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He also found that four of the men had been sufficiently punished and should be released. These were Thomas Glynn, Peter Larkin (a brother of Jim Larkin), William Beatty, Donald Grant. These ten men were released on August 3 last—having served 3 1/2 years' sentence of the ten and fifteen years' sentence allotted to them.

The Commissioner found one of the men (Charles Reeve) deserving of the ten years sentence imposed on him, and he still remains in jail. In the case of the 12th man (John King) he found the sentence of 6 years excessive and the balance has been remitted, but as King is to serve another two years on another charge, he still remains in jail.

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The ten released men speak bitterly of the treatment accorded them while in jail, and are at the present time lecturing on their experiences. It is their intention to write a book of their experiences, which at the same time will be a powerful condemnation of the prison system of Australia.

The coal dug by volunteers cost the taxpayers of Kansas two hundred dollars a ton. "Governor Allen is some operator," said the speaker. After this failure to coerce the miners a special session of the legislature was called and with the assistance of corporation lawyers he developed the bright idea of an industrial court to put an end to strikes by compulsory arbitration and to chain the workers to their jobs like slaves.

This move was characterized by Howat as part of the nationwide drive against labor now being carried on by Chambers of Commerce and the corporation press. The speaker declared that Governor Allen has toured the country and has harangued state legislature to have the Kansas Industrial Court Law passed.

"There will be no surrender," Howat said. He quoted Wendell Phillips to the effect that "Any law that failed to give Justice was only fit to be trampled on." The Kansas Law will get no more consideration than we received from those who passed it.

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I found they have some husky crews, a shoing out the workers' news, collecting facts about the strikes and things that Wall Street sure dislikes the latest stories out of Russia and Palmer's imitation Prussia, the latest news on legislation in state of ill-conceived gestation, the all-which workers ought to know if they expect to boss the show.

Now this all means a lot to you, when folks are putting on the screw and, keeping you right on the hop, by fighting for an open-shop, a trying to stretch out the day without no overtime for pay, while all the kept-press sez they must put all the unions on the bust.

"Twas good to see some right smart men, working Coronas and the pen, a putting up a good stiff fight, plugging for you and for the right.

Now if the moral you can't see, you're just as dense as dense can be. If the idea I must rehearse, is time your folks backed up the hearse.

Ten Million Should Strike to Free Debs Haywood's Plea

By THE FEDERATED PRESS.

NEW YORK.—Declaring that the 94 convicted members of the I. W. W. will fight their case through to the end—if necessary carry it to the Supreme Court of the United States, William D. Haywood, former general secretary of the I. W. W. made his farewell address at a meeting of I. W. W. friends gathered at the Peoples House to bid good-bye to the 10 defendants in the case who are about to leave this city or Chicago. Following the denial of their appeal from conviction under the Espionage act by United States Court of Appeals of Illinois, they will return to Chicago for a rehearing of the case in the same court.

"My greatest desire is to see the doors of the penitentiary opened and Gene Debs released," William D. Haywood declared.

"Jail is no place for any human being, and it certainly is no place for such men as the government is now committing to the penitentiary," he continued. "If I were not myself a political prisoner I should like to go out to the workers and urge 10,000,000 men and women lay down their tools and refuse to do a stitch of work until Debs is released."

Regardless of the Governor rather than to submit like slaves."

"We have been charged," he continued, "with violating the Lever Law but no two thousand percent profiteers are behind the bars because of the same Lever law."

Believe George Faces About On Russia

(By R. J. COO TELLO.)

(Managing Editor of the Federated Press, Now in Europe.)

BERGEN, Norway, Sept. 13.

(By Mail).—Is Lloyd George just now in the spectacular act of turning a double somersault on the question of England's attitude with reference to Soviet Russia, and does he intend that henceforth it shall be war to the knife and the knife to with the Moscow government? And does the act mean that there shall not be even trade relations, but that instead there shall be a tightening of the economic blockade such as has never been witnessed heretofore? And if all this is really meant, just what part and how did the recent holiday of the British premier in Switzerland play in the international game?

These are questions which Kamineff, Russian Soviet envoy to London, propounded aboard the steamer en route from Newcastle to Bergen. Then he answered the first two of them himself, but declared that he was unable to say just what connection the Swiss scenery had with the newest phase of Anglo-Russo diplomacy. That Lloyd George has completely switched his policy is the impression of Kamineff, following a four-hour conference with the premier Friday night; and he is equally certain that shortly there will be some sort of an announcement, in which all relations with Russia will be declared to have been broken off. The conference lasted from 5 o'clock in the evening until 9 o'clock, and almost every phase of the situation was touched upon. The premier took the position that Kamineff was instrumental in the spread of Bolshevik propaganda in the British Isles, though this was hotly denied by the envoy.

It is a very much depressed Kamineff who is going back to Moscow to report to his government on the turn affairs have taken in England.

"I do not believe they will let me return," he said. "It is too bad. I had hoped there was to be a continuation of the plans recently decided upon, but now apparently thrown to one side. It is too bad. Why cannot English and European statesmanship understand that we are living in an entirely new world, in which the workers propose to control, and, no matter what the obstacles interposed, will triumph in the end."

"I cannot say what the decision of my government will be in the face of this new development. We had been led to believe that English diplomacy had at last seen the light."

Kamineff will remain in Christiania for several days in conference with Litvinoff before going on to Moscow. He has already made a somewhat detailed report on recent events in a wireless to his government.

Three Hundred Years After

By ANISE.

Every little while now
Until the twenty-first
Of DECEMBER
We will be called upon
To remember the PILGRIMS
And what they were doing
Three hundred years ago!
There have already been
CELEBRATIONS

In England and Holland,
At Scrooby and Bawtry,
And Leyden and Fairhaven,
And last of all at Plymouth,
Tracing the very PATH
Taken

By the little band
Of EXILES,
Rebels against AUTHORITY
Who went forth into the storm,
Seeking

For a NEW WORLD!
Now, in the months
Of October and November,
They are supposed to be
On the stormy Atlantic
Where "the breaking waves
Dash high".

But along in December
They will LAND
On the "stern
And rock-bound coast"
And the celebrations
Will begin in America!
Well,

There will be BISHOPS
And MAYORS
And reactionary JUDGES
And eminent CAPITALISTS,
The highest conservatives
Of all our land,
Who will lift up their voices
On platforms

In honor of those REBELS
Three hundred years after!
But the Pilgrims of TODAY
Will not be on the platforms;
They are not respectable enough
Even to be allowed
To PRAISE publicly!
Those EARLY rebels!

They are toiling on farm
And in forset
In workshop and mine
They are lying in JAILS;
They also are sailing
Into the STORM
Seeking a NEW WORLD
Beyond the waters!
And I wonder,
If I were one
Of those EARLY Pilgrims,
Which I would consider
The most UNPLEASANT:
To struggle and suffer
And DIE in the winter;
OR
To lie SO quit,
Three hundred years after,
And hear myself PRAISED
By the smooth, sleek people,
And NOT to be able
To ARISE,
And struggle and suffer
And DIE AGAIN
With my BROTHER REBELS!

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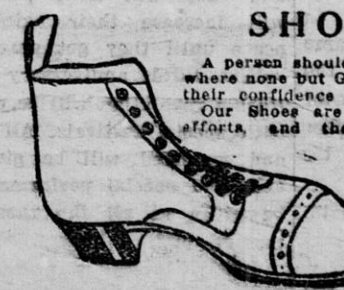
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EUROPE BOILING WITH LABOR'S ACTIVITIES

Girl Strikers Picket With Elbow and Argument in Injunctionless London.

By WALTER DUNN.

FRESNO, Cal.—Europe's plight was graphically described to the convention of the California State Federation of Labor, in session here, by Paul Sharrenberg, secretary of that organization, who has recently returned from a tour of Italy, Switzerland, Germany, Belgium, France and England.

In Italy Sharrenberg witnessed the general strike. He sees little hope and predicted that the uprising of the workers would be halted by a financial blockade.

Germany's 8,000,000 trade unionists scoff at political action, says Sharrenberg. The loss of her foreign trade has worked great hardship on the masses. "Today," said Sharrenberg, "the skilled mechanic of Germany just seeks out an existence. He does not live."

Hatred for France has increased since the occupation of German provinces by the French troops and a war of revenge is talked of, he finds.

Belgium's co-operative movement greatly impressed him but the Rochdale system is found all over Europe, he says. "The co-operative movement is the training ground of industrial democracy and in it lies the hope of the American worker."

"While in London I saw a strike of waitresses. A girl had been fired for wearing a union button and 4,000 girls went on strike. Their method of picketing was different from ours. Two girls stood in the doorway of a restaurant. When a person attempted to enter the girls moved together. 'You are not going in here, are you, sir?' Often the person would insist and a discussion would follow.

"I asked a London Bobbie about it and he said 'That's all right as long as they don't go in and clean them out.' I saw the girls on parade, thousands of them, four abreast and bobbies on each side a few paces apart. I asked the reason for the escort and was informed that the bobbies were guarding the restaurants, not the girls. They wanted to be around if anything happened."

Besides passing a resolution recommending that each craft make provision for simultaneous expiration of contracts with employer the State Federation went on record as demanding "an increasing share in the responsibilities and management of industry; application of this principle to be developed in accordance with the experience of actual operation."

TRUCE IN ITALY ONLY TO GIVE WORKERS SECOND WIND

By MAX WORTH.

European Staff Correspondent for the Federated Press.

PARIS.—Italian metal workers, by a vote of 127,904 against 44,531 have accepted the agreement made in their name by the Italian Federation of Labor, in its dealings with the Government and the manufacturers the Italian Prime Minister has made his report to the Senate and has announced the amicable settlement of the whole affair.

Thus this English method of dealing with an Italian situation has become a part of revolutionary history.

No one is satisfied, of course. The manufacturers and the capitalist press criticize Giolitti bit-

terly for the "weak" way in which he yielded to the workers.

The workers of Turin, the most radical centre in Italy, voted by a bare 60 per cent in favor of the settlement, and the more radical elements among them stigmatize the whole transaction as collaboration with the bourgeoisie.

Perhaps the most extraordinary element in the whole extraordinary transaction, was the explanation which Giolitti gave to the Senate in response to their questions regarding his actions in the crisis.

Proposing the thesis that in the struggles between labor and capital, the Government must be neutral, M. Giolitti told the Senate that the working people of the world were coming into their own, and they might as well make up their minds to the fact.

The militant workers have not seen their dreams of a complete revolution realized. The militant owners have lost the edge of their power. The red flag had floated, unchallenged on the

WARNING OF THE UNEMPLOYED

Long before we ever thought of coming to this country, we read the International Socialist Review. Every copy was read from cover to cover, because the Review represented everything that we believed in. We miss the old Review!

One of the writers for the Review, was a comrade known as Louis Buchez, who died something like ten years ago. His mother was of Irish descent and his father was French. But what a dear old dad he had! After the Paris Commune, a regiment of French soldiers were called upon to carry out a sentence of death, passed upon some of the Communards. Just as the officer uttered the order to fire, the regiment, to which, the father of comrade Duchez belonged threw down their rifles and shouted: "Viva la Commune." The regiment was sent into exile, as a result of its refusal to shoot down members of its OWN class. The government officials who sent them there are FORGOTTEN, but they still talk of the regiment.

The reason why we remember comrade Duchez, is due to the fact that a poem appeared in the Review, some nine years ago, written by this comrade. It was entitled, the "Warning of the Unemployed."

*"Masters and Rulers, take warning, we're men;
The blood in our veins came down through the past;
We've hearts and they're human, forgiving, but when,
Aroused to the limit, resist to the last.
Your factories are idle, your larders are filled;
The specters of panics stand not at your door;
Great wheels wait our turning, broad lands to be tilled,
And still we are hungry, and idle, and poor.
'Tis not for charity, kings, that we ask;
The mouths of our children indeed must be fed;
But we, strong and willing, stand alert for the task,
Beware — we may eat o'er the bodies of the dead."*

At the same time we read in the current issue of the "Magazine of Wall Street," October 2nd, the following statement, made by George M. Reynolds, well-known financier:

"I was one of the fellows who went around preaching that the United States would be in a position at the end of the war to get a great deal of world trade, but here we are, the nation that possesses the GREATEST AMOUNT OF GOODS, unable to sell them on a basis to foreign nations because foreign exchange has shrunk so much.

"Manufacturers have had a large amount of their goods made up. Now they must liquidate to re-establish their credit. That will bring prices down."

The above statement seems fair enough. Due to the instability of foreign markets, the goods manufactured in this country must be sold in the home markets. That means, that the prices will come down, due to the heavy supplies that the manufacturers have on hand. Also, due

largest establishments of Italy, and even the rural workers have begun to realize that a free man must count on owning his job.

America's Gambling Forces Thrown into Frantic Fury

Revolt! All over the country and all over the world there is revolt. It takes form among all classes of workers. No longer is it limited to the slaves in the larger industries and the wage earners. The farmers who 'own' their farm and owe the banker all that the farm is worth are coming to the conclusion that they have been buncoed by the big masters of Wall Street and that the gamblers are playing with them as with aces and jacks.

The renter who is unable to pay his rent and the farmer who "owns" his farm and is unable to pay the interest on the mortgage are in the same boat as the wage earner who is unable to pay his rent to the landlord for the shack in the mining camps.

There is no difference. Both of them are ousted and have to go on their knees before some new lord to whom they hope to be able to pay some more tribute.

The industrial slave resorts to the union and the farmer resorts to the League.

This disturbs the political and economic gamblers.

The Federated Press gives us a big mouthful of what the situation is in the following:

Wall Street is becoming frightened at the revolt now sweeping West and South, since the Federal Reserve Board has called upon the farmers to pay Wall Street's foreign gambling debts.

"You are going to see a dangerously high wave of radicalism in this election," said a big New York banker to a friend. "This assumption that Harding is going to have everything his own way is not safe. The Farmer-Labor party is going to be a serious factor, and may even win, in six or seven States, if prices continue to go down."

Big business corporations are hastily throwing up defenses against the on-coming political situation that the artificial panic in farm prices has created. There are well defined reports that the steel corporations for example, have pro-

vided a complete organization throughout Minnesota and will spend \$1,000,000 in the final ten days of the campaign to stop the rush of the Nonpartisan League and the Working People's Nonpartisan Political League.

In North Dakota and South Dakota, it is reported, the banking and wheat gambling and milling interests of St. Paul and Minneapolis are to have exclusive management of the Wall Street funds; in Montana the flood of gold will be turned loose by the Anaconda Copper Mining Co. organization; in Colorado, the Colorado Fuel & Iron Co. will have charge of the battle against the farmer-labor rebels, while in the State of Washington the Weyerhaeuser timber interests are to be the center of reaction. Will Hays, Republican national chairman, is charged with being in close touch with these sinister plans.

But the panic in agriculture is sweeping away the very foundations of Republican and Democratic standpat politics. Farmers by the millions suddenly face ruin, as cotton falls from 40 cents a pound to 20 cents, and wheat slips toward a dollar a bushel. Protest conferences and emergency meetings and indignation rallies are in vain—

What Does All This Mean?

Henry Ford has stated that despite the reduction in the prices of cars, he will not reduce the wages of his employees. After you read that, you ran around the house and hugged your wife. Did you stop to think that when the boss has a large stock of goods on hand, that he is NOT going to manufacture any more? Whilst he is disposing of the goods that he has on hand, you will not be required to manufacture any. That means that you will be one of the unemployed. Yes you will be out of work. The "Annalist," the leading financial weekly of the country, in its issue of October 4th, states, "that the big factories in the Detroit centre are working at barely 59 per cent of their normal capacity, several thousand men have been laid together with the facts of your social conditions, you derive off....." Turn to the statement made by George M. Reynolds and read it carefully. Then ask yourself the question, "Well, what about it?"

Now is the time for us to indulge in some plain thinking and writing. We are forced to admit that even our OWN comrades are not possessed of the necessary knowledge that will enable them to explain the situation to their fel-

low-workers on the job. The need of clear thinking and knowledge must be evident to all of us. But knowledge becomes dry rot, if it sticks in your head, and is not allowed to translate itself into action. Take our advice, and take up the study course of Mary Marcy's. Endeavor to have your union members take it up. This is not all. It has been said, that the richest discovery of modern times in the sphere of education is the discovery that not the brain cells chiefly, but memory and imagination primarily, are the organs of education, but the whole body, all its muscles, organs and activities, are the indispensable organs of education. This means that the main incentive to acquire knowledge lies in A-C-T-I-O-N. BUT WHERE, AND HOW? Where do you spend most of your time, of course, leaving out the time you are naturally asleep, and how do you spend it? In the shop, working for the boss. The experience you undergo in the shop reflect themselves on your mind and your thoughts. So your main incentive to acquire knowledge lies action on the job. So you must study on the job, assisting your mind by the knowledge you will derive from study courses of Mary Marcy. Comrades, the future is not as rosy as some people would have you to believe. That is, if you accept the statements of the kept press and abide by them. Yet, on the other hand, it can be MADE a rosy one. Educate and organize and demand from your masters, always making sure that you have a strong industrial organization to fall back on, in case your masters become stupid and arrogant. THAT YOU SHALL RECEIVE AT LEAST 85 PER CENT OF YOUR WAGES WHILST YOU ARE UNEMPLOYED! It seems a crazy demand to make, but the Amalgamated Society of Engineers is preparing to make that demand in Great Britain. If you are successful, and do not lie down until you are prepared to educate your fellow-man into the idea of taking over industry and eliminating the parasite "who neither toils, nor does he spin, yet Solomon in all his glory was not arrayed like one of these."

THE FUTURE IS WHAT YOU WANT IT TO BE, AND HAVE THE COURAGE TO MAKE IT SO!

J. C.

Three thousand coal miners in Washington State win strike within a few days unless the operators make this increase of \$1.50 per day for wage men and 82 cents per day for boys retroactive to August 16.

The railway mines have granted the demands of the men, but the commercial mines are sticking out against them. You know what to do men!

In olden times the ruling class used to pass their time in watching Christian martyrs being torn to pieces by lions. Such sports become too common, when that animal known as the profiteers arrived on this planet. They are so used to seeing workers torn to pieces by machinery, that they now go to Monte Carlo and gamble, it is not so exciting and really it is less a strain on one's nerves. — J. C.

LEAVING THE "LAND OF THE FREE"

By NATH L. WELCH.

Staff Correspondent for the Federated Press.

DETROIT, Mich.—Escape from the land of the free has begun in earnest. Thousands of Lithuanians are leaving Michigan by way of Canada and thousands more are scheduled to go as soon as transportation facilities are available.

"We have had enough of Palmer and are glad to go," said one of the deportees. "We are tired of persecution and heresy hunting in your free America. We are going back home where we will have opportunity to speak, think and work as we will without interference by stupid officialdom."

"We were good citizens while we were content to work at low wages and under wretched conditions in Gary's hellholes and digging coal in the mines of Pennsylvania. But we became undesirable and dangerous aliens as soon as we began to demand American standards of living. We are through with it for good."

Eight hundred men left Wednesday on the Grand Trunk bound for Montreal from where the ocean steamer Canada will carry them to Hamburg. From Hamburg they will travel by rail to Berlin and from there to their homeland, Lithuania. Close to a thousand left last week by the same route. Fifteen hundred applications are in for the next boat.

Most of the men are skilled mechanics from Detroit automobile and machine shops. Their families are going with them.

Both agree that the panic has generated a political tornado.

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THE HANDWRITING ON THE PLACARDS

The Federated Press.

Washington, Oct. 21 (By Wire).—A sensational public indictment of the Wilson administration occurred this morning when a group of women and children representing the American Women's Committee for the Enforcement of America's War Aims appeared before the White House with placards demanding that the American Red Cross be sent to Ireland.

Some of the placards read as follows: "President Wilson, Murder is Murder, Whether Done by a Turk or an Englishman"; "Mr. Wilson is Protecting America's Enemy, the British Empire"; "Lloyd George the Anarchist and Wilson his Junior Partner"; "Uncle Sam, American Children will be England's Next Victims"; "We Protected Belgian and Armenian Children, We Demand Protection for Irish Children"; "American Women Demand that Anarchy in the White House be Stopped."

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THE DEADBEAT.

The deadbeat is the fellow who does not intend to make good his promise. Do you know the guy?

He comes to you and wants to borrow money. He gets credit at the store or at the boarding house. He is broke and wants you to tide him over.

This bloke makes the finest promises. He tells you he has a payday coming. He assures you that somebody owes him money and he will pay you when he gets it. He has had hard luck and will give you a lift if you help him out now.

But he never intends to pay. He looks upon you as cheap and an easy mark. He laughs up his sleeve and chuckles over the faith you have in him.

When you meet him he tries to dodge you. When you ask him about that help you gave him he gives you promises in all the words of the language he commands. Surely he will pay. Of course he will fulfill his promise.

But he never does. He never intends to do so.

So we give him the pretty name deadbeat.

Now this deadbeat is an animal that does not confine himself to the desert plains of the poor and needy. The deadbeat that jumps a boardbill or a grocery debt is not the bad fellow — only a little bad.

The much bad fellow is located in the quarters of the sparkling lights and the glittering diamonds.

First instance:

Down in our little neighbor town of Minneapolis the Street Car Company made an awful howl about the awful service it was giving the people of that city. It was short of cars; it ran poor schedules; it packed the polio like sardines in its box buses; it bumped its joyriders over rough spots and broken rails; everything was bad—horrible.

To all of which we agreed as heartily as an amen season agrees with a granting Methodist preacher.

It was all on account of the fare. The fare was too low. It was only a nickel. It should be six cents—or better seven.

With a six cent fare the Minneapolis Company promised better service—more cars, cleaner cars, faster cars, cars with seats in them, seats for everybody. It promised better track, better schedules, more room. Fine promises. Assuring assurances. Sacred oaths. The sardines were to be given comfort.

The servants of the trolley company gave the people order to fork over six cents as a starter and seven as a go and eight or ten in the long run.

But what of the fulfillment of the promises? Did the sardines get better service—as promised? Go down and see. The company is still running—or rather walking—slow cars, dirty cars, packed cars, seatless cars, bumpy cars, just as before.

Deadbeat.

Here in Duluth the company also wanted a six cent fare. It promised better service and so forth et cetera and so on in long faithful divine, godlike promises. A vote was taken. The people didn't want the increased fare. A goodsized majority said no. It as much as said to the company, "You are a deadbeat. You do not intend to make good your promise. You're a bluffer. We don't fall for your goo-goo eyes."

Now the company wants a "recount." The city dads and the judges wants to give it a "recount." The daily papers urge a "recount." This "recount" will carry for the company. And as all other companies of this kind it will prove itself a deadbeat.

Just now there are a lot of deadbeats abroad.

In 1916 a fellow ran up and down this country promising the people that he would keep them out of war.

Deadbeat.

In 1917 the press and the war profiteers promised that the war would make the world safe for democracy.

Deadbeat.

Now we have the republicans and democrats with Cox and Harding megaphoning promises, fine sleek, fat, robust promises, the same old promises that they have made for the last fifty years.

Deadbeats.

Capitalism has promised and promised everything from shacks to palaces, from shoddy to silks, from sausage to sirloin, from tin Lizzies to superluxes. Capitalism has promised to pay and has failed to do so.

A deadbeat is a fellow who does not intend to make good his promise.

Nuf sed.

PRETTY SOLID.

We have often talked about it but we have never seen it before. We have hoped to see its fulfillment but not so soon.

Word comes to us that American coal diggers will not dig scab coal for England. The British government has sent word that it may want coal from this country to break the strike of the million miners if the boys hold out too long.

Our boys say nixie on that. We are not international scabs. Can't put a thing like that over.

Moreover the United Mine Workers are in full accord with their English brethren. They think they have just grievances. The mine workers are in an international union and have agreed on mutual aid.

Then, too, the United States is wobbling about in the weakness of a coal famine. The profiteer press has so declared and now the miners are going to hold the press to its word. It's a good joke—on the profiteers.

Furthermore along come the longshoremen who have stuff enuf in them to declare that they will not load scab coal. Longheaded longshoremen! The British dockers say the same.

And finally come the railroad workers of Britain at sixty miles an hour and inform His Majesty that they refuse to haul coal not mined on the square by decent union men decently paid.

Some solidarity.

Rather hard for Lloyd George to get around this little bunch. Rather hard for this little bunch not to feel its power and smile a trifle with Bob Smillie.

This is a picture of the great international industrial union. It is workingclass organization in overalls. Before this kind of solidarity all Europe must bow. Before it all America must bow. Before it all parliaments are helpless. All leagues of nations brittle trash.

In face of this, how are the masters going to pull off the next war? How are they going to blockade new Soviet Republics? How are they going to make the world any more unsafe for democracy?

Answer that, you kings and lords and masters of all lands.

THE POOR FISH IN PARIS.

(Interviewed by Gideon Gay, Our European Correspondent, PARIS, Sept., 1920. — Imagine my surprise when I met the Poor Fish at the Cafe de la Paix the other day! He said he had decided on a month in Europe for a complete change of air and environment.)

If every workingman in America would do the same thing now and then, he was sure there would not be so much unrest. Foreign travel broadens the mind and keeps you from fretting about petty matters.

The great evil of the day, he says, is Agitation which is nothing but Organized Kicking. Life may not be perfect, but a Kicker only makes things more unpleasant for himself and for others.

We need people who will Take Their Medicine with a Smile.

Just that very morning a Committee had asked him, as a representative of the Great American Masses, to make a speech at the Pre St. Gervais in favor of amnesty for political prisoners.

He declined to make a speech, because he is opposed to public demonstration, but he told the Committee that they had his Moral Support.

He is in favor of amnesty, but he does not approve of making a Fuss about it.

The Poor Fish has discovered that Human Nature is much the same, the world over. He finds the same Big Problems here as in America.

And these Big World Problems are far too complicated for the Masses to understand. He says he sometimes doubts if even the statesmen understand them, they are so tremendous.

And if the statesmen don't understand them, what right has a mere workman got to presume to impose his opinions? Not that every man hasn't a right to his own views, but he should keep them to himself.

Take the high cost of living for example. The best brains of the world, from Attorney General Palmer up (or perhaps he said "down," he has a habit of sucking his gums when he talks and it is hard to understand him) all these best brains have been trying to reduce it for years and it has kept right on climbing.

And what has the workman been doing? Kicking.

He ought to Co-operate. That is the great need of the times—co-operation. Hand and brains working together.

I told him that as special correspondent for Good morning I was anxious to have a statement from him to the American people.

He coughed slightly and then began to dictate slowly. "You may tell the American people that we are living in an age of transition.

"The great danger is that we shall make progress too fast.

"Rome was not built in a day, and it would be a very bad thing for the working classes if they get too much money before they learn the value of it.

"I am for Progress, but it must be Sane, Orderly progress.

"Evolution, not Revolution, is my motto. Respect for law is the great need of the times.

"Let the workingman resolve to Build Up, not to Tear Down.

"Do not decry Wealth. If a man has saved up a billion dollars he is entitled to enjoy it. Instead of trying to take his billion away from him, every man should resolve to save up a billion of his own.

"Work hard and Play hard. That should be the rule of life of every honest man.

"The eight-hour day may be a good thing in some industries, but it is not necessarily good in all industries.

"Work twelve hours, if necessary. Go to bed early, and get up refreshed for the next day's toil.

"Go to church on Sunday.

"And outside of working hours get your mind off your work. Take a spin in the country. Go to the seashore or the mountains or to Europe in the summer.

"And above all, save, save, save."

He poured himself out another drink of brandy, and it occurred to me to ask him what he thought of Prohibition.

"Liquor is not injurious if taken in Moderation," he replied. "Unfortunately, however, the working man never knows when he has had enough. Many things are good in themselves, but dangerous in the hands of ignorant people. I would be in favor of repealing Prohibition if drinking could be limited to those who can indulge in it wisely." —Good Morning.

THE DARK NIGHT IS PASSING.

The Russo-Polish War has come to the end. One more tool of imperialistic brigandage has retired from the field, realizing that the task of subduing Soviet Russia is an IMPOSSIBLE ONE. The signing of the Russo-Polish treaties will enable the Red Army to center all its activities on "Barren" Wrangel. Wait patiently comrades, funeral notices will be issued in a few days.

We are glad that the Polish Government has at last come to its senses. Not that we have any regard for the reactionaries of Poland. But we do want to see Soviet Russia advance along the road that leads to freedom. Every revolutionist, who was worth while, rejoiced and was exceedingly glad when the news came over the wire that Nicky had been kicked off his throne. We all felt that the dawn of the NEW DAY was close at hand and many a despairing comrade gained a new lease of life and renewed his old-time energy. We felt like the poets Burns, Coleridge and Wordsworth felt, one hundred years ago, when the people of France overthrew their bloody rulers and smashed open the doors of the Bastille of Paris. The magic words "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity," first response in the homes of every person who loves liberty. It took a long time to convince the people of the world that the French Revolution was a necessary one. It is taking just as long to convince the people of this country that the November Revolution of the Bolsheviks was also a necessary one. As we came to utter the magic words, "Liberty, Equality and Fraternity", so soon comrades, the people of the world will utter those magic words, "All Power to the Soviets."

The capitalist class gained power as a result of the French Revolution, so too, will the working class gain power through the Russian November Revolution. All people learn through their experience, master and slave alike. They never profit by examples. They wait until the social conditions become so unbearable as to compel them to act. It was so in France, and it will be so in this and all countries. The capitalist class are blind and stupid; blind to the needs of humanity; wholly incapable of reading the signs of the times, and proving by their insensate and inhuman conduct the truth of the old saying, "WHOM

THE GODS WISH TO DESTROY THEY FIRST MAKE MAD."

Labor is awakening, though it seems to require much effort. The struggle may seem hard, comrades. But through the dark night we shall fight on. Fight on with renewed hope and courage. Fight on, knowing that having travelled through the dark night we shall greet the bright and roseate dawn of a New Day. There is no turning back. The law of progress is the law of life. We may halt its progress, but we cannot do that for long. The great economic forces that gave capitalism to the world are slowly but surely bringing about its ruin. Chaos, starvation and untold misery may be our lot. On the other hand, freedom stands ready to take us to her bosom. But the stern resolve on our part to educate and organize ourselves into the ONE BIG UNION of the working class, using our economic power to bring about the overthrow of capitalism, and victory is ours!

Speed the Day!

J. C.

STIRRING MESSAGES.

Every Sunday evening the Duluth comrades have a meeting. The hall is always packed to the doors. A speaker is always on deck with something worth while. No slush goes. The crowd is used to real revolutionary stuff.

Last Sunday Ella Reeves Bloor spoke. Her lecture should be produced in full. It is not quite like other lectures. It is bigger, broader, deeper, more fascinating and instructive. Comrade Bloor is a philosopher. She has economics at her finger tips. She has history as a handy tool. She has experience along with facts.

That little woman stood there for two hours and poured out a message so wonderful that the audience sat there in awe. She poured out information that gripped every listener. She had seen the prisoners in all the dungeons of the land. She had heard their story and listened to their words of hope and cheer. Not one of them had squirmed. Not a squeal.

She told of the brutalities of the government, the filth on the bull pens, the rottenness of the food. It is the old inquisition over again.

And then she told of the great remedy—the thorough organization of the workers, the education of the workers, intelligent action by the workers. She told of the power of the One Big Union and the task before us.

Then on Monday comes Kate O'Hare. Fourteen months she spent in prison. Fourteen months on perjured testimony. Two out of 147 were willing to lie for the government. And on the testimony of these two perjurers she had to spend her fourteen months in the pen. 142 denied the charge.

She tells a good story of prison life—a horrible story. A story of filth and disease and brutality and death in America's dungeons. It is a powerful story, and it is a mighty good thing to get it to the people. We have no business to be asleep as long as such conditions exist in our land.

But poor Kate had no specific remedy—expect the old worn out vote remedy. The remedy that is famous for its failure. Poor Mollie Steimer will be dead before we can vote her out. So will all the rest of our comrades.

One stroke of industrial action by a united working class will do more in a day than political action in a decade.

DRAW YOUR OWN CONCLUSIONS.

"Daily News-Record", issued from Wall Street, and sent out to stockbrokers, and other parasites states, in its issue of October 2nd:—

"Gompers is evidently seeing the light, in denouncing the 'labor wild men' of Europe. It is taken in the Street (Wall Street, Ed. 'TRUTH') to be the Swan Song of the Bolsheviks of America."

Speaking in Congress, on January 17th, 1920, Representative Huddleston, of Alabama, said:

"It is amazing to observe the champions of the reactionary hysteria, which is part of the aftermath of the war, charging furiously at paper dragons, calling them 'Bolsheviks' and 'Radicals.' They beat their tom-toms and shout; from their noise one would think there was a real conflict. For their personal and CLASS advantage they work upon the people's fear. But all this is mere stage play. The profiteer who would escape unscathed, the war contractor who would stand secure in his mask of patriotism, speculator, big financiers, imperialists, and those who would gain money and place out of the agony of the world—they would strike at their critics and those who impeach their methods and their system."

Draw your own conclusions, in regard to what the Wall Street daily said about Sammy!

MARY MARCY'S STUDY COURSE.

"Mrs. Marcy had a peculiar faculty for this kind of work and in preparing this most excellent primer on economics for the education of the workers she has rendered an invaluable service to the working class."

EUGENE V. DEBS.

So writes 'Gene Debs, with reference to Mary Marcy's "Shop Talks On Economics." We do not boost or advertise anybody's works on this page, but we do feel that for the small sum of 34 cents per lesson, that no worker can afford to be without the fifteen lessons, outlined by Mary Marcy. They will enable you to understand all about the industry you are engaged in. It will enable you to talk to the man on the job and educate him, by illustrating your arguments with the facts as they are presented to you before your own eyes.

Read the advertisement on page two and sign up for the CORRESPONDENCE COURSE OF MARY MARCY'S! The man who is influenced by mere sentiment and emotion is never sure of his ground. He is like the man travelling down a dark lane, who does not know where he is going. But give us a man sure of his facts, and we will show you a man who will stick. Will you stick, in the face of big things?

PROTEST MEETING.

Two big protest meetings will be held Oct. 21. One in Workers' Opera, 6th Avenue East and 3rd street, and then other at Woodmen Hall, 21st Avenue West and 1st street.

These Meetings are arranged for by the Duluth Federated Trades Assembly. Thomas Sullivan, candidate for attorney general, and Geo. W. Lawson, Sec. of the Minnesota State Federation of Labor will speak alternately at both places. Also the editor of TRUTH will speak.

Four of our brothers are in jail in Minneapolis for union principles. The Duluth workers feel it is their fight as much as the fight of the workers in an other city. Come to the meeting and hear the facts about this outrage against organized labor.

BARNYARD OBSERVATIONS

By Bolshevik.

While hustling around trying to patch up the hole in the fence made by one of the big spotted steers it occurred to me that there are a lot of other big and very spotted steers that are causing us farmers more trouble than six calves trying to suck twelve cows.

As I work and slave year in and year out I cannot help notice a lot of things that it is hard for me to keep strictly to myself, and not being in the habit of attending the Methodist Sewing Society I have no one to confide in that will keep my secrets secretly holy.

Moreover, I am getting so hardened that I don't care who knows my secrets. Why should I? Why should I be ashamed of what I see? I cannot help that big and small things happen every day right here in my barnyard. I cannot help that some of them tear ugly holes in my soft and mild temper and cause me to roar like volcano in action. Nor do I want to conceal the fact that there are moments when the angels are sprinkling white and glorious joys upon me and make me feel that there is no world left where there is not complete happiness and woman suffrage.

It goes without saying that I was born right here in the United States of Minnesota. It was my choice to be born here. But I did not choose my name; my old maid aunt did that and the preacher pronounced it perfectly when he baptized me. Both of them have turned over twice in their grave since the Russian Revolution. The preacher says that if he were alive he would never sprinkle a baby with such an ugly name again. It's the one big mistake he made, he claims. But when I get down there I will try to comfort him and tell him if he had made many mistakes, like that he might have landed inside the pearly gates instead of slipping into Hades.

Of course now since the Bolsheviks have begun to civilize Russia it is hard for me to carry on my youthful shoulders such a weighty name. But the end of my troubles is in sight. This country is on the very verge of civilization. At least that is what our obscured governor is afraid of. And our judges and professors. And our presidential candidates, Cox and Harding. They are afraid something might happen to give the people of this country a taste of freedom, happiness and beefsteak. We might want more of it.

But I am not going to tell you anything more about myself. You know everything already—that I was born and raised here in the United States of Minnesota, that I live here now, that my name is Bolshevik, and that I see things in my barnyard—even the Bob Booze is gone, and that I want to get what I see out of my system and into yours.

The first thing I have to do after I patch the hole in the fence made by the big spotted steers is to trap the rat that is digging a canal under the barn foundation so he can get to the feedbox in front of the horses. Then he expects to eat a hole in the box and drag away the oats that the horses are entitled to.

I am going to get Mr. Rat, you bet. Ann I am going to hang him up and show him to my neighbors and we will swear together that such shall be the fate of all rats until there are no more rats.

And then I am going to set the trap for the profiteer rats that have been in the feed box for a long time and have eaten all the feed so that the work mules are so poor and skinny that you can see a moving picture thru them. My neighbors are going to help me trap them. And as we go along with that sport we will tell you all about it. Also about a lot of other things that happen in our yard.

That is if you want to know and if the editor wants my stuff and if god and Pontius Palmer let me live.

LABOR IN POLITICS.

The entry of the labor forces of the country into politics, created quite a furor of enthusiasm. Radicals thought that the millennium had arrived. Until.....

In Sioux City, Ia, labor endorsed a candidate for the office of United States Senator, Colonel Brookhart. He lost out. That left the Democratic candidate, Claude Porter, and the Republican candidate, Senator Cummins, known to fame by his sponsoring the Esch-Cummins Bill. Now comes the policy of "reward your friends and punish your enemies." Cummins is opposed to organized labor. So organized labor, in order to punish its enemy, turns round and lends its support Porter.

Porter is the learned legal friend of labor. He was one of the star prosecutors who sent the members of the I. W. W. over the road, in 1918. Porter a friend of labor! Don't make us laugh! — J. C.

"MEET MISTER DOOLEY!"

"Don't ask for rights. Take them. An' don't let anny wan give them to ye. A right that is handed to ye f'r nawthin' has something the matter with it. It's more than likely it's on'y a wrong turned inside out."

"The butterfly upon the road
Preaches contentment to the toad.
But the toad beneath the harrow
Knows where every tooth-print goes."

PASS THE BOLSHEVISKI BOTTLE.

When Oswald Garrison Villard can't stand it any longer he leaps right over the table and some of the respectable liberals who read The Nation can be heard to say "now that's going too far!" Mr. Villard's latest impulse was to call for the Government's confiscation of unoccupied city dwellings for the benefit of those who need homes. Oswald, pass that bottle of Bolshevik!

The above bouquet wasn't so much intended for The Evening Sun as for the redoubtable Frank Munsey himself. Mr. Munsey is our nomination to the Hall of Fame as America's greatest educator. Other reformers have tried from time to time to improve our daily papers. Mr. Munsey buys up the big ones, one or two at a time, and shuts them down entirely. Give him twenty more years, and he ought to have them all out of commission. Can't anybody see how easy it will be in those days for the American public to use its brains?

We agree with The Evening Sun that "natural law" will naturally solve the housing problem. If half the people have to live outdoors this winter, they'll just naturally freeze to death. With a population of three million instead of six, New York would have houses enough to go round.

We meant it when we said the Hall of Fame. As an educator, Mr. Munsey has surely been dead long enough to qualify.

—Good Morning.