

Who Has Paterson By The Throat?

The answer to this question is simple—a few big capitalists. It is they who stand in the way of the settlement of the strike of the silk workers.

The situation in Paterson is like the situation throughout the United States—there are many establishments, but the strategic industries are controlled by companies and corporations with large capital and enormous financial connections.

In Paterson there are some 300 silk mills. All of them are dependent on the dye houses for their dyed silk. The dye houses are mainly controlled by two companies, the Wiedeman Silk Dyeing Co. and the National Silk Dyeing Co. The Wiedeman Company employs 2,000 hands. It has plants in other parts of the country and in France and Italy. It is owned by French capitalists, representing \$400,000,000. Its chief counsel is John Griggs, ex-United States Senator of New Jersey and Attorney-General of the United States. Griggs is also a director in the American Locomotive Works, which has a plant at Paterson; the Baldwin-Lester Corporation, Corporation Trust Co., N. Y. and N. J. Rapid Transit Co., N. Y. and N. J. Telephone Co., and the Second Avenue Railway Co. In addition Griggs is President and Director of the Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co.

The American Locomotive Co. is controlled by interests friendly to J. P. Morgan and J. J. Hill. The Corporation Trust Co., organized the Notorious United Ship-Building Co. (the Ship-Building trust) which created so much scandal years ago. The Marconi Wireless Telegraph Co. is the American offshoot of the corporation that figured so prominently in the stock-jobbing scandals that shook the English House of Commons, and that involved Lloyd-George, Churchill, Asquith and others.

With the backing of French capital and the interests represented by John Griggs, the Wiedeman Co. can easily be reckoned among the big corporations of the country. The National Silk Dyeing Co. is a New Jersey \$10,000,000 consolidation of many silk dyeing concerns. It has plants at Williamsport, Allentown and Easton, Pa. Its Paterson plants employ 1,400 men. It is the second largest corporation of its kind, and is controlled largely by New Jersey and Pennsylvania capital.

It is said to be the object of dye corporations to control the entire silk industry. The Wiedeman Co. is reported to be interested in many silk manufacturing plants throughout the country. A prolongation of the strike will bring ruin to many firms and help the dye companies in their efforts to dominate the entire industry.

It will also help big corporations to gain further control in silk manufacture itself. Among the big silk mills blocking a settlement are the Doherty Co., a New Jersey corporation. This company operates a 1,000 loom mill in Paterson, one of the biggest in the industry. It is backed-by Japanese capital interested in American raw silk markets.

Another corporation worthy of note is Dexter & Lambert Co. It has its own dye house and is reckoned among the biggest of Paterson's mills. Lambert was detected smuggling silks in wine casks into the country.

Still another noteworthy concern is Ashley & Bradley, a corporation with North Carolina branches.

All these companies dominate the local Silk Manufacturers Assn., just as the dye house corporations dominate the Master Dyers Assn. Through these combined associations they control the local situation. It is they who stand in the way of a settlement. Hundreds of small firms are willing to concede the strikers' demands. The demands were conceded by the Summit Silk Co. of Summit, N. J., the Price Co., Shuh & Michaels, and other firms of Paterson. The big corporations threaten the small firms who accede to the strikers' demands. They will make slow delivery or no delivery when silks are to be dyed; and give poor ratings when raw silks are purchased. In brief they will practice sabotage in true capitalist style.

Here then is a pen picture of the forces that have Paterson by the throat; that are determined to sacrifice the greatest good to the benefit of a few. The big department stores of the city may lay off help; business in all stores may decline; landlords may find it necessary to be lenient and not press the collection of rents—in a word, the city may suffer paralysis and stagnation. But what care the Lamberts, Strauses and Griggs, Cowperthwaits or McCulloughs? They are not intent on Paterson's prosperity, but the prosperity of the few whom they directly represent. Vanderbilt once said "to hell with the public." They say "to hell with Paterson." After us the deluge.

These facts should make plain that it is not the industrially organized workers who have Paterson by the throat, but the same brand of capitalists who have got the country by the throat. It behooves those who have condemned the industrially organized workers to pay attention to the more potent danger of concentrated and giant capital in the hands of a few that is making the social problem of this country the most important problem of this or any other age. It is this condition that now confronts Paterson. It is a few big capitalists who are using all of Paterson's institutions for their own personal aggrandizement to the detriment of the popular welfare. It is they who, in due time, if permitted to triumph, will expose themselves in open and brutal arrogance, and give Paterson problems to solve besides which the present strike will be an child's play. Forewarned is armed. Will Paterson shake off the hand that is really throttling it?

Uncle Sam Ruled Out



L. W. W. PAGEANT AT MADISON SQUARE

New York Globe.

Hush, man, hark! Hear that beat, beat, beat? The tramp, tramp, tramp of ten thousand tired feet? Cheer, man, cheer—take off your hat and greet Ten thousand honest workmen marching down the street!

Keeping time to the martial strains of "La Marseillaise," the red banners of liberty, equality, and fraternity streaming out in front and behind, 5,000 American workers will march from the little town of Paterson, N. J., on June 7 to Madison Square Garden—a distance of twenty-three miles—and will enact on a vast stage in the Garden a pageant such as never has been presented before in this country or in any other.

The pageant, which will be in the form of tableaux, will re-enact the scenes of the Paterson silk workers' strike, and the original actors will play the parts. It will be a drama unique in the history of labor.

Rehearsals for this tremendous spectacle are now proceeding in Haledon and the little town of Paterson close by. The talent, both heroic and directive, will be quite another thing. The pageant, which is being conducted by "Big Bill" Haywood and John Reed, both workers and without previous experience in the art of producing pageants; and the actors, both stars and superni, will be workers. One thing is bothering Messrs. Reed and Haywood. In order to get local color into their rehearsals and so that while rehearsing the actors and actresses may also be rehearsing for the cause, the preliminary tutelage of the workers is taking place outside the Price and other mills in Paterson. One thousand pickets are rehearsing the "picket scene" ten hours a day there. But the Paterson police refuse to give credence to the protestations of the pickets that they are merely rehearsing their parts in an amateur pageant. Instead, they very positively and occasionally forcibly refuse to allow such rehearsal to go forward within the limits of Paterson.

BOOST FOR A BIG CONVENTION

(Special to Solidarity)

Peoria, Ill., May 29. Prisoners of war, held incommunicado in the Peoria county jail on charges of conspiring and inciting to riot, we are sending our story to the world by the underground route.

Little, Law, Moore, Levine and the writer were bound over for trial on the above charges day before yesterday and since then our attorney has been allowed to see us. Newspapers and visitors are denied and the real conspiracy to make good the prosecuting attorney's threat to "send these agitators to the penitentiary and stamp out the W. W. in Peoria" goes on in full swing. Meanwhile there are practically no newspaper men outside to carry on the fight and turn the searchlight of publicity on some of the sawest legal proceedings attempted in this country.

Twenty others, active pickets, were also bound over for trial on the above charges day before yesterday. They are in the bull pen below us. We are kept in constant communication with them, but are daily assured of their presence by the inspiring strains of "The Flag" and "Casey Jones, the Union Scab," which their dauntless chorus sends us through their bars. They are fighting with them, but are daily assured of their presence by the inspiring strains of "The Flag" and "Casey Jones, the Union Scab," which their dauntless chorus sends us through their bars. They are fighting with them, but are daily assured of their presence by the inspiring strains of "The Flag" and "Casey Jones, the Union Scab," which their dauntless chorus sends us through their bars.

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Peoria's Folly

Absurd Methods of Middle West Bosses in Dealing With The I. W. W.

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Since the convention of the Avery Implement Company started on May 15, until today, there has been no rioting, no disorder, no disturbance of the peace. A large force of police and National Guardsmen are at the plant from the first day of the strike. They saw the picket line grow from a few men to a hundred men on May 21, when the first arrests were made. Morning, noon, and night we were seen by the police, arguing, persuading, and marching. Women and children were there with us and their presence had telling effect.

Meetings were held at the entrances during the noon hour. Several law-abiding drivers and superintendents were always there and they were invited by the speaker to make arguments against the I. W. W. of the strike; with the agreement that if his arguments could be refuted to the satisfaction of the crowd, the strike would be ended.

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NINTH WEEK OF STRIKE

(Special to Solidarity)

Boston, Mass., May 30. The ninth week of the strike in Hopelands finds the strikers just as determined as ever, and the Draper Co. company. The strikers, composed largely of Italians and Armenians, are still holding out. Solidarity that is nothing short of wonderful, in spite of the brutality of the Draper Co. strike, is still holding out. The arm of the law has been extended as usual to club the slaves back to the mill, you will notice by the clipping from a capitalist sheet which I am sending.

Very few outside of those who know the history of the Draper Co. realize the importance of this struggle. If your local is going to send a delegate to the convention and that the little mileage stamp is going to pay his fare. Then see to it that it does.

I. W. W. Membership Book No. 54778 has been lost or stolen. Any one finding same please return it to Daniel Koren, 865 25th St., Detroit, Mich.

N. I. U. of F. & L. W. Frank R. Schils, Sec'y-Treas.

NAT HERMAN.

TWO FACTORIES IN PHILADELPHIA

(Special to Solidarity) Philadelphia, June 1. The strike of the 50,000 longshoremen has closed, and the demands except the 3 cents...

The force of the capitalist class with their sluggish lines as private detectives and 600 police with riot guns, clubs and blackjacks could not move three mauls...

Organizers Ed. James Renshaw, Jack McKeever, and George Speed surely did not have any propaganda into the strikers...

The stone masons and laborers also won a clean victory, establishing the eight hour workday with overtime at 1 1/2 hours; time and a half for overtime...

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MORLANDO NEXT

By J. S. Biscay Filippo Bocchini and Benjamin J. Legere have been convicted on trumped-up charges and perjured testimony...

Aside from the fact that children were being arrested by the police in a matter of lawlessness and lawlessness falsehoods...

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HOW THE PATERSON STRIKE IS SUPPORTED

The Paterson strike is supported in a number of ways. The strike committee has opened two relief stations...

At the present writing, 370 children have been sent to New York strike sympathizers of the first...

Among the trade unions that have contributed to the fund is the United Textile Workers of America...

The strikers hope to derive the full benefit of the aid from the Paterson of the Paterson Strike...

"I know that your attention is riveted on greater struggles than where things are living and doing...

(Special to Solidarity) Boston, Mass., June 1. The State Committee of the Massachusetts...

Only through the united efforts of all the loggers and lumber workers of the Puget Sound region...

Therefore, beginning JUNE 6TH, 1913, all loggers and lumber workers of the Puget Sound region...

Do you want to quit carrying your burden on your back? If so, declare war against the long hours under bad conditions...

DEORIA'S FOLLY

(Continued From Page One.) These were the tactics which finally got the strikers the mastery...

First we were charged with disorderly conduct and soon and the writer were railroaded for six months by hand picked jurors...

The prosecuting attorney's chief argument consisted of waving the red flag cover of the May 15th order for arrest...

Every scene will be fully explained on the programme and by announcements from the podium...

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(Special to Solidarity) Ipwic in the eastern part of the state and but 10 miles from New historic Etowah is due to go down...

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