approaching Social Revolution, into which the arrogance, greed, tyranny and oppression of the ruling class is forcing the proletariat.

Hell-Holes of Yucatan and the Valle Nacional. Here also you have the "commissary" which is the counterpart of our "tienda de raya". Our massacres of Rio Blanco and Cananea have their parallel in Ludlow, Couer D'Elene and West Virginia. The suppression of our papers, by Diaz, is similar to the suppression here of "THE WOMAN REBEL", "REVOLT", "THE ALARM", "VOLUNTAD", "THE BLAST", "VOLNE LISTY", and finally, our "REGENERACION". Free speech, free assembly and free press, as well as freedom of thought, are dealt with in this Country A LA Porfirio Diaz.

On the other hand, you have here, as reported by the Commission on industrial Relations, five per cent of the population owning sixtyfive per cent of the wealth, just as we had in Mexico. And like in Mexico, the multitude are living either in pauperism or very close to actual want.

Here too, you have your large land owners, and the number of your tenant farmers is ever increasing. The American, the same as the Mexican people, are learning that the very Earth under their feet has been taken away from them by the land sharks and by huge land grants to the special interests. Your mines and your forests are going the same way into the same hands that the mines and forests of Mexico went. The liberties of the American people are gradually being encroached upon just as they were in Mexico.

As like causes produce like results, it does not require a great deal of wisdom to see the trend of events in this country. If Revolution is brewing it is caused by the rich and not by the Workers, for it is only when the condition of the proletariat become unbearable that they rise in revolt.

Unless present conditions change you American people of the present generation will have to face the bloodiest Revolution in the annals of History.

Jefferson, who was the Anarchist of his time, and who is acknowledged a great Patriot and thinker, saw the necessity of Revolution and justified its drastic measures; he said "I hold that a little rebellion now and then is a good thing, and necessary in the political world as storms in the physical". At another time he said, "The spirit of resistance is so valuable on certain occasions, that I wish it always to be kept alive". And once more he said; "Let these (the people) take arms. What signify a few lives in a century or two? The tree of Liberty must be refreshed from time to time with the blood of Patriots and tyrants. It is its natural manure".

(To be continued.)