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OVERALL GIRLS STRIKE FOR LIVING WAGES

Bosses Sweat Garment Workers at \$7 Per Week in Open Shop Fight.

Claiming that they can not live on \$7 a week the girls in the Duluth Union Manufacturing company have gone out on strike. The members have formed a solid picket line and up to yesterday only two scabs had been able to get thru. A plucky fight is put up by the underpaid girls and they have determined to stick till their demands are granted.

With the overall craze these garments went up to an abnormal figure, but the bosses are not satisfied with the large profits of the present, and have made changes to sweat the girls to add to them.

Miss Ruth Williams, member of the grievance committee, said today that the pickets had been instrumental in turing away about twenty girls and that as far as the strikers know only two got past them and these two were accompanied by members of the firm.

"We propose to stay out," said Miss Williams. "A minimum of \$16 is not too much to ask. All of the girls are experienced and can earn more by piece work than they have been doing. The shift that the firm made has made it impossible for the girls to make more than \$7 or \$8 per week and, although they have told us that

they would pay a minimum of \$11, they were not doing it. We have taken the union label from the firm."

H. Gordon, a member of the firm, said that they had decided to operate on an open shop basis from now on.

When the police tried to interfere the girls buttonholed the cop and put some pertinent question to him:

"You went out with banners not long ago and asked for higher wages, did you not? You wanted to better your condition, was not that your object?"

The Cop nodded.

"Well, did we interfere with you when you went out to demand a little increase for yourself? Did we try to stop you then? Instead we cheered you and told you we hoped you would succeed. Isn't that right?"

Again the policeman agreed.

"Why don't you help us now and cheer us just as we did when you wanted better conditions? All we ask is a living wage. Do you think that is wrong?"

The Cop smiled and turned to go, and then looked back and said, "Well, good luck to you."

CALL FOR TROOPS BY CHICAGO BOARD OF TRADE

Masters Worried About Bitter Winter for the Workers With Coming Unemployment.

CHICAGO, Oct. 27th.—A meeting was held today in the BOARD OF TRADE SMOKING ROOM. Note the place! It was called for the purpose of obtaining recruits for the Illinois National Guard.

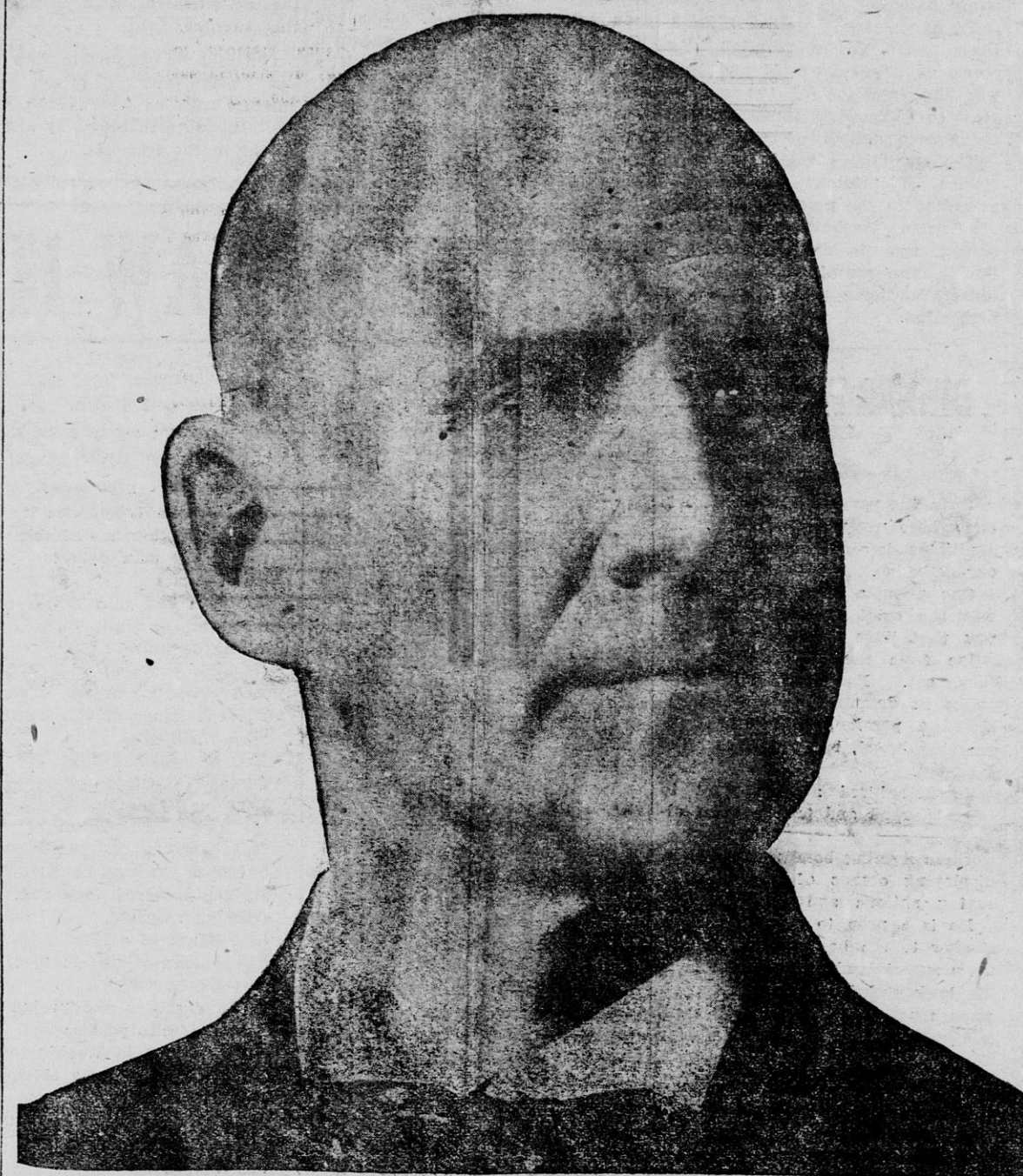
A few days ago, every member of the Board of Trade received a letter notifying them of this meeting, also of the necessity of urging their employees to enlist in the Illinois National Guard. The reasons assigned for this appeal were that

riots were expected this winter. Riots generally arise out of bad social conditions. Recognizing that the bad social conditions are on their way, the ruling class of Chicago are going to get ready for them by organizing the National Guard, so that when the workers ask for bread, they will instead receive lead. "O say can you see..."

Well, the meeting was held. All the employees of the Board of Trade were called to the meeting and were regaled with music and patriotic speeches. Colonels, officers of every description appealed to the men and urged them to join the National Guard. At the close of meeting they were told to come up to the table and join up. Out of the hundreds who were present NOT one offered to join. But there is going to be unemployment this coming winter and when men are starving they will do almost anything. We said almost anything, so the colonels and the masters are not worrying. They will get the recruits alright.

We wended our way home and thought over things. The papers announced a revolt in Russia. It soothed the troubled souls of the ruling class, until the news came out that the revolt did not revolt. How revolting! Then a European comrade sent us a copy of a speech recently made by Trotsky. It was delivered before the 7th All-Russian Congress of Soviets of Workers, Peasants, Red Army and Cossacks' Deputies. We read the speech and we thought of the meeting in the Board of Trade smoke room. What a contrast! Yet, there are some people who really believe that Russia is going to go back to capitalism! The speech is too long to print

EUGENE V. DEBS



In full, so the readers of "TRUTH" will have to be content with reading extracts from it.

The Red Army.

What kind of an army is the Red Army? In the opening of his remarks, Trotsky describes the nature of the Red Army. "This is not a people's army," says Trotsky, "or a national army, not a 'democratic' army, not an army of the Constituent Assembly,—it is an army of the working class, which is fighting for the reconstruction of the whole social system. Consequently we introduced class criteria in the army. In spite of protests which many will remember, we excluded exploiting, parasitical, bourgeois and landlord elements. The army must reflect that regime which we are constructing in social and political life."

Communists In Red Army.

The members of the Communist Party of Russia, according to the capitalist press, are ruling Russia with an iron hand and capturing all the soft Government berths. Trotsky disproves this by showing that whenever a task, that is extremely dangerous, has to be performed, a Communist is selected. The reason being, that by utilizing the services of a Communist, he sets a good example to the non-Communists. The non-Communist military commanders of the Red Army, for let it be understood that every person in Russia is not a Communist, always appealed for Communists when they wanted anything done. As Trotsky states, "When things are not going very favorable at one or another sectors of the front sector commanders, army commanders, and even Commanders-in-Chief appeal to the revolutionary War Council, either directly or through the responsible

department, to send communists to the responsible department, to send communists to these sectors."

In concluding that part of the speech dealing with the Communists, Trotsky states, "Comrades, in this great struggle, about which poets one day will write great things we are making tremendous sacrifices. Communist soldiers, communist commanders, communist commissaries are being sacrificed with numbers. For a communist there is and there can be no such thing as being taken a prisoner. A communist who falls into the hands of the enemy never returns. There was a case where one of the most prominent Moscow communists, comrade Baryshnikoff, an excellent militant comrade did not manage to shoot himself when he fell into the clutches of Mamontoff's cavalry; Baryshnikoff was HANGED.

We have a new communist order, who without the privileges of caste know how to die and teach others to die for the cause of the workers." Men dying for the cause of Soviet Russia. The cause of worldwide Communism. What blind and brutal fools our masters are, when they think that by the sending of men to prison they can defeat the cause of Communism in America!

Working Class Officers.

The Red Army is commanded by working class officers. Trotsky tells of one communist who was applying for the position of commander. He was asked if he had had any military experience. He replied that he had. It appears that one day he witnessed a policeman shooting down a worker, so he shot the policeman. Some military experience! But Trotsky states that this communist made one of their finest commander. Another commander of the army was formerly a radical

editor (get out your spurs Jake.) But by insistent study and training he too developed into a first class officer. These officers have done wonderful things, true it is that some of them have acted as traitors, but then here are some comrades who cannot be true to a party that is not fighting. In reply to an act of treason committed by an officer named Lundquist, Trotsky tells of the heroic deeds of Red Generals. "The cadres of officers in the Red Army have their heroes and martyrs, like General Stankevich, Nikolaeff and others, whose names have not yet been inscribed either on monuments or on paper. Brave General Nikolaeff was hanged by Balahovitch and we solemnly buried him in Petrograd. Not long ago we buried General Stankevich beneath the walls of the Kremlin, on the Red Square. He was vice-commander of the 13th Army and during a retreat was taken prisoner. The enemy demanded of him to come over to their side, but he refused. The star of the Red Army was branded on his breast with red hot irons, army comrades who are now in Moscow have seen it. This old general thrust the hangman away from his side and placed the noose round his neck HIMSELF and died bravely for the cause of the workers and peasants revolution."

Trotsky goes on to speak of the military situation etc. He concludes his speech with these words:—

"The army which you have created is flesh of our flesh and bone of our bone. This is our living and armed Soviet constitution, because our soldiers are fighting and dying under the battle-cry of long live Soviet Russia. Long live the world wide Industrial Republics." — J. C.

STEFFENS URGES WATCHING OF AFFAIRS EUROPEAN

Revolution in Italy Coming Easier Thru Study of Russian Methods.

By HELEN AUGUR.

For The Federated Press.

NEW YORK. — "In America, more perhaps than in any other country, we must reopen our minds. It is a new world that we are living in, and old philosophies have gone to pot. We must reevaluate our old conceptions, and budge our stubborn convictions, in the light of the revolutionary movement of Europe. Radicals and liberals alike must refuse to condemn what is happening, until they really perceive what it is."

This is the message brought to the American workers by Lincoln Steffens, veteran newspaper correspondent, from the old world which he feels is undergoing a profound change. Steffens is back for a short stay in America, after four years in Europe, during which he visited Russia three times — studying the Kerensky regime, the beginning of the soviet system, and its developments a year later. Recently he has spent several months in Italy, and will soon return to that country.

"The recent display of power on the part of the Italian workers was an outlaw movement, rather than a real revolution," said Steffens. "It was an attempt on the part of a group of workers to put through a scientific experiment in factory con-

trol. It was not a great spontaneous movement of the whole people, as the Russian revolution was."

"The responsible leaders of the Italian workers resisted the attempt, because they were sure it would not succeed. They knew it would fail because the workers had no coal. How could they carry on industry without coal? Also there was grave danger of a blockade by the capitalist nations. No, a revolution just then would have been a sacrifice hit."

The people of Italy are psychologically ready for a real revolution, said Steffens.

"When the army of a nation gets to the stage of refusing to fire upon the workers, a revolution is almost 'accomplished', Steffens declared. "That is what has happened in Italy more than once. On one occasion the strikers actually fired upon the soldiers, and although the soldiers were ordered to begin shooting, not a gun was raised."

"Italy is going to demonstrate many things to us in the next few months. The Italian study goes on in Russia with the closest attention. They check up on her experiments, and avoid repeating her mistakes. To watch the development of Italy's revolutionary tactics is to watch Russia's formulas filtered, revised, tested."

FARMERS LOSE 3 BILLION DOLLARS THRU GAMBLERS

"Independent" Producers of Most Essential Commodities Face Speedy Ruin

By LAURENCE TODD

WASHINGTON. — Secretary of Agriculture Meredith pleaded with the American Bankers' Association, in session here on Tuesday, to permit the American farmer to live.

If there had been any doubt as to where the power of life and death over the wealth-producers of the nation is now vested, that doubt was swept away by the blunt speech in which the chosen spokesman for the national Government begged the bankers to be merciful and to take due thought of the morrow in their handling of the farmers this year.

Not even the angry denial made by President Hawes of the Association to the charge of the Comptroller of the Currency—that the bankers had undermined business prosperity by collecting 15 per cent or higher on hundreds of millions of dollars in call loans recently—caused so much satisfaction among the delegates as the implied tribute paid by Meredith to their control of American destiny.

American farmers, the Secretary told them, must sell their crops this year on a "fallen" market. They face a shrinkage of \$2,500,000,000 in the market value of their crops now, as compared with the value at prices current a year ago. Yet this year's crops cost more to produce, more for seed, feed fertilizer, machinery, labor—than last year's crops.

"Under existing conditions, farmers have no assurance of receiving adequate prices for their products. They are many times obliged to

sell when prices are lowest, while the consumer pays the prices prevailing at other periods of the year. "A large proportion of each year's staple crops must be carried along during the year and put on sale as there is an effective consumption demand. No one questions that fact. The only point at issue is: Shall the farmer whose primary interests are involved be afforded such credit by local banks as will enable him to market his crops in orderly fashion?"

THE U. S. IS THERE

The Chicago Tribune printed an illuminating photograph last Sunday. It was one of a number of pictures illustrating the czaristic war Baron Wrangel is making on the Russian government, with the backing of the allied imperialist governments. It showed a railroad car, one of a number composing the Wrangel headquarters, with newspaper men, Wrangel aids and others. Who were the others? They were representatives of the allies present at General Wrangel's headquarters. Great Britain, France and Serbia each had a representative there. The United States had two—Admiral McCully, designated as the "special agent of the United States," and Col. Cox, United States military attache.

—New Majority.

This Is What Will Happen If Government by Injunction Is Not Stopped.

Hoboken, N. J.—Communists employed by the Puell and Esser company are forbidden to quit their jobs and will be arrested if they do so, under the terms of an injunction issued by a local judge.

This injunction makes it unlawful for any one to participate or encourage participation in a strike against the company. Unlawful by the drastic court order to remain at work, the International Association of Machinists have declared a strike, branding the writ as an attempt to legally re-establish slavery.

Recently a West Virginia judge enjoined the mine workers' union from organizing the coal diggers employed in mines of that state and the local machinists see in the Kueffel-Esser injunction an attempt to destroy unions already established.

—Labor Review.

MILITARY TRAINING TO BE FORCED ON WORKERS

Kaiser's Methods Urged by War Lords On Unsuspecting America

By ROSA LADDON HANNA.

WASHINGTON. — Congressman Julius Kahn, Republican, of California, arch-militarist and ardent champion of universal military training, resumed immediately upon his return from the Pacific Coast yesterday, his activity in behalf of an automatic conscription law which would become operative the moment the United States enters into war.

It was Representative Kahn who, as the then ranking Republican member and chairman of the House Committee on Military Affairs, was largely responsible for the passage in the House of the draft act in 1917. He is now preparing to sponsor in the next Congress an automatic conscription law, advocating at the same time, a rigid

Russian Prisoners to be Handed Over to Beast by France

PARIS, Oct. 27.—A letter published today in L'Humanite, Socialist party organ, suggests that the hundred of Russian subjects who have been rounded up in France for deportation to concentration camps in Constantinople are to be handed over to General Baro Wrangel.

system of compulsory military training.

In connection with automatic conscription, Representative Kahn contends that "universal military training must be adopted as a national policy to make this plan most effective."

The question of militarism, or any reference to it, has been conspicuously avoided by both the Republican and Democratic leaders in the campaign and it is said to be doubtful whether Congressman Kahn's revival of unpopular subjects will be welcomed at this juncture by Republican leaders here.

LONDON THUGS CREATE RIOTS IN PEACABLE CROWD

Government Tools Beat Up Ex-Soldiers Asking for Employment to Escape Hunger.

By FEDERATED PRESS.

LONDON—October 19.—Today, at Whitehall, mounted police beat up a crowd of unemployed, most of whom were ex-soldiers. Fifteen Labor Mayors of London boroughs had gone to see Premier Lloyd George to urge that the government provide work or maintenance for the thousands who are now out of work in London alone. A large number of unemployed accompanied the Mayors, making a great and orderly demonstration.

While the Mayors were talking with Lloyd George, the police began to hustle the crowd. Soon the Mayors had come out and the police renewed their efforts to annoy the crowd. Suddenly the bobbies charged using new long sword batons.

Twenty seven were injured. Even under this provocation the crowd remained peaceful and if it was the intention of the government to deliberately provoke a riot the attempt failed.

The capitalist press is spreading stories of "riotous crowds" but according to the personal testimony of George Lansbury, the Herald editor, who is also Mayor of Poplar, the crowd was absolutely orderly until the police began their provocation.

DINNER PAIL EPIC.

By Bill Lloyd.

Upon the pay-roll at our plant is one whose usefulness is scant. As a pitiable defective, I will mention our detective.

One upon a time, at least, he was the chief of our police, and saw that little thieves should not swipe from the big thieves what they got. For putting small thieves in detention he at last received a pension, not enough to purchase bread, but enough to bribe his head.

So he's hired at our plant to snoop around and take a slant always hoping to make catches of workers lighting bombs or matches, displaying oceans of endurance in saving nations and insurance.

He is a prop to high finance, a shadow to the bosses' dance, coughs when superintendents sneeze, crooks his back and beads his knees, all ways trumps the big chief's card, and says that he will vote for "Hard".

All labor unions he would carve, because the workers ought to starve, else every one of them would shirk and never do an ounce of work. Then, when he's uttered this trade, he finds a cool place in the shade, denudes his brain of thoughts so deep and passes into snoring sleep. Then from a window in the walls a quart or two of water falls. Some youthful member of the force did it by accident, of course. Finding himself awake and wet, he says the "reds" will surely get this blessed country on the hip unless put on an out-bound ship.

It's hard to say who has most fun, a-laughing at the son-of-gun. The office thinks most every payday that they will fire him by next Mayday, unless he can be much more sneaky and catch a dozen Bolsheviks, while working boys, just out of school, would surely miss the darned old fool.

He has detected just one thing, that is to make the time-clock ring.

FULL TERM WILL HAVE TO BE SERVED

Press States No Clemency Will Be Shown 'Peg Victims'

The two following articles taken from widely different papers may be very easily coupled up by those that understand Tom Moore, and the connection that the Trades Congress of Canada has with the government. The first article was clipped from the Daily Province, and the second from the Financial Post published in Toronto:

By JOHN CONKLIN
(In The Daily Province)

Winnipeg, Oct. 26.—Hope that Winnipeg strike leaders, serving a year sentence at Manitoba's prison farm, might be released before the expiration of their sentence, was abandoned Saturday night when word was received from counsel in Ottawa that there was no bright outlook and Premier Meighen's opposition to release was adamant. Full sentences of George Armstrong, Rev. William Ivens, Alderman John Queen, R. J. Johns and W. A. Pritchard of Vancouver will expire April 6, but with a month deducted for good conduct, March 6 is the earliest date on which their release can be expected, it is said.

BACKWARD UNION LEADERS BLOCK AMNESTY PLEA

BY THE FEDERATED PRESS

CLEVELAND—A plea for endorsement of the campaign for amnesty for political prisoners was rejected Monday night by the forty seventh convention of the Bricklayers, Masons and Plasters' International union in session here.

The convention approved of the recommendation of a special committee composed entirely of ex-service men, that the fate of political prisoners be left without suggestion in the hands of the department of justice and President Wilson.

Opposition to the committee recommendation was led by John Gill of New York. He told of his confinement in the Tombs for nine months during the war period while, he said, an effort was made to make him reveal knowledge of the activities of Sinn Feiners in this country.

Gill said he wanted to free men and women now in prison from horrors such as he endured. Gill's two sons were in the army and one fought in the trenches.

NOT IF HE SAW IT!

By ANISE.

I suppose
If Secretary Colby
Sat down in his house
To a fine dinner,
With oyster Cocktail,
And Soup and entree,
And all the other things
Up to dessert—

And while he was FEASTING
Somebody brought in
With cheek-bones sticking out
A starving CHILD,
And little hands like claws,
Barefoot,
Blue with the cold,
Pleading with great round eyes
For FOOD,—

I suppose that Mr. Colby
Would be quite willing
To give his OWN dinner
To the youngster,
Or at least to SHARE
Some of the soup and fish.
I do not suppose
For a moment
He would grab the child
By the neck

And SMASH him
Through the window,
HARD, two stories down
On the cement sidewalk,—
and leave his there to DIE
Crumpled and broken!
No!

I suppose that Mr. Colby
Is a very HUMAN person
Much like the rest of us folk.

Maybe he even
Has kids of his own.
HE wouldn't choke a baby
Not with his OWN hands!
HE wouldn't grab away
The MEDICAL supplies
From a mother in child-birth
Or an old man dying!
He only sits

Pompous and cold in his office,
Smug and a trifle hurried
With the duties
Of high position,
And writes his orders of death
For the hands of OTHERS
"Let the FOOD

And the MEDICINES
Of the Red Cross
ROT in Estonia!
No Red Cross mission
May pass the line to Russia!"
THAT is the way he KILLS
By the hundred thousand,
Calmly, securely,
Seeing not at all
The human beings in torment
But seeing only
Little dignities and prejudices
And the little politics
Of little men in Washington!
He wouldn't starve a child,—
Not if he SAW it!

WHEN will the vision of men
From Government toward
REACH as FAR
As the reach of their POWER!

THOSE WHO DARE.
They are slaves who dare to speak
For the fallen and the weak;
They are slaves who will not choose
Hatred, scoffing and abuse,
Rather than in silence shrink
From the truths they needs must
think;
They are slaves who dare not to be
In the right with two or three.
—Lowell.

NOT MUCH DIFFERENCE.

"I understand you said I didn't have enough sense to come in out of a shower of rain," said Dubson. "I did not," replied Gadspar. "What did you say, then?" "I merely remarked to a friend of ours that if there was a tax on brains the governments would owe you money."

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Persecution of I. W. W. Continues Unabated By Capitalist Judges

Supreme Court to Pass Upon Famous Chicago Case If Release Is Denied on Remaining Counts

The long and bitterly contested legal battle for the release of our fellow workers convicted on the Chicago indictment, has reached a new stage in its development.

The summing up of the good and bad results of this fight is as follows: starting with five points against the ninety-six, there now remain only two. The fifth count was thrown out of court by Judge Landis during the trial. Counts one and two have been quashed by the Circuit Court of Appeals. This leaves only counts three and four to be appealed to the Supreme Court of the United States.

On the other hand, no actual betterment of the lot of our convicted fellow workers has been secured. Their sentences were made to run concurrently; and, serving sentences on the two remaining counts, they would have to spend as much time in the penitentiary as they would had there been no killing of counts one and two.

It must be borne in mind that the two counts which were quashed were those alleging acts of violence and destruction by the defendants. After the newspapers have for the past two years been spewing their venom, accusing the I. W. W. of the most dire deeds of violence, now comes the Appeal Court of the Seventh Judicial District of the United States, and renders the accusation false! There are now no charges against our fellow workers except infractions of the wartime draft act and the espionage act. This makes the men purely political prisoners, convicted only of the violation of war-time legislation.

This is, however, but very mild consolation to us, who must witness the sorry spectacle of nearly a hundred of our most able fellow workers losing their health, strength and usefulness behind the grim walls of the masters' prisons. All but thirty of them, it is true, have been released on bond — except twelve who, being sentenced to only a year and a day, have served their sentences — but there should not be these thirty yet in prison. There should not be one of them in prison, so long as there are friends and fellow workers on the outside with the energy and capacity to secure aid for them!

Our attorneys are petitioning the District Court for a rehearing of the case. We are not especially hopeful of securing this; and, in the probable event that it is denied, we shall immediately appeal to the Supreme Court of the United States, on the two remaining counts. This may mean another year of waiting — of long, dreary waiting — for our fellow workers in prison. They should not have to suffer

this! They should be free — free to regain their health, which has been shattered in the pest-houses of the master-class. They should be free to come to the support of their grief-stricken families. We have every hope of being able to secure their release on the same bond as has been previously set, during the Supreme Court appeal. Every member of the organization, every sympathizer with the struggle of the working class towards its emancipation, every believer in the rights of free speech, assemblage and organization, should aid in this crusade for the freedom of our fellow workers. Loans must be solicited, in cash, property or securities, for bail. These should be turned over to the General Defense Committee who will secure the release of the imprisoned men just as fast as the money comes in.

There is also an urgent need of funds. Many of the men in prison have wives and families. These must be helped while the bread-winner is behind the bars. A nation-wide campaign of publicity must be carried on, to place our case before the great jury of the working class of America and of the world. The legal expenses, also, are heavy, and must be met, if we are to appeal with any chances of success.

And it is not only the Chicago case which must be helped. There are the boys who were convicted in Sacramento, and those of the Wichita indictment. All those cases are being appealed; and the men are eligible to bail. And all over the country, the jails and penitentiaries are housing rebel members of the working class, militant working men whose sole crime has been that they had the courage and stamina to voice the protest of their class against industrial servitude and political oppression.

Statistics are usually considered — and, perhaps, rightly considered — dry and unsatisfactory. However, the following figures should not prove dull. For they represent untold suffering, unquenchable courage and unswerving class loyalty. Just read, and think it over.

303 members of the Industrial Workers of the World were indicted by Federal Grand Juries during the war.

201 were brought to trial.

163 were convicted and sentenced to prison.

96 had their indictments quashed, or cases against them dismissed.

33 were dismissed during trial, or were found "guilty" but were not sentenced.

8 won their appeal in the Appellate Court and were released.

HAPGOOD ON RUSSIAN INTERVENTION

NEW YORK.—(N. Y. Bureau).—"Nobody in Russia wants allied intervention except a few people representing little else than their dress suits," declared Norman Hapgood, former American minister to Denmark, at a luncheon given here by the League of Free Nations Association.

"We're not fighting the Bolsheviks with guns, but we're using about everything else," he said. "The mailing, banking and propaganda facilities of the country have all been directed against them. To state that there is no bar to trade with Russia is a childish remark."

A MOVING COMMAND.

He read the letter twice and then said: "This is one of the most moving pieces of literature I ever saw."

"Is it an appeal for aid?" asked his wife.

"No; it's a note from the landlord giving us notice to move."

6 died in county jail awaiting trial.

2 went insane in county jail awaiting trial.

The 168 sentenced received from one to twenty years each, or a grand total of more than 1250 years, or an average of seven and one-half years' penal servitude each.

The above figures were compiled of Federal cases only. We have no space to tabulate for our readers the dozens of cases under the various state Criminal Syndicalism laws, which resulted in the sentencing of scores of our members to state penitentiaries. We have not the space to inform you in detail of the hundreds of cases of petty arrests, of imprisonment in county jails on trumped-up charges.

It will be readily appreciated that the General Defense Committee has its hands full. All the state cases throughout the country are being appealed. The Centralia case is being appealed. The various semi-legal persecutions of our active members in the harvest fields are being investigated, and support, legal and financial, is being given.

All these things require money. Money for attorneys' fees, court charges, relief of prisoners' dependents and for publicity. The country is at present in the throes of a nation-wide industrial crisis. Unemployment is increasing; the capitalist class is becoming incapable of the function of maintaining production; among the workers is stirring a great discontent, broader and deeper than ever before. The American workers are more receptive than ever before, to appeals to their class solidarity. Now is the time to make known to them the facts about the long series of legal persecutions, undertaken at the dictation of our industrial taskmasters, which the militant workers have suffered. A publicity campaign, of a broader and more energetic nature than any hitherto undertaken, must be launched.

The General Defense Committee looks with confidence to the class conscious workers of America to support its work in this hour of need. Through the long, dark years of suppression, we have always been able to depend confidently upon the response of the workers. Now we appeal to you again, knowing that the undying spirit of working-class militancy will assure us the response which will strengthen the spirit of the boys in prison, and the efforts of these working for their release.

Workers, the need is pressing! You, and you only, can aid us! Let your help be substantial — and prompt!

JOHN MARTIN, Secretary, General Defense Committee, 1001 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill.

RED REGIME SOON TO SEIZE GERMANY, SAYS RATHENAY

By WALTER RATHENAY,
President of the General German
Electric Company, One of the
Most Prominent Financiers
and Business Men in
Germany.

Special to Universal Service.

BERLIN, Oct. 28.—The European outlook is black. States and governments are cracking everywhere. It is no exaggeration to say that within a relatively short time the disintegration of Germany will be an accomplished fact and a communistic hearth will be roaring in Europe.

Germany must disintegrate under present conditions. Bavaria, for instance, which is an agricultural territory, fully self-supporting, quite independent of Prussia, will naturally unite with Austria.

The Rhine provinces cut off from Germany by the present regime, will form a sort of second Belgium under French influence. Prussia, Saxony, Hesse and Hanover, manufacturing districts, and unable to live on their own resources will only be able to subsist by frankly plunging into the Red movement.

A red flame will burn in the heart of Europe, flaring out over the rest of the world—a flame much more dangerous than the Russian soviet regime, because it will be carried out according to German methods by means of German discipline.

Danger of Contagion.

While France may seem to profit by the splitting up of Germany, her vantage will not be lasting. For the danger of Red contagion will far exceed her temporary gain.

North Germany, deprived of her mineral resources, cut off from Bavaria and the Rhine, must go communistic because the present regime cannot stand the strain much longer. The industries of North Germany, our largest banks function only on the basis of perfect working order of the whole system of the Reich. If one part of the machinery comes out of gear the whole structure collapses.

When North Germany's commerce is at a standstill and her factories without raw materials, what is to become of the 30,000 employees of the Deutsche Bank, for instance?—not to mention all the other bank employees, workmen or intellectuals.

The communist regime has not proved its failure. In Russia the experiment has not been wholly successful because the ground was badly prepared. Besides, Russia had too far few intellectuals, and sudden upheaval brought the lowest

elements to the top banishing the best. But it is possible to conceive a revolution operating from above, so to speak, as it would in our case. German soviets would be organized as methodically as was the German Empire. Each man would be in his place. The most ardent propagandists of the cause would be our intellectuals and to them would be entrusted the task of building the city of the future. For this reason Prussian communism will be much more dangerous than the Russian, which is not an export article.

Germany Not Like Austria.

Germany will never consent to prostitute herself, like Austria. Austria is selling everything, her palaces, her art, her soul! If she keeps on much longer she will sell her example.

Face to face with the hopelessness of the present situation, public opinion in Germany turns with hatred towards France and with something more like friendship toward England. The reason is that England fought the war, took what she wanted, and made peace.

France did not take what she wanted when she had the chance and now she is complaining about her fate and preventing us from buckling down to work. France is still at war. She has heavy forces on the Rhine and in Upper Silesia she deliberately encourages acts of violence which prolong the war feeling and create unnecessary friction.

England Got Spoils.

It is true that England got what she wanted and that France did not. But Germany cannot be blamed for the imperfection of the Treaty of Versailles.

The Germans surely had no say in it; it was imposed on us against our will. If it cannot be carried out the fault lies with the allies.

At any rate, if France persists in asking for ten millions where there is only one, and by threatening violence unless she gets what she wants, she is digging a pitfall for herself. Putting a debtor in jail never made him solvent.

Co-operation which will make work possible, is the only solution to the European chaos.

A BIT OF ADVICE.

"Miss Scheeches! Miss Scheeches!" exclaimed the music teacher in despair to his shrieking pupil. "Re-

BRITAIN DEPORTS AMERICAN WRITER

Victim of John Bull and Uncle Sam Conspiracy

Editor of Federated Press
By W. N. EWER.

LONDON, Oct. 27.—E. J. Costello, Manager Editor of The Federated Press, was served with a deportation notice today after his room at Hotel Curzon had been raided by Scotland Yard men and all his correspondence seized. Since Costello had planned to sail from Liverpool October 23, he was allowed his liberty until that time.

Costello immediately visited the American Embassy to protest this action. He had obtained an admission from a Scotland Yard inspector that the deportation order was probably made upon direction proceeding from Washington. Belief that this action against The Federated Press is closely linked with the recent expulsion of its two Washington correspondents from the state department conferences with newspaper men is strengthened by this admission.

"This looks like a real fight on The Federated Press," said Costello. "During my entire two months in Europe I have proceeded with the work of organizing our foreign bureaus with no interference whatever from the British authorities. Now, after readmitting me to England and two days before my scheduled departure they subject me to this outrage."

"They merely give me as an excuse the statement that they have heard I have been in Germany. There is absolutely no ground for this action and if the American State Department is responsible it will have a great deal to answer for. I am sailing from Liverpool on Saturday as I planned."

CHICAGO.—Costello's suspicions that his 'deportation' order is a sequel to the Hanna-Colby incident are strikingly confirmed by what occurred at the general offices of The Federated Press here several days ago," declared Louis P. Loehn, Acting Managing Editor, in commenting upon the action of Scotland Yard. "The office correspondence with our Washington Bureau as well as that with E. J. Costello has been stolen by some one who, with rare discretion, selected these two files out of thousands. I hope that the burglar will not be too sorely disappointed at finding his labor barren of results. The Federated Press conducts all its activities in the open. Stealing is a wasteful method of obtaining information."

member you are singing an 'Invitation to Summer.' You are begging it to come—not daring it!"

HOW OLD ARE YOU?

Oliver Wendell Holmes, on the occasion of Julia Ward Howe's seventieth birthday in a little congratulatory talk, said that to be seventy years young was far more cheerful than to be forty years old. And it was Emerson, the sage of Concord, who said: "We do not count a man's years until he has nothing else to count." Dr. Osler, who set the world astir by asserting that a man begins to fail at forty, was himself a refutation of his own statement. For he was a noted man at forty, still more distinguished at fifty and a great and useful member of society when death claimed him at seventy.

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THE IRISH HERO

There is something big about the spirit of Terence MacSwiney. He and his fellows are unique among the martyrs for a great cause.

In the excitement of the howling beasts of the arena and in the turmoil of the masses that stormed them the early Christians could forget for the moment the impending suffering and thus go bravely to their death. Not that their fine steadfastness was any the less beautiful than that of MacSwiney, but the power of the spectacular was a great factor.

It takes a big soul to go into solitary and have days and nights all by himself with no influence but his own vision of right and to abandon himself to the certainty of death in order that he might serve the cause which life denied him to serve.

On the tray by his side were the steaks and roasts, the muffins and wheat cakes, the fried foods with their tempting odor and their compelling invitation. Every device known to the ingenuity of the persecutors was brot into play to break the will power of the young and hungry prisoner. The pangs of the first few days of hunger are not to be compared with any other pain known to a suffering human.

Ever present was the food in all its tempting forms. By his side were the keepers and the physicians urging him to eat. Within him the awful craving. Always there. No place to go to dissipate his thots. Nothing to vary the lonely waiting. Only time was there — time an more time — only time. Time and craving — craving and pain — craving and pain. And food, good food — craving and food and time. Day and night, day and night, craving and pain and food and time. All waiting on the sufferer.

But within him was Ireland. A free Ireland. The Ireland of his love. Strong and mighty Ireland. Suffering, bleeding Ireland. Hopeful Ireland. Ireland calling to him, praying for him, inspired by him, snapping the chains thru his loyalty and love.

"Greater love hath no man than that he lay down his life for his friends."

Willingly, deliberately, lovingly, he placed his life upon the altar of his country.

Outside stood England — brutal, heartless England. In the cold, chilly, raw winds of scorn she stood. In the majesty of ignorance and blindness and pride she stood there. Unmoved by the cry of an oppressed nation pleading for its benefactor — stiff and stony and Christian she stood there. Raw, uncultured, beastlike, murderous, she licked her vulgar lips like a cannibal at the sight of quivering human flesh. And now she feasts upon the flesh of starved MacSwiney.

And outside of England stands a sobbing world. Its heart it touched by the sublimity of the spirit that conquered all hell's suffering that right might win. And in this sobbing world the working class is wiping dry its eyes and swears that tyranny shall soon be swept from all this earth. That tyranny and vile oppression shall not triumph over love of liberty and right of reason.

THE NOSING MANIA

We just had a case in our romantic city of the nosing mania. A self appointed private detective proceeded to swear out a warrant for a woman whom he "suspected" of being the murderess of a man in Knoxville, Tenn., a year ago.

The woman was put in jail and her name and picture hurled upon the public by the crime fed press. It was a sweet morsel for the swine that fatten on scandal and crime.

After a few days in the local jail a man who had gone bail for the actual murderess appeared and told the authorities that it was all a mistake and that they did not have the right woman. The prisoner was released and profound regrets were expressed for having "inconvenienced" her and broken her health by this brutal treatment and rotten procedure.

The unfortunate wretch that snooped around for a victim is himself a victim of the powerful influences that have been at work for the last three years. All during the war and up to this day there has been a continuous performance of spying, nosing, prying into other peoples' affairs, hunting for radicals, snooping around for people with opinions opposed to the plunderbund, until the very air is full of suspicion and every mind is bent upon the spy and detective game.

It is on par with the murder mania. After every war there is a period of murder, a wave of killing in every town, city and hamlet. The press feature this horror in big black headlines and coins money out of it just as it reaped a rich harvest out of every life that was snuffed out on the battlefield. There has been so much murder talk and so much killing news and so much urging to bloodshed and hate that the brains and the whole nervous system of the country have been influenced in the direction of taking life and spilling blood.

Now we have jailed the private detective that caused the arrest of an innocent woman. He was a poor man—a farmer who had lost everything in the Moose Lake fire and finally los his farm to the bankers. So he is in jail.

Had he been a Pinkerton thug or a Baldwin gun man or a government sleuth he would have had a reward instead of a dungeon.

We have no excuse for the outrage against the woman victim. She is entitled to reparation.

But what about the numberless cases of men and women thrown into prison during the war and left to suffer for periods up to two long years without as much as a warrant or a charge against them? And some of them after over two long years of incarceration in a filthy dungeon were acquitted and told that they had done nothing wrong.

Any pity for these workers by the great American press that is so horrified at the false arrest of a woman and her three nights in jail? Any reparation for these boys that have suffered, or for the families of those who have died in jail while awaiting trial?

But dont worry. There shall be a remedy for this outrage upon the workers and there shall be reparation. Every time the master class sticks the stiletto into us we make new resolves that we shall do away with all stilletos, and all who stick us with stilletos shall stick us no more.

"The moment the worker no longer believes in the all-conquering strength of the employer is the moment when the way opens out to the emancipation of our class."

—James Connolly.

THE SOUL OF A BISHOP

By JACK CARNEY.

Communism and Christianity by Bishop William Montgomery Brown, D. D., published by the Bradford Educational Company, inc. Galion, Ohio. Paper bound 25 cents.

You will read the above announcement and dismiss it with a shrug of the shoulders and say to yourselves it is another spam by a sky-pilot. We cannot blame you for assuming such an attitude, but you will be sorry in this instance. Bishop Brown is a bishop all by himself, unless it be Bishop Jones of New York, late of Salt Lake City. Imagine opening up a book by a Bishop and reading this statement:—

"MAKE THE WORLD SAFE FOR DEMOCRACY BY BANISHING GODS FROM SKIES AND CAPITALISTS FROM EARTH."

Astounding you say! It is more than astounding, it is the most hopeful sign that we have come across. It comes like a meteor across the dark sky. Now come out of that arm-chair and get into the fight. Here we have a Bishop who is not afraid to tell the truth, whilst you—

It is one of the surest signs of the growth of Communism, when we witness the acceptance of its principles by a Bishop. This work on Communism and Christianity is not a sentimental sympathy based upon the sufferings of the masses, a la Christian Socialism. It is recognition of the facts as exemplified in our everyday lives and backed up by a knowledge of science. A curious combination as far as Bishops are concerned.

We feel that the writer has dealt with the question of religion unnecessarily. Religion, as we know it to-day, is wholly dependent upon the ruling class for its support. With the overthrow of the system, we can well afford to its own devices, hence there is no necessity to further befog the minds of the workers by engaging in discussions anent religion. Let us be misunderstood, we want to illustrate our criticism by using the position of the freethinker. The freethinker points to the skies and says there is no god and the Christian with his eyes towards the skies says there is. A fruitless discussion takes place. There is a division in the ranks of the workers and— Of course, in fairness to the Bishop we quote the following statement, contained in the foreword of his book:—

"But to abolish religion is not to abolish exploitation,— "The discovery that the 'itch,' writes the Bishop, 'is caused by a parasite was of an epoch making character because it led to the discovery that many, if not most of the diseases by which mankind and also animal kind are afflicted are of a parasitical character. This is as true of the social character. This is as true of the social organism as of the physical. Capitalism is the tape worm of society.'"

The Bishop goes on to outline his arguments by constantly utilizing his knowledge of biological science, as gained thru a study of Darwin. We regret that we have not the time to more extensively review this monumental work. We trust that every reader of "TRUTH" will read this work. It is being sold at a small sum, because the Bishop is not publishing it for PROFIT. If this work had been published by a profit-making concern it would cost you at least \$1.00. Send thirty-cents in stamps and receive it by post.

HARDING ON POLITICALS

This intelligent gentleman can see no difference between conscientious objectors to war and ordinary hold-up men. Says he in his declaration of thought subjugation:

"General amnesty for political prisoners is no more justified than general amnesty for yegg-men."

There you have it.

Yegg-men are fellows who pack into their grip gimmies, drills, dynamite, nitro-glycerine and other fussy stuff and hie themselves to some bank safe and begin to play with the locks and doors of that safe. After the doors are gently laid open these slick operators scrape up into their bags all the greenbacks and gold they can manage to carry off and leave the place in ruin for parts unknown.

Yegg-men are considered worthy of the name of top-notchers among the criminals under this system of highly cultured society. They are especially obnoxious to war lords and profiteers.

Now when the war lords and profiteers begin a game of yegging the whole world and plundering the people of every country killing and ravaging millions of men women and children some of us have raised our voice in protest, and suggested that this is not the proper thing to do. We have held out that war creates many inconveniences and discomforts and sometimes even sorrow and distress. Good people have that the world might hobble along quite nicely without the looting of it and yegging it by the fat nurselings of profit.

In plain English, good people have expressed their opinion on the subject of war and how it might be avoided. We have been told since we were children that we had a right to opinions and a right to express them. There is even a document called the Constitution of the United States that provides for that right.

But in the midst of all these rights and privileges that we enjoy as free American citizens many have been chucked into jail and dungeon for the mere expression of an opinion and a principle.

These imprisoned men and women are called political prisoners. In ages gone by they have been considered less criminal than other criminals. Even the most backward nations have looked upon politicals as rather a clean, high-minded, fair, righteous class. In fact they have been the evangelists of progress and enlightenment and civilization in all the history of the world. Everything worth while has come from them. And following generations have honored them.

Now Mr. Harding puts on his Sunday school suit and wipes his mouth and calls these political prisoners "yegg-men." Thank you, sir. We must elect you president of the United States.

A COMRADE GONE

Last Friday we followed what remained material of our friend and Comrade, Ole H. Moe, to its final place of rest. The dread white plague had taken him away.

Comrade Moe was one of those active workers in the great cause of world justice. Always ready, always willing to help spread the gospel of good things for the children of men. We shall miss him at our meetings, in our literature squads, in our singing society and in our social gatherings. But the memory of his energetic mind and his kind spirit will dwell with us to inspire us to carry on the work in which he was so joyfully occupied.

A large group of friends gathered to say a last farewell and to express sympathy to his sorrowing wife. All our hearts are with you to help make the parting a little easier to bear.

The American government has established a coffin factory at Cherbourg to receive the remains of soldiers buried in France. It will be convenient for the next war.

THE BENEVOLENT LARSON

O. J. Larson who is running against congressman Carss is appealing to Labor and the public for votes, by calling attention to the voters of what he has done for the poor Fire sufferers. He makes it appear as though he has fought their cases "day and night" out of the goodness of his heart, but very shrewdly forgets to say anything about the large amount of money that he will receive as a commission for his efforts. It is allged, he will get in the neighborhood of \$150,000.

It is said that Arnold & Arnold law partners did the fighting and Larson gets the benefit.

O. J. Larson is attempting to drive a wedge into the labor vote, but the toilers have their eyes open, and will not be fooled by political sop before election day.

A STRIKING EXAMPLE

It is effort to fool all of the people all of the time, the New York Times has made a signal failure and, incidentally has lost enough circulation to prove that it can't be done. Here are some exact figures in proof of the foregoing statement: On April 1, 1919, the New York Times had 393,178 daily circulation, now it has 342,553, which is a total loss of 50,625 daily subscribers. This is an interesting development of the efforts of the kept press to fool the people.

The New Republic made a "Test of the News" in the New York Times. The work was done by Walter Lippmann and Charles Merz, and it was prepared with the assistance of Faye Lippmann. It consisted of an examination of the news reports of the New York Times on aspects of the Russian revolution of special importance to Americans, from March, 1917, to March, 1920. Practically no attention was paid to the editorial utterances of the paper, the idea being to prove the false statements out of its own mouth through the news columns.

The analysis covers thirty-six months and over one thousand issues of a daily newspaper. Between three and four thousand items were carefully noted. The New York Times was selected, because it is considered one of the great newspapers in America. The Russian revolution was selected because of its intrinsic importance. The New Republic goes on to say that "From the point of view of professional journalism the reporting of the Russian revolution is nothing short of a disaster." Further, it says, "In devoting so long a study to the work of a single newspaper the authors have proceeded without animus against the Times." It was one of the most cool and calculating investigations ever attempted by a set of men. While it is a fact that the Times has suffered severely, there are hundreds of the so-called great newspapers of America which are just as guilty as the Times in the misrepresentation of the news. The final conclusion of the report leads the reader to believe that there has been no true story written of the Russian revolution, and it is doubtful if there will be one written. The report proves that the reader is at the mercy of the correspondent who may gather up the news at a dinner table and send it in as coming from "high authority." The analysis also fully determines that "Reporting is one of the most difficult professions, requiring much expert knowledge and serious education."

The one fact that stands out with burning fierceness is the great truth that the kept press will have to make a reckoning with the people.

—Butte Bulletin.

CAPITALIST PRESS

The other evening we talked with a reporter, employed by a Chicago daily. During the discussion, the reporter sought to score a point by asking us had we forgot the term "kept press." Rather smart for a capitalist reporter! He thought it was smart, so it must be smart, because he works on the biggest daily in Chicago. The truth is, the poor fellow has lost the brain that he had when he first started out to be a cub reporter. It is not his fault. He is a product of his environment.

A fairly extensive acquaintanceship with newspaper men has led us to believe that they are all honorable men. Few, however, are of that scientific bent of mind which leads men to fearlessly follow a new line of reasoning and promulgate a conclusion regardless of consequences. For this reason, and others, it is rare that an editor ever becomes known for his championship of any new theory in art, science etc. The majority of newspaper men are the veriest intellectual chameleons who accommodate their mental processes and conclusions to the color of their environment with a facility quite often characterized by a word indicating a greater degree of turpitude than the term "adaptability".

As an instance of this chameleon-like quality it may be observed that the newspaper man employed to keep up with the news of "business interests" will be found writing from the "business interests" standpoint. To obtain news he goes to the bankers, manufacturers, investors, and to the other people included in the term "business interests" and by absorption, probably he becomes soaked with "business interests", that is, capitalist ideas. To him a day of big bank clearings is the occasion for an editorial paean, the rate of interest a subject for prayerful consideration and the security market the sanctum sanctorum of the emple of industry. To him there is no other problem except the capitalist labor problem—how to buy labor power at the cheapest possible price. A large amount of unemployment is to be regretted, but it gives the capitalist a wonderful chance to reduce wages, by forcing the workers to strike and bringing in the unemployed to act as strikebreakers. The newspaper man realizes that an empty stomach will do anything that will relieve its feelings.

The capitalist newspaper men look at things from the viewpoint they have obtained from their environment. If they write things from a business viewpoint, how can you expect them to tell the truth about the labor movement? You will never educate newspaper men to YOUR point of view, because if you do, they will lose their jobs and other newspaper men will take their places. The solution lies in the simple task of supporting the press that acts in response to your ideals and aspirations. THERE IS NO OTHER WAY OUT!

Write to the editor of "TRUTH" and let him know that YOU will do your share to help solve this vexed problem. You can do by sending him one subscription per week and if you can afford to do so, order a bundle order of ten copies per week. They will cost you one dollar per month. TRY IT!

JACK CARNEY.

Mr. Wood, president of the American Woolen Company, closed up his mills. The were his mills, so no one had the right to complain. 40,000 lost their jobs, 200,000 souls were threatened with starvation.

The workers are people of all nations: Italians, French, Canadians, Lithuanians, Poles, Syrians, and Franco-Belgians. Of course, patriotic Americans call them "aliens," but they are just the right people to produce \$43,000,000 profits for the American Woolen Company in three years.

BARNYARD OBSERVATIONS

By Bolsheviki.

This morning when I got out into the yard I found a bunch of the young stock bucking and fussing among themselves to see which would be the boss. This has been going on for some time and I was getting tired of the dramatic performances of the frisky fighters. Some of them had grown quite respectable horns and acted as if it wouldn't hurt at all to push them into the hide of their fellow-feeders.

I determined to call my neighbor to help me dehorn the upish rascals that made life one fearful existence for all the cattle that had no horns and for the younger ones that were just sprouting them.

We were just about thru with the job and had tackled the young bull who had been the giddiest among the lot to act carelessly with his horns, when up drives a big shining Cadillac super six. A fine sleek gentleman with a fat face and a silk hat stepped out and said good morning.

The bull was jerking forth and back, up and down, to the sides and every other way to save his horns, so all I could do was to grunt back and ordinary hello. As the last horn was clipped and the bull shook his head I mumbled that I thot he would now behave himself for a while.

The gentleman in the silk hat wanted to know if we would like to meet the gentlemen in the limousine and we tried to act gentlemen and said yes.

"My name is Bolsheviki, but damfi know who you fellows are," I began. The spokesman bowed and made us meet "Mr. Gary, Mr. Bolsheviki, and Mr. Morgan, Mr. Dupont, Mr. Rockefeller and Mr. Harding." I shook hands with the "gentlemen" as best I could and told them it didn't hurt me to meet them as I knew how to take care of myself.

"We are out to see our friends," said Mr. Garry. "As you know, we have placed Mr. Harding in nomination for the presidency and will be thankful for what you can do for his election."

"I haven't seen you fellows for a long time," I replied. "Couldn't you come around once in a while when there is no campaign on?"

But they explained they were too busy, and they had to look after the business of the world and play golf and a lot of other incidental little things such as actresses and....

"What is your campaign issue?" I ventured.

"The League of Hades," they all chimed in. "Mr. Harding is tee-totally against the league. He does not want it in any form. That is his strong fort against his opponent. Mr. Cox wants a league. He wants the Wilson league, without reservations or interpretations or confirmation or condemnation or hallucination or Cary Nation or anything. That's what he wants. We dont want that. We want an Association of Nations of Hades. See the difference?"

I confessed I couldn't and acted stupid. Which was one great surprise to the "gentlemen" whose intellect is keen enuf to see the difference.

"Well what is your league and your association good for?" I asked as if I wanted to know. "Will it help me to get better crops and better returns for my crops and give me a little shorter work day and a little easier farming and better schools for the children and better clothing for our wives and better houses for the workers and will the league and the association take care of the profiteers?"

"Of course, of course, it will do everything and it will take care of the profiteers."

I got impatient with their softness and their vote smile so I broke in on them.

"You have made fine big promises for the last fifty years and broken them all. You have played with us and fooled us and skinned us and killed us. You see that bull down there? We just clipped his horns. He will never goad the calves and the steers any more. They will have a chance to live from now on. See those clippers? The working class is getting them ready to snap the horns of the robber gang so that never again will you shove them into the heart of the tolling masses."

"Good day," they said in confusion.

"Bad day," I returned and went to clean the clippers.

War Cry For Christians.

Onward, Christian soldiers,
'Gainst the heathen crew!
In the name of Jesus
Let us run the m through.

J. C.

HOW THEY DO IT

The other day an overzealous correspondent of the Associated Press sent over the wire a lurid report of an I. W. W. meeting at New Rockford, N. D. Bill Haywood was reported as authority for a sensational statement that the Wobblies were about to overthrow the government of the United States and incidentally kill off all the farmers. When the editors of the Associated Press saw what had gone out they sent the following telegram to all Associated Press editors:

CORRECTION—New Rockford, N. D., Sept. 29. To editors: Kill I. W. W. story. Meeting unimportant and story merely propaganda.

THE A. P. EDITOR.

On this notice from the Associated Press, honest editors who had not already discovered the absurdity of the yarn and killed it themselves, of course saw that it was not printed. But the Fargo (N. D.) Forum, a bitter anti-League sheet, not only refused to keep the story out of the paper but inserted a paragraph in the original story written in the Forum office. That paragraph was as follows:

Affiliation of the I. W. W. with the Nonpartisan League was located by Haywood. Declaring that the farmer and the farm laborer had much in common, Haywood said he thought such an affiliation would prove beneficial to both the I. W. W. organization and the League.

The Forum thus tried to "improve" on the original fake by adding another lie to it. The original story did not mention the farmers' organization.

This is how the kept press does it. In this case the Forum was caught. But hundreds of similar lies and fakes get into the papers in much the same way, and while the editors are not caught as in this case, the newspaper reading public is beginning to develop an ability to identify such fakes.

—Minnesota Leader.