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GOVERNOR JOHNSON REFUSES PARDON TO FORD AND SUHR

"No Mitigation of Sentence, Even, As Long as I. W. W. Threatens Force or Violence."

Governor Hiram Johnson, after months of "watchful waiting," finally delivered himself of a poorly digested "opinion" (or was it "pre-digested" for him by the capitalists of California) on the Ford and Suhr application for pardon. He refuses the pardon first of all, on the ground that the two men were really indirectly responsible for the Wheatland hop field riot, and the accompanying death of four men; and, in the second place, he refuses to consider a mitigation of the life-sentence, so long as the I. W. W. continues to "commit or threaten acts of sabotage, arson, and other forms of destruction of property." It will be accompanied by the Governor's many assertions, without adducing any specific proofs of I. W. W. "lawlessness." The statement of Governor Johnson, as printed in the Sacramento Star of Sept. 11, reads as follows:

GOV. JOHNSON'S STATEMENT TURN ON THE SEARCHLIGHT

"I am asked to free the defendants because they are wholly innocent of wrongdoing. Their advocates assert that they neither committed nor contributed to the commission of the offense with which they are charged. The argument in behalf of the defendants is presented by very many good people and different organizations in various parts of the state; others that the right of peaceable assembly was outrageously violated; others, still, that the right of organization of labor involved, and yet again that by a forced construction of the law of the state the leaders in an industrial revolt who had committed no wrong themselves were convicted of a crime. However, if any of the principles suggested were violated by the prosecution or punishment of these men my course of conduct during the four and a half years that I have been governor of the state of California would leave no room for doubt as to my action. These men, however, do not present any of the phases suggested.

DIDT FORCE CLEANUP

"Ford, Suhr, Hagan and Beck were all accused of the murder of District Attorney Maxwell of Yuba county. Very earnestly it is claimed, and this has been repeated again and again—that because of the action of Ford and Suhr and their associates at Wheatland, labor camps in the state of California were cleaned up. This is erroneous. Already the state had been investigating labor camps. In January, 1913, the labor commissioner caused to be introduced in the legislature the law giving the power to clean up labor camps and to compel the adoption of requisite standards.

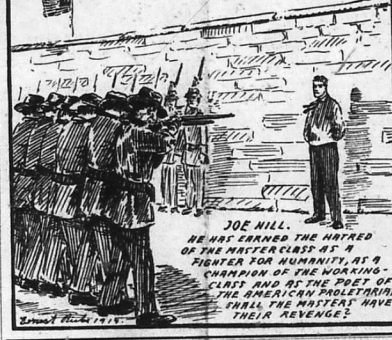
BAD CONDITIONS EXISTED

"Substantially these are the facts: The defendants, and many hundreds of others had gone to the District ranch in Yuba county, where the seasonal hop picking was in progress. The picking had commenced during the week immediately preceding the homicide. Conditions in the hop fields where the hop pickers were encamped were unsanitary, disgusting and revolting.

"On Saturday, August 2, a meeting of the hop pickers was held. Ford assumed command, and the morning of August 3, he called upon Durst and as spokesman of a committee made certain demands relating to sanitary conditions, wages, help with the fields, and so forth. Apparently Durst agreed to the requests relating to sanitary conditions, but refused to agree to the others. At this meeting Durst, Ford and the local constable was present. Durst hit or struck at Ford at the time with his glove, and the officer intervened between them. Durst and the constable and the constable directed him to leave. Subsequently the constable endeavored to arrest Ford. Ford demanded a warrant. The officer had none, and as he was threatened and stoned. Meetings were held by the pickers on this Sunday and Ford exhorted them not to permit the officers to take him, saying substantially that the officers of the law were coming for him; that the pickers should stand by him; be loyal to him, and not permit him to be taken. He was answered at various times during his speeches by voices from the crowd that the officers would not be permitted to take him; that if they came for him they would be mobbed; that they would be torn to pieces, etc.

"About five in the afternoon, Ford was addressing the farmers again, and while addressing them, he saw

OCTOBER, 1, 1915---WHAT? CHARGED WITH MURDER BECAUSE HE KILLS MAN IN SELF DEFENSE



DEMAND THAT JOE HILL'S LIFE BE SPARED!

I. W. W. Must Accept Responsibility of Demanding Pardon or Commutation, Which Hill Himself Refuses.

(Telegram to Solidarity)
Salt Lake, Utah, Sept. 18.
Application denied Hillstrom, a Swedish subject. Appeal to all Swedish people to protest to resident Swedish consuls everywhere. Hillstrom addressed Board in his own behalf, saying: "The cause I stand for means more than any human life, much more than mine."

(Telegram to Solidarity)
Salt Lake, Utah, Sept. 19.
Clemency denied to Joe Hill. He declares his innocence and says: "I don't want a commutation; if you can't give me a new trial that is all there is to it. I don't want the humiliation of a pardon or commutation. What I want is an acquittal."

From the above telegrams, which are not perfectly clear, we take it that Joe Hill made application in person before the Utah State Board of Pardons, for a new trial, and a chance to clear himself thereby of the charge of murder. This application was denied by the Board, probably because it has no power unless of saving Hill's life, is a pardon or commutation.

Fellow workers, everywhere, should take the "humiliation" off of Hill's shoulders, and demand that his life be spared. Get busy at once! Flood the governor of Utah with telegrams demanding pardon or commutation. The time is brief. Act quickly! Also visit the Swedish consul in your locality and try to get him to act, also, in Hill's behalf. Point out that Hill's present and former attorneys all assert their belief in his innocence. MAKE THE NEXT FEW DAYS COUNT IN THE STRUGGLE TO SAVE JOE HILL'S LIFE!

CALIF. GOVERNOR EXPOSES HAND LINING UP THE HOUSING COMMISSION

(Special to Solidarity)
San Francisco, Sept. 13.
The expected has happened. Few of the I. W. W. had any faith in Governor Johnson, or his pretensions of friendship for labor. He has exposed his hand to those who had confidence in him, and they know him now for what he is. To this extent he has done good, though unwittingly on his part.

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(Special to Solidarity)
Aberdeen, South Dakota.
Once again, fellow workers, the long, crooked arm of the law has got one of our members in its clutches, and as customary, they want to get their pound of flesh. Not because a fellow worker is guilty of a crime, but because the Chicago and North-western wants the migratory worker to learn that Jim Hill meant what he said when he told the world he would make them eat their blankets.

While Jim is busy raising a billion dollars for the Allies, his brakemen are busy trying to make the harvest hands pay their wages. They don't think the railroad company can afford to pay them any more than they get, so they stick the harvest hands up and take what few dollars the latter have been able to earn. The reason they do this is because Jim and them are afraid to organize in order to get more wages and shorter hours. So they come over the train and ask the workers where they are going; after being informed, the brakeman will say, "It will cost you a dollar, or at least 25 cents to ride, and if you haven't got it you will have to walk. And that's after the same man built the roads for them to get the job they have."

Occasionally, someone talks to them like this: "Say, brackie, don't you realize you are doing just what the company wants you to do, and that is fight the unemployed; because, when you make enemies among them, the company knows you won't go on strike for fear that the men you put off will take your jobs."

On account of the above line of talk there is a man in jail here, charged with murder, Fellow Worker James Schmidt, a member of Local 400. He is not charged with the crime because he is guilty, but because the powers that they must not let the harvest hands that they must not let to be robbed, shut out or clubbed over the head. In fact they shouldn't object to any kind of treatment that any one sees fit to give them.

The facts in the case of Fellow Worker Schmidt are as follows: Schmidt with several other fellows was on a week, and he collected that was empty and standing on a sidetrack waiting for a passenger train to go by. A brakeman by the name of Ross C. Farrar saw them and jumped into the car. He pulled a gun and told them they would have to dig up 25 cents apiece, or get off. The fellow workers told him they were broke, and proceeded to get off.

After getting out of the car, Fellow Worker Schmidt said: "We are UNION men; are you?" This seemed to infuriate the brakeman, who only worked on the farm one week, and he shot Schmidt. After the first shot Schmidt pulled a gun out of his pocket and told the brakeman to put his gun away. At this the brakeman took aim at Schmidt's head and they both fired at the same time, according to the other brakeman on the train, Schmidt's bullet hit the brakeman in the stomach, and he was hurt. He went to work on a threshing machine and was later arrested while he was working.

The sheriff found Schmidt's gun and it had one shell empty, while the brakeman's had two empty shells. Schmidt had an automatic and the shack an ordinary gun.



Joseph Hillstrom

STILL GOING AHEAD IN THE HARVEST

(Special to Solidarity)
Minneapolis, Sept. 19.
The membership of the A. W. O. has increased over one hundred during the past week.

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A MODERN PHARAOH

The Governor of California has spoken on the Ford and Suhr case; and once again the I. W. W. militants may seek and find "consolation" in the "Scriptures." As in the case of old Pharaoh of ancient Egyptian notoriety, someone "has hardened Hiram Johnson's heart." He refuses either clemency or pardon to Ford and Suhr. The old king of Egypt, with the "hard heart," refused to permit the Hebrew slaves to depart in peace. So the Hebrew God (Saboteur) got busy, and brought the "plagues" to the Egyptians. These "God-ordained" plagues were the most fearful and wonderful things that ever happened, if we can rely upon the ancient story. There were "flies" and "locusts" and "toads" and some mysterious "spiritual substance" that caused the death of all the "first-born" inheritors of the plunder stolen from the Hebrew slaves' labor. With the advent of each "plague" in succession, the "hard heart" of Pharaoh became harder, until his head, which was apparently made of the same bony substance, finally found vent for an idea, and he decided that he was beaten; he let the Hebrews go.

Here was the situation: The ruling economic class of old Egypt had grown immensely rich and prosperous from the enforced labor of the captive Hebrews. They had enjoyed that "feast of good things" for several hundred years. Their Pharaoh was undoubtedly the biggest toad in the puddle. Not only was he their political head, but was without doubt the chief beneficiary of that system of plunder. Naturally he developed a "hard heart," when some Hebrew agitator begged him for the permission to leave the king and his class without visible means of support. Being accustomed to rule, he thought slaves were born only to obey. So God (Saboteur) had to get busy, and keep busy, until the ivory-headed and ivory-headed rulers of old Egypt were impressed with the superior power of the organized slaves. Beyond question, the necessity for such unspeakable things as "plagues" was deplorable, alike to the Hebrew slaves and their masters. But, "Necessity knows no law." And there seemed to be no other way to soften the "hard heart" of the Egyptian ruling class, except to hit them blow after blow in their economic "solar plexus." Direct action won; because "economic hard hearts" are not to be melted by soft words or tears.

Let us remind our dear Governor Hiram, that the California situation is something analogous. What does he know about the people of the state he is supposed to govern? Does he not know that the wealth of soil and machinery is in the possession of a small class of residents and non-residents, who, like their Egyptian prototypes, are waxing richer and richer and more powerful through the robbery of the mass of toilers in that state? Does he not know that the migratory workers are without homes; without steady employment even; landless and propertyless? Does he not know that petitions and soft words on their part have in the past been unavailing? Indeed, he professes not to know this. He naively informs us, in his statement on the Ford and Suhr case, that the Wheatland "riot" was not responsible for the subsequent clean-up of unspeakable "camp conditions" in California; that on the contrary, the Immigration and Housing Commission was to be ready to begin the clean-up ONE WEEK AFTER that riot! The simple governor tries to make us believe that this Commission would have done its work, if not as quickly, at least as thoroughly, without the stimulus of action on the part of the slaves in the hop fields. Does he imagine that intelligent workers anywhere will be taken in by such an assumption? We know too well the animus of "commissions" and other subsidiary agencies of the ruling class, to be deceived by such argument.

But the fact remains, that California epitomizes the class war generally. The methods of that war are determined by the men who wage it, in accordance with the conditions they are forced to meet. We do not know whether or not the "hard-hearted" attitude of the ruling class has forced I. W. W. militants to the conclusion that "acts of incendiarism and destruction of property" are necessary to free Ford and Suhr, as well as to keep the brutal and irresponsible hands of the masters off of other working class victims. We have no evidence to that effect—neither has Governor Johnson, apparently, as he adduces none whatever, in his statement. Numerous "fires" occur in all parts of the country at all times—apparently only those taking place in California are being recorded in the newspapers and laid at the door of the I. W. W. That is good tactics on the enemy's part to draw attention of the dear "public" away from the main issue. The main issue is the logical and necessary war between the capitalist class and the working class. They "have nothing in common." The governor of California cannot determine how that class war shall be carried on. His arrogant assumption that he is the ruler of California, and that laws must be obeyed regardless of who makes them and in whose interest they are enforced, will, we are convinced, only lead him in the direction of

Pharaoh, provided his powerful capitalist backers are foolish enough to allow him to take that direction. The capitalists regard property as more sacred than human life—they showed that in the case of Ford and Suhr, sent to life imprisonment ostensibly for murders they obviously did not commit or incite, but really for threatening the property interests of hop barons and other California exploiters. The I. W. W. regards the lives and well-being of the workers as more sacred than any property. We leave it to Governor Johnson and his capitalist advisors to figure out which side has the advantage in these conflicting conceptions.

AROUSE, YE SLAVES!

Another crime is about to be perpetrated by the capitalist class against the workers. We, the great workers, are the ones to say when the lives of the people shall go out into the unknown. WE SAY JOE HILL SHALL NOT GO OUT. All together we say he shall not go. We need him in our business. The singing of songs and the writing of books is an important work in civilizing the world. Let us see how the sentence was carried out this work and no damnable capitalist court shall railroad him to the other side.

WE SAY HE SHALL NOT GO OUT, AND NOW, BOYS, IT'S UP TO YOU! GET BUSY ON THE JOBS! Flood the Governor's office. You won't have any trouble to get signers, even those who do not know anything about the case will sign a petition that asks that the death sentence be set aside in a case of circumstantial evidence—point out the fact that the sentence was "hurried" so as to give the accused no time to obtain help—point out the fact that the accused is a common working man, that he is unusually intelligent—a poet, a song writer. You will be surprised to find how many will sign your petition. Don't wait to get acquainted with a name, just ask everyone you meet, that's a good way to get acquainted, and you can do some propaganda work for the I. W. W. at the same time. This is hard on Joe Hill but it is excellent propaganda for the I. W. W. and don't forget to ask the women to sign every one of your petitions and sign their names and very few will refuse. You'll be surprised to find how many people are anxious to sign. The working class are getting tired of having their fellow workers railroaded, and even those who are not exactly of the working class are getting tired of it. More than ninety-nine out of every hundred will sign if they are only asked. The case is so rotten, it smells all over the United States.

HOLD MASS MEETINGS. SHOW UP THIS CAPITALIST CONSPIRACY TO MURDER OUR COMMON WORKING MAN LIKE YOURSELVES! Why? Because he has always been active in the working class movement. Because he has done everything in his power to better the conditions of the workers. Because he has always made every possible effort to EDUCATE the workers as far as they can get. Because he has always been in the front order that they may free themselves from WAGE SLAVERY.

SING JOE'S SONGS in your union hall, on the streets, everywhere where two or three are gathered together. Also, if convenient, sing them in your homes. The Bible says a tooth for a tooth, an eye for an eye, a life for a life—and JOE HILL'S life is worth more to us of the great working class than are the lives of all the courts of Utah.

WE DEMAND THIS LIFE! WE ARE GOING TO ENFORCE OUR DEMANDS! GET BUSY, BOYS, GET BUSY!

EMMA B. LITTLE.

Podunk Korners Reports

By Sam Singsby, Sec'y
Hon. Josh Withers had for his leader yesterday an editorial on his suppression of I. W. W. agitation on the streets, in the streets or out of them. Podunk's editor has even asked for Constable Told to arrest all the disturbers and beat them on their way to the jail. In another column was a report of five women and one man being taken out of this county to Long for too strict attendance at the late river services.

Podunk's Literary and Debating club will discuss the question of Internationalism at the Tuesday evening meeting, 'is William English Walling the leader of the Internationalists in the West' or of the Auchenches of the State of Maine?

Si Plunkwell wandered out to the jungle and heard one of the wiles spouting. Si said the fellow ought to be hung if all he heard was true. The wabby claimed the great crimes of the day were poetry, science, music, oratory, art, free speech, solidarity, sabotage, joy, stunts and short hours. Men who stood up for these were taken to prison without trial, shot, electrocuted, hanged, flogged and generally rewarded by the Pillars of Society. Si reported the anarchist to Constable Told, who went out to the jungle and saw the fellow. Told said was true, he ought to have kept his mouth shut; if it was lie, it didn't do no one any good to hear it.

At the I. W. W. meeting Wednesday night it was resolved the cause of the war was because the scoundrels found so many locks ready to kill themselves working 12 hours for \$2.25. A motion to give the war at another place was adopted.

The report being spread round Baldak county that John D. had sides a automobile to his car of Love, the Country Club adopted a memorial of congratulation on having such a commiserate in this country. The document was signed by both the millionaire Sheenstein Bros, who made their money out of organizing the White Slave Trust, and the Sheenstein said he had never seen that there Venus de Milo, but if she was as pretty as a girl he'd like to know where he could find her. He would eat all the clothes he saw in when he bought her for fifty dollars and he would give her to him, for when the Sheensteins buy an article they don't take it away all wrapped up.

Joe Hill ought to be hung for discharging his lawyer, for getting

Growth Under Oppression

Permit me to make a few remarks in regard to the article in last week's Solidarity, "Police Prevent Meetings and Bar Agitators from Paterson, N. J."

Paterson has again become the arena of police terrorism and stupidity, that repeats itself there every week. I have seen and heard a meeting and send for I. W. W. agitators, especially Elizabeth Gurley Flynn. She has got their goat. It seems as if that city has become a very pitiable state of affairs, if the right of free speech depends upon Police Chief Binson and his force. I think Chief Binson and his force are the only ones who know that Lincoln is his god. But I don't think he knows that Lincoln said these words to those in authority:

"I fear you do not fully comprehend the danger of abridging the liberties of the people. A government had to do very extreme of toleration than do what that could be construed into an interference with or to jeopardize in any degree the common rights of the citizen."

Yet we see those who look at Abraham Lincoln as their god, suppress meetings like that of Miss Flynn's even before she was heard. Of course Chief Binson is the watchdog for those who always have opposed every truth for social progress and well being. He is trying his best to convince them that he really is serving as their watchdog. He causes peaceful meetings to be broken up, and his excuse is that they are to society and dangerous. Yes, but dangerous to those only who would fetter the human mind and gag the human voice. Yes, dangerous and a menace to those who live on the backs of the workers. Yes, you bet she is a menace and dangerous, and I wish there were many more dangerous like she is.

I'm firmly convinced that the police by such actions as these, have only helped spread and strengthen our doctrines, because the people have again seen free speech trampled under foot by all the constituted authorities of organized government, mayor, police and judges, the shadow of Independence Hall and written in the sound of the old Liberty Bell. The persecuting spirit which burned the witches in Salem and dragged William Lloyd Garrison through the streets of Boston with a halter around his neck, is very much in evidence today among those who rule in Paterson.

The I. W. W. is comparatively small yet. But let those in authority continue their oppression, and I tell you that in a few years all the police in the country will not be able to stem the tide of the workers' unionism. They may arrest and put away in jail; they may kill us as they saw anxious to do with Joe Hill—but the hardships we suffer at their hands will bring more converts to our cause than all their tyranny can drive away.

And to those individuals who make the assertion, such as I have heard them make, that the I. W. W. has no practical program, meaning that the I. W. W. has no object in view—such acts like breaking up the I. W. W. meetings and having the jails of the country full of I. W. W. agitators, ought to be enough to convince anyone that the I. W. W. must have a very definite object. What sense would it make for the masters to fear the workers if they do it as the case? I bet the masters know that the I. W. W. has a practical program; that is why they try so hard to silence the voices of the I. W. W. agitators.

The workers are realizing that, too. They are beginning to see that the conditions will never be any better until they themselves make them better. They are learning that every improvement brought about has been by virtue of the continuous struggle of the unions. Years ago the hours of labor were from sunrise to sunset, later, by artificial light, they were from sunrise, 12, 13 and 14 every day. Employers in various industries did not voluntarily reduce the hours of labor. They were reduced because of the militancy of some labor organization. The employers of labor have never voluntarily increased wages. Wherever we find the workers working a short day and getting full pay, we find an organization, or the fear of organization on the bosses' part. In the harvest fields this summer in some places wages are \$3.50 and \$4 per day for threshing, but only where the I. W. W.'s are. Why are wages four per day? Because the men are organized in the Agricultural Workers' Organization. In some places where they are not organized they are threshing for \$2.50 per day and working longer days.

Need more be said, as to why the I. W. W. gets the employers' goods and joy you should join the I. W. W., the only organization the employers fear? You ought to know that the only way the employers fear must be a good organization for you. And you surely don't think the employers are going to raise wages and shorten hours voluntarily. The only way this ever was done and can be done is by the pressure of an organized body back of it. A non-unionist who accepts the shorter hours and higher wages, the better conditions, without doing his share towards bringing them about, is accepting something for nothing and no wonder the Sab Cat sometimes gets him.

ARTHUR BOOSS

S. L. P. "Revolutionists"

(Special to Solidarity)
Los Angeles, Calif., Sept. 12.
Our friends, the "bona fide" legal-simon pure I. W. W. of the Detroit mail box, and their "radder," the S. L. P., have broken into the limelight in a totally unexpected and undesired manner. From times historical in the labor annals of Los Angeles the agitation of the S. L. P. has been carried on from a cigar and news stand owned by Mr. L. C. Haller and others (?). From here has gone forth the "clarion call" to the workers to organize on the job and put the "bosses" out of business, legally, of course. The falling health of our dear comrade McGinty virtually left the agitation of two wings without mouthpiece, until the advent of Mr. Robert Roadhouse upon the scene of action. Mr. Roadhouse was formerly an organizer for the W. F. M. and the I. W. W., and also the "legal" I. W. W. As a saboteur, Bob Roadhouse has no peer. His high cut journal articles, devoid of the usual S. L. P. slime gained for him the respect of many workers and a certain degree of confidence.

But the awakening was cruel. It seems that Roadhouse was a veritable "Big Boy" in the town where he was "Comrade" Roadhouse, on the job he was Superintendent Roadhouse. He was a drive belt of the damned "hounds."

The All-West-Enamel Company of California, the state of California that employs the men. In this concern Roadhouse is a superintendent. He holds the key to the situation in that one of Saturday night's meetings of the very few men in the United States who holds the secret of making the state of California. With this knowledge he held the company in his power. Was this power used to further the interest of the workers? No so much that anyone could not tell it from reports it seems the requirement to secure a job and hold it was to become a member of the "legal" I. W. W. affiliated with the "mail box in Autowtown," whose spokesman was the superintendent of the plant. The "sponsor" of the plan of the "legal" I. W. W. Mr. Kerns, who also functioned as some sort of straw man, was the plant and as factotum for Roadhouse. Some former members of the "Chicago bomb-tossing" organization, "the Anarches" secured jobs in the plant and things began to develop at once. It was ascertained that the All-west people own two other plants where the cheapest Mexican labor is employed, 12 to 14 cents per hour being paid. At the enamel plant a contract with the state has been made to turn out the automobile license plates, and the legal requirements of such contracts are that the shops shall be organized, a minimum wage paid of \$3 per day and the right to work in force. Also the workers must be protected by their own union. In the event of their work, let's see if all "legal" requirements were met. Not a safety device was shown Saturday night of workers were shown Saturday night. If not able to stand the burn, they were fired says Mr. Kerns, because you failed to hit the ball. The work shifted over ten and one-half hours a day in force. Also worked thirteen and one-half hours per day, in the Eastern plant, eight hours per day in the Baird-plant. One of the workers who was drive belt after, stated that the requirements in the factory were beyond endurance. The workers of the state of California have been lured out, for private reasons, to state Mr. Kerns, a member of the "legal" I. W. W. and a member of the "legal" I. W. W. and representative, at the Saturday night meeting of the All-west-Enamel Company. When the meeting called to order on Saturday night to discuss the matter of the state of California, Mr. Kerns was surprised and indignation to find himself facing a large number of "Chicago anarchists" and two representatives of the "legal" I. W. W. A. F. of L. His attempt to talk the workers into to do without a strike, and the future will show that the "legal" I. W. W. affiliated with the "mail box in Autowtown," whose

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Labor Awakened— Other News And Views

Strikes are multiplying all over the country. The workers, both organized and unorganized, are aroused as they never were before. New and unknown bodies of workers are being drawn into the economic maelstrom...

We take our hats off to Young Bely of Bayonne strike fame. Though viciously manhandled by the sheriff in that strike, he is back again for more punishment, and is taking an active part in the strikes at Elizabeth, N. J. When labor refuses to be beaten by capitalism, it becomes invincible.

The English trades unionists threaten an industrial revolution if description is proclaimed. They threaten to tie up the railroads first. In Russia an internal revolution is imminent! Keep it up boys. Some good to labor, may yet come out of the bloody war.

Scorn for the reliance placed by the British Socialists on the international socialist organization in its efforts to produce peace, is expressed by Gustave Herve, writing in the "Revue Socialiste". Herve declares that the international organization is dead and its corpse is in possession of the German socialists.

"Tenage of Steel Mills Smashes High Workers"—headline. Of the steel workers' lives that most likely, were also smashed, "deponent sayeth naught."

"The labor organizations of the world can force the world into peace and out of war, and the only reason they have not done so is they have failed to rise to a vision of the great opportunity before them."

The interests of employer and employee are mutual, says the A. F. L. So it must be to the mutual interests of both to have a militia that will shut down striking employees.

Vice-President and General Manager of the Postal Transfer Service, Inc., James J. Cassidy, who broke the last strike of the New York mail drivers, is now under \$20,000 bail on charge of being concerned in a conspiracy to bribe postal employes and officials so as to increase the company's income and to defraud the government.

Well, what do you think of this conduct on the part of workmen? The Standard Oil Co. of Hunter's Point, Long Island, N. Y., has a strike of camers on hand. It increased wages and reduced hours from nine to eight. And then—But let Charles W. Schaeffer, the superintendent, tell the rest of it: "At the same time I told them that I thought it but just on their part to try to do as much work in eight hours as they had done in nine."

The N. Y. subway and the Long Island railroad are found to work employes 12 hours a day. They both are great preachers of "safety first." Evidently their safety, like their twarthy, begins somewhere else than in their own households.

Publicity is urged as a remedy for all social ills. It is undoubtedly of great value, especially to labor, in getting the habit of using printers ink, by writing, for publication, to Solidarity and the I. W. W. press. Do it now!

A fellow worker, once prominent, and sentenced to state's prison for strike leadership, writes as follows: "I seem to have drifted away from the labor struggle, and my ambition, petty, personal fight for freedom to live and to do things. But I am invited by some of the workers, well passing through Connecticut—Bridgeport, etc. Even New Bedford and New York. I see glimmers of new fire ready to flash. But where is, the revolution-

Governor Johnson's Statement

Continued From Page One... approaching two automobiles; and at least four witnesses testify that when he observed these automobiles he said to his audience that the officers were coming, not to permit them to take them, and was answered by the crowd that they would not permit the officers to take them, and was answered by the crowd that they would not permit the officers to take them...

ASSAULT PRECEDES SHOTS... Upon the approach of the sheriff and the constable to Ford, and the constable was beaten down and rendered insensible by the blows of the constable and the sheriff.

FORD CONCEALED ACTION... "This is not a case where the leader of a strike is held responsible for the actions of his followers. It is an individual strike done without the knowledge or connivance of the leader."

"Now, if an analogy may be pardoned for the case presented, this is: 'Suppose half a dozen of us met at the home of one of us, and the law were coming for him and said repeatedly to the remaining ones: 'You are the lawbreaker, and if you don't let me take you, stand by me and other rest of us, and we will stand by you, and we will not permit the officers to take you, and we will stand by you, and we will endeavor to arrest the accused, and those present, acting upon their request, will express their protest by the arrest of the accused, rest of the officers of the law and homicide rest, it would be contended by those who now ask me for a full pardon, that in the case instanced, it should be granted.'

NOT ASKED FOR JURORS... "A jury half convicted Ford and Suhr not of the highest offense but of murder in the second degree, and the same jury acquitted two of their companions. Three counties of the same county of the Third District, and the Supreme Court of California have passed upon the case."

SUHR DENIED SHOOTING... "There is no testimony that Ford was armed or fired any shots. Three witnesses testified that Suhr denied firing some of the shots. Suhr testified that he was carrying the rifle in the case and one which will be appreciated by those who have the slightest experience in criminal cases, is the attitude taken by the defendants during the trial."

FORD A VIOLENT MAN... "At the hearing of this application for pardon, I asked the attorney for the defendants why Ford was taken and he very candidly answered substantially that Ford's conduct was such that the attorney did not dare to put him on the stand because of the attitude that the defendant had assumed."

Tom Morarity, please communicate with your parents, as they are anxious about you.

S. L. P. "Revolutionists" Watch this Column For Special Offers

Continued From Page Two... Roadhouse is not the one who should receive the severest criticism in such cases as this; but the worker who still retains the idea in his mind of the theory of mutual interest between the employer and the employee. You cannot separate the interests of capitalists and labor interest. Capitalist interest will win out every time labor trusts an individual leader.

RENT, PROFIT, INTEREST!... The I. W. W. will never make possible a working class movement. Stockholders in animal plants, silk and wool, are interested in the same thing as you are: to get out of your hole in a short space of time than all the other workers of the world.

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