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REVOLUTION BREAKING OUT ALL OVER EUROPE

Capitalist Tyranny Crumbling Under Foot of Revolting Workingclass

Communist uprisings in Germany are now taking on proportions that stir the whole civilized world. The situation is now so acute that the capitalist press is compelled to give much space to the events taking place in ruined Germany. There is now no longer a question of the well laid plans of the communists to bring about a revolution that will be as definite as the revolution in Russia. The conditions are all in favor of the success of the new revolt and the traitorous government of the Eberts stands helpless in the face of the solid forces of the Communists.

Late Associated Press reports run in the vein of the following:

BERLIN, March 28.—The government tonight ordered Wilhelmstrasse closed to all traffic in anticipation of possible disturbances Tuesday when the radicals hope to tie up the big industrial and other plants in a general strike.

Government troops tonight occupy the street. All approaches to government buildings are barricaded with barbed wire entanglements. The city was quiet today.

Late reports from middle Germany say that the situation is unchanged.

Eisleben Is Quiet.

HALLE, Germany, March 28.—Eisleben is quiet and the town is under control of the police. Reports from Bitterfeld say the authorities have suppressed the revolt. The only fighting has been near Sangerhausen, where a workmen's armored train was held up and an engagement ensued, a few men being killed or wounded.

Workers Control Leuna.

The workmen still have the upper hand in Leuna, the police showing no intention of attacking them, fearing they will fulfill their threats to blow up the big factories there.

At Halle the situation is quiet, this being due, according to the police, to postponement of the Communist plans which provided for the capture of the surrounding towns first. The intention then was to march into Halle and gain control of the strategic and industrial center of the whole province. The police are not ready to say that the Communist movement has failed, and are still nervous over the outlook. It is generally believed the police are in position to enforce the law however.

Halle Is Isolated.

Late today Halle was cut off

from virtually every line of communication except to Berlin, by the police, who instituted rigorous control of all activities in an effort to check agitation by alleged Russian Bolsheviks, who they say are numerous here.

Congregation in the streets of more than three persons was forbidden, and there were wholesale arrests of suspects. The Associated Press correspondent and two other American reporters and one Englishman, who had been frequently investigated, were placed under arrest for the second time while entering the security police administration headquarters. They were sent to district police headquarters under guard and examined for three hours.

Papers Are Scrutinized.

The papers of the newspaper men were scrutinized for suspected forgeries, their speech was examined for signs of Russian accent and their opinions were solicited to determine if they had radical sympathies. When they entered the room, conversing in English, a resplendently uniformed sergeant, with a monocle, closely clipped hair, and upturned moustache, called out sharply: "Speak German here." The correspondents paying no attention to this order, a young officer appeared and said: "Follow me."

The correspondents followed and were subjected to a cross examination regarding other newspaper men who were reported to have made Bolshevik speeches. Finally they were permitted to proceed on their way when the German authorities were convinced they had no intention to act as agents of the enemy and that they were not Bolshevik propagandists.

—Duluth New Tribune.

Order Your Amnesty Bundle Now

Next week is Amnesty Number of TRUTH. You have been waiting till now with your order. But you must act quickly and in line with the rest of the workers who are putting forth such fine efforts to distribute thousands of copies of TRUTH during this special drive.

This is serious matter. If we fail now to make good and show that we have an intense interest in our fellow workers in prison the opportunity may pass and the years of suffering may have to be endured.

Order the Bundle of the Amnesty Number of TRUTH now. Get a big bundle. Put the papers before the workers and you will see them wake up and help.

The cry comes from behind the bars. Hear the moans of the prisoners. See the tears of the wives and children on the outside. Listen to the voice of justice and join the throngs that now go out in the name of a suffering world to redeem a bleeding humanity.

The Navy and Poison Gas

About this time look out for poison gas! The naval appropriation bill failed last session. When Congress reassembles next month a new one will have to be passed. So the people must be scared out of their wits, or the navy will not get the half billion dollars that the Senate Naval Committee so generously planned to give it. Watch for a deluge of propaganda.

Front-page articles already predict immediate war with Japan. Its like this. A British aviation expert warns us that Japan is going to attack us with countless flocks of airplanes, right away quick — in 1924, in fact, before our new navy is finished. On the same page we read that thirty British airplane experts have just left for Tokyo to help the Japanese fly. It's all dreadfully alarming, but we have

a vague recollection of Turtle Bay and an earlier naval bill.

We're afraid of Japan, and the Japanese are afraid of us; so the navy bulders get their way in both countries. The shipyards that are building ten out of our sixteen new \$40,000,000 fighting ships get their contracts. The financiers that want a guarantee of their investments in Haiti and Nicaragua and Columbia get the threat of irresistible force behind them. The newspaper men get war scares to fill their columns. And the people get the satisfaction of footing the bills, and then being more afraid.

Will the big-navy interests, backed now by the new Secretary of the Navy and his chiefs, get away with their half-billion-dollar naval bill in the coming Congress?

They will unless the people stop them; for a handful of courageous men in the Senate can't kill the bill as they did in the short session. The outcome will be a huge fleet of dreadnoughts of doubtful value, plus enormous taxes.

In the cities of Japan, business men are today holding disarmament meetings. They are urging their government to cut armament expenses and apply the savings to educational and social improvement. Yukio Ozaki, leader of the movement, recently distributed 7,000 postal cards in Osaka, Kyoto and Kobe. No less than 2060 were returned, all but 60 of them favoring his views. If American business men will follow the Japanese example, the people may yet beat the war makers. But meanwhile look out for poison gas.

Soldiers Refuse to Shoot Communists

By PAUL HANNA
WASHINGTON.—French invasion of the trans-Rhine region and the entente's demand for 1,000,000,000,000 gold marks by March 24 produced the uprising of German Communists on March 23, according to advices received here.

Diplomatic opinion in Washington has not decided whether the working-class leaders in Hamburg, Dresden and Halle acted on their own initiative in seizing shipyards and municipal buildings on Wednesday, or whether they struck their blow in agreement with certain industrial and banking interests, whose spokesmen have said repeatedly that Germany would go "Bolshevik" rather than be enslaved by the Versailles treaty.

Proof of the havoc done in Europe by the Versailles treaty is found in the fact that absolutely no surprise is expressed here over the Communist revolt in Germany. And very few informed people are found who believe Russia applied

any direct instigation to the rebels. Nobody pretends that Germany can meet the allied demands and the French invasion was expected to produce almost anything except gold.

It has produced only reaction still possible or Germany—a lurch toward Communism. Official information supports the belief that radical labor leaders decided the French invasion and the impossible allied demands would swing a majority of the people behind their movement to abolish the helpless and futile Ebert regime and establish a government by and for the class whose labor produces all wealth—for indemnities or any purpose.

For more than a year past it has been reported that many upper-class Germans were viewing Communism favorably as a means by which the world war's impossible consequences might be liquidated, that is, its debts repudiated, its political patchwork destroyed

and the ground cleared in Europe for a new era in which they and their class would emerge again with their hands at the helm.

Because of its higher social development, Germany has resisted for seven years the process of decay which devoured capitalism in Russia in three years. But the French invasion and the obdurate attitude of the allies on the indemnity is said to have dissolved the last faith which millions of Germans still had in the old order.

Because of the French invasion military men see the German government placed in a desperate position if the Communist uprising spreads. To put down the workers President Ebert would have to turn his back on the French invaders and ask the German army to concentrate on the killing of Germans. Those who know the country say the most obedient and disciplined German soldier could not long stand the strain of such a campaign.

The Masters of Russia

The 8th All-Russian Congress of the Soviet is now in session. The Congress has assembled at the moment when we have completely vanquished all the enemies of the working people of Russia, at the time the workers and the peasants have made a clean sweep of the last remnants of the landlords and the bourgeoisie. The 8th Congress has come together as the actua-

and rightful owner of Russia. This is no constituent assembly of the kind wherein the factory owner and the merchant are seated together with the worker, where the landlord sits side by side with the peasant, and the speculator and the banker is placed alongside the destitute. Here, only toilers have gathered to hold a council of Labor. These toilers are now the ab-

solute masters of the great united Russia, whence, for three long years, marked with continual blood shed, they have been chasing away all the parasites, throwing the last of them into the Black Sea.

For three years we have been defending our country, and for three years we have gathered it up bit by bit. Out of the various

SOVIET REPUBLIC TO HAVE REPRESENTATION IN U. S.

Trade With Russia, Now a Certainty, Brings Hope To All Workers.

By LAURENCE TODD.

Washington. — An ambassador from the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic, bearing credentials signed by Nicolai Lenin and George Tchicherin for the Council of People's Commissars, will soon replace Boris Bakhmeteff, ambassador of the long-vanished Kerensky government, in the big Russian embassy mansion on Sixteenth Street here.

Secretary of State Hughes is laying the groundwork for the complete reversal of the Wilson-Colby policy toward the Russian republic. President Harding and the bulk of the cabinet are backing him in this undertaking. Mr. Hughes proposes to restore American trade with Russia, on terms equally as favorable as those assured to Great Britain in Lloyd George's treaty with Moscow. Political recognition of the Moscow government will follow as a natural sequence upon a trade agreement. The Vanderlip concessions in Siberia and Russia have been discovered by Mr. Hughes at their tremendous commercial worth, and he is going to secure for American business in general as many similar advantages as the delayed start of American statesmanship in this race will permit.

This much at least may be understood from the quick succession of developments in the State Department and at the White House following upon Mr. Hughes' refusal to have Mr. Hoover impose upon him the Wilson-Colby plan of Russian blockade.

The department made clear on Wednesday that Russian gold can now be paid for American goods, without serious danger of its seizure under claim of faulty title. The Swedish government is now melting down scores of tons of Russian gold and minting it with the royal Swedish stamp upon the metal. Our State Department will not question the good faith of Sweden in handling this gold, and any holder of any of the \$86,000,-

000 of Imperial Russian bonds in this country who may seek to seize this gold in payment of bonds of the czar will be obliged to prove in court the physical identity of the metal with gold formerly pledged to the payment of these bonds. Such proof will be virtually impossible.

But the department, in making this point clear, emphasized the fact that immediate trade for Russian gold is a small matter in comparison with such advantages as settled trade relations as the British, for example, have secured in their treaty with Lenin. Under this pact, the British owners of properties in Russia may now resume control and development of their factories, mills, lumbering operations, mines, oil wells, etc., and British consular agents will be stationed throughout Russia for the purpose of watching all economic matters and keeping British business fully informed upon the possibilities of further trade and manufacture in Russia by British merchants and manufacturers.

American business men, thanks to the withdrawal of our postal telegraphic and consular connections in Russia, are helpless to do any of these things.

Gone are the sneers at Russia and the Soviet regime with which Mr. Colby regaled the newspaper correspondents. Gone is the pro-imperialist propaganda, which culminated in the exclusion of The Federated Press correspondents from State Department "confer-

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ROCKFORD COMMUNISTS FREED

Federated Press.

Rockford, Ill. — Upon motion of States Attorney William Johnson in the Circuit Court here, all of the Communist cases which have been on the docket for more than a year have been nolle prossed. With the withdrawal of eight of these cases by the states attorney an end has come to the prosecutions which excited this community a year ago.

Those against whom indictments were nolle prossed in the Circuit Court here are: Emil G. Peterson, Carl Lind, William Romanski, Mrs. Alice Beale Parsons, Alfred Nelson, Oscar Wahlstrom, Joseph Raskevich and William Steintorf. Indictments were returned against 13 persons in all. They were charged with violating the Illinois antisedition statute which was passed by the Legislature in 1919. None was convicted.

On January 2, 1920, 200 alleged enemies of the Government were scooped up in a raid which was participated in by the federal, county and city authorities. Of these about 75 aliens were held for deportation and the remainder freed. Only a few were deported.

Because of the wrong interpretation of the testimony by a Government interpreter, nearly all the cases were remanded for a rehearing before a federal examiner here and, later, their deportation warrants were cancelled by order of the Department of Labor. The Government interpreter was arrested here a few months ago charged with forgery. He was not indicted in the Circuit Court, but was brought into the County Court and permitted to plead guilty to trivial offenses and escape with small fines.

Mrs. Christine Person, wife of Arthur Person, one of the indicted men, died a few months ago of tuberculosis. A short time before her death States Attorney Johnson nolle prossed the indictment against her.

RUSS NOBLEWOMEN 'NEWSIES'

Constantinople, Turkey. — Russians of noble blood and high rank are fighting the wolf from the door in the uniforms of porters and messengers in Constantinople, center of the crumbled empire's refugees. Some are small shopkeepers, and many who knew court life in Petrograd are waiters and waitresses.

Many titled Russian women are selling flowers and newspapers. Princess Galitzin Princess Shahofskoi and dozens of others are waitresses. Countess Vera Tolstoy is teaching English.

Admiral Dickert decorated with the grand cross of the Legion of Honor, was glad to get a place as hall porter in the French hospital. Prince Goubitsen, once rich and powerful in the government of Orel, is selling sausages in a store in the Pera quarter.

Gen. Miolashevsky, formerly commander of the czar's hangers, is a parcel carrier. A son of former Premier Sturmer is a bootblack.

Four Russian generals are making their living by catching and selling fish.

One Russian officer is chauffeur for the American military attache here. Others are dock laborers and stable men.

—CHICAGO DAILY NEWS.

RUSSIA NOT TO PERMIT OLD SYSTEM'S RETURN

"Russia never will permit the capitalist system to return."

This today was the outstanding assertion in a 7,500 word cable received today from M. Olgie, Ph. D., Columbia graduate, by The Jewish Daily Forward.

Olgie, who has just completed an 18-month tour of Russia, in his cable, which was filed in Berlin, also says that the soviet government is so well entrenched politically that no change could be possible at present. The cultural progress of the people he described as "amazing."

"I was traveling," the cable reads "over large parts of Russia. I visited large cities, towns, villages, factories, shops, offices, and schools. I was among workingmen, peasants, soldiers, intellectuals, members of ruling Communist party and members of the party that opposes the present soviet government. I studied carefully the entire mechanism of the life in Russia."

Is Well Intrenched.

"My conclusions are as follows: 'Politically, the soviet government is very well entrenched and no change in government could be possible at present. The Russian people understand that a shortage in food, rolling stock, decrease of the work in the factories and mines is a result of the world war, of the revolution, and of the civil war.'

"The people are convinced that no other government could protect their interests better than the soviet government now is doing. Last but not least, the government seldom is criticized. But whenever the government does something that the people do not like, it is criticized much stronger than in any other country, but this seldom happens as the government, before passing regulations, educates the masses to the need for them."

Suffering Is Less.

"The economical situation is not as good as the political, but the people understand the reason and do not blame the new system, but it is improving every day. The people do not suffer from cold and starvation this winter as they did last year."

"The cultural progress is amazing. Conditions compel every man and woman to think about the general situation. The revolution tore off the dark curtains of the entire government system so that the people could understand all political and social questions. The workingman and present government is no longer afraid. All state, county, and city, executive offices are in the hands of workingmen and peasants. By experience, learn their new position."

"Never again will the Russian people allow the capitalist system to return. They will oppose any elevation of one privileged class or group over the other. The masses are striving toward a real equality."

TRADE WITH U. S. COMING

SUPERIOR, Wis.—That the Russian government has not given up hope of entering into diplomatic relations with the United States is indicated in Finnish newspapers received here by Tyomies, the Finnish daily, which say that Santeri Nuorteva, former secretary of L. C. A. K. Martens, the deported ambassador, will be sent to Washington to represent his country here.

The Stockholm correspondent of Tyomies cables that Louise Bryant, widow of John Reed, who recently died in Moscow, has informed him from Moscow that all the reports about fighting in Petrograd and Moscow are falsehoods.

IF this paper interests you

Talk about it to your friends and your foes. Pass it on to your shop-mates. Buy it regularly.

IF you dislike this paper

Write and tell us why. We will try to answer your arguments, and perhaps we shall learn from your criticism.

IF this paper does not interest you

—but that's impossible; so enough under this head.

Down, You Dogs!

A recent issue of the Wall Street Journal in its leading editorial, discussing the supply of unskilled labor, said:

When the real adjustment comes the unskilled worker finishes where he belongs — at the bottom of the list. He will be able to live on \$2 a day when he is lucky enough to get that amount regularly. Wages which in the spring before the panic of 1873 were \$8 a day, fell to \$2 in the autumn of that year. The cost of living will adjust itself. The Labor Bureau will give up publishing nonsense about \$2,600 a year minimum for a fancied "family of five."

The unskilled worker will thank goodness that he has no family of five or indeed anybody but himself to support; nor will any employer pay him on the basis of such fatherhood, as the bankrupt and discredited Interchurch World Movement absurdity proposed in its gratuitous inquiry into the steel strike.

So far as immigration is concerned we want more labor, as we shall rapidly discover when people are reallocated to their proper jobs. This is particularly true of domestic service. Not all the munition workers have gone back to washing dishes. Not for a long time will the housekeeper pay the green hand \$60 a month with board and lodging for learning her elementary business. This country can run best on the basis of plentiful domestic service at \$20 a month with respectful and competent maids receiving \$25 a month and glad to get it.

The Wall Street Journal is the official organ of the big plutocrats and voices their sentiments.

SOVIETS IN NEAR EAST SECURE

Reactionaries dislodged in Georgian republic workers, control made certain.

(By The Federated Press) MOSCOW. — The last foothold maintained by the reactionaries in Georgia has been dislodged, resulting in the capture of the government by the Communists. The whole of Georgia is now a Soviet republic.

Georgia has a population of 2,000,000, of which 90 per cent is made up of peasants. There are 100,000 merchants and the rest are industrial workers. Tobacco-growing is the principal occupation, although it is giving way to grain production. Soon after the fall of the Czar this Caucasian country elected a Socialist government on the strength of the promise of the party to divide up the land as soon as it got into power. This promise was kept.

Paul Olberg, who was a member of a commission that recently went to Georgia to study conditions there at the request of the deposed Georgian government, in an interview in Berlin described the effect of the Socialist administration and he asserted then that the arbitrary price-fixing of the government was damaging its interests. He also said that the existing wages were much below the standard of living.

CHINESE STUDY SOVIETS STOCKHOLM. — A group of Chinese students has arrived in Moscow to study conditions in Russia, says a message from the Russian capital just received here. V. Lunarcharsky, the Commissar for Art and Education, was the host of the Chinese students at a formal banquet.

DEMOCRACY!

CLEVELAND.—Louis F. Post, Assistant Secretary of Labor in President Wilson's administration, in a speech here declared that the majority of the alleged radicals jailed since the war ended were arrested by private detectives unlawfully in the pay of the Department of Justice

GREETING FROM SOVIET BOKHARA

Louis Bryant Sends Word from Newest Soviet Republic.

CHICAGO.—Louise Bryant, widow of the late John Reed, has recently returned from a trip to central Asia. In the following cable to the Chicago Herald-Examiner, she gives out to the world her impressions:

Moscow.—I have just returned from brief visit to those vast but isolated tracts of central Asia making up Turkestan and Bokhara and I bring to the outside world the first greetings of the people of the new republic of Bokhara.

The honor of being the first foreign—American or European—correspondent to study conditions in this new and far-away democracy fell to me.

Those mighty currents of republicanism which were unleashed by the world war, which overthrew kingdoms and empires and which flung aside kings and princes and emperors in the precipitous tidal rush into the wilderness of Asiatic deserts.

The savage tribesmen of Bokhara, mostly nomadic warriors, who had never known any form of government but vassalage to Russia, were caught in the back wash when a republic was set up in Russia. They decided to establish a democracy of their own and did.

Revolution against the Khanate of the Emir of Bokhara began to simmer last summer. After the Emir had fled from Bokhara taking with him eight bags of gold, but abandoning his 96 legal wives, the new government was set up in the city of Bokhara and subsequently negotiated a treaty with the Soviet at Moscow.

During my visit to Bokhara I was the guest of the republic and was given an extraordinary opportunity to visit the harems and to get interesting side-lights on political affairs.

The officials said they were much pleased with the treaty with Moscow and they wanted to emphasize the fact that Bokhara is now independent and has no part in the Russian federation.

The country is not yet at peace, but tranquility is being restored as quickly as possible. Isolated fighting is in progress with the deposed Emir's troops near the Afghan mountains, but members of the new government declared there was no chance of the monarchy being restored.

Bokhara has an area of more than 80,000 square miles and a population of upward of 2,000,000 souls.

COMMONSENSE LAWS

STOCKHOLM.—A report from Moscow tells of the issuing of an announcement by the Russian Commissariat for Health to the effect that "necessary abortions" will be performed free by the doctors in the district hospitals, but that such operations for private gain will be at the risk of punishment of the doctor's concerned.

WOMAN AND WAR

By Ella W. Wilcox

The women teach our little sons how wrong and how ignoble blows are; school and church Support our precepts, and inoculate The growing minds with thoughts of love and peace.

"Let dogs delight to bark and bite," we say; But human beings with immortal souls Must rise above the methods of a brute, And walk with reason and with self control.

And then—dear God! You men, you wise, strong men, Our self-announced superiors in brain, Our peers in judgement, you go forth to war!

You leap at one another, mutilate And starve and kill your fellow men, and ask The world's applause for such heroic deeds.

You boast and strut; and if no song is sung, No laudatory epic writ in blood, Telling how many widows you have made, Why, then, perforce, you say our bards are dead And inspiration sleeps to wake no more.

DEBS VISITS WASHINGTON

Federated Press.

Washington. — Without guard or escort, Eugene V. Debs, prophet of the working-class, whom President Wilson threw into prison as a menace to mankind, left his cell in the Atlanta penitentiary a few days ago, came to Washington for a conference with Attorney-General Daugherty and thereafter returned alone to his prison cell.

The great Socialist leader came and went from Washington as silently as a ghost. He had given his word to speak to none but officials of the Department of Justice, who had asked him for such a promise, and none of the thousands in Washington who would have acclaimed him even dreamed he had walked in their midst until the Attorney-General today announced that Debs had come and gone again.

"I could not go to see Debs, so Debs came to see me," Mr. Daugherty told the reporters today. "I wanted his own answer to certain questions and Debs gave them. No well disposed person will tempt him to break the agreement not to speak of what was said or done in our conference."

The Attorney-General did not state when Debs was in Washington. The impression first spread that Warden Zerk of the Atlanta penitentiary had brought the Socialist leader here with him over last Saturday and Sunday, but Mr. Daugherty makes the flat statement that Debs came absolutely alone and that he was back in his prison cell before the press statement was issued here today.

Friends and enemies here of the famous prisoner are convinced that he will be freed within a few days. His sensational round-trip from Atlanta to Washington is regarded as being in part a move by the administration to show the public that Eugene V. Debs is a man of spotless personal honor, no less than of unflinching devotion to his political principles. The administration has learned how to share in the drama of Debs, and to set off the villain's role played by a prominent Democrat.

It is stated tonight that another silent visitor to Washington during the past week was Judge Westenhaver of Ohio, who sentenced Debs to prison for ten years. He, too, was pledged to silence, but his part in the next great act in the Debs drama is said to have been fixed and agreed to with the Attorney-General.

WE SHOULD WORRY

WASHINGTON, (Wn. Bur). — The Executive Council of the American Federation of Labor has made public the text of its letter to the International Federation of Trade Unions, in which it declares that it cannot affiliate with so "revolutionary" an organization. It cites as "revolutionary" and hostile to A. F. of L. principles the demand for socialization of the means of production.

TOWNLEY'S CASE

ST. PAUL.—The Minnesota State supreme court today took under advisement arguments urging a new trial in the case of the state of Minnesota against A. C. Townley and Joseph Gilbert, president and former organizer of the National Nonpartisan league, respectively.

The defendants were convicted on a charge of violating the sedition law of 1917 and sentenced by Judge E. C. Dean of Jackson county to 90 days in the county jail on July 12, 1919.

Argues For Defense.

Attorney George Hoke made an exhaustive argument for the defendants. He charged that it was a matter of "getting Townley" by the political factions opposed to the Nonpartisan league. He said that Townley never was in Jackson county while he was indicted on a charge of conspiring with Gilbert.

In a Martin county case some of the same literature on which indictment in Jackson county was based Mr. Hoke said, was held by the Minnesota supreme court to be loyal. Mr. Hoke said that it was significant that the federal government, with its large organization of department of justice had never brought a case against Townley or the league.

Trial Court Attacked.

Hoke declared that the trial court had denied them the privilege of attempting to prove that Teigen, a former league organizer, was a "notorious traitor, double-crosser and hired enemy" of Townley. Hoke charged that Teigen was paid to publish reports against the league and that Charles Patterson of St. Paul paid him. Hoke said that Patterson and others were fighting the Non-partisan league and carrying on a political campaign with funds subscribed by bankers and others. Hoke declared that the trial court refused to allow attorneys for the defense to question Teigen regarding his connection with men opposed to the league. Townley did not appear at the hearing this morning.

Hilton Argues For State.

Attorney General Hilton, Assistant Attorney General Markham and E. H. Nicolin, Jackson county attorney, closely followed the brief in the argument for the state, contending that the defendants were co-conspirators and that they willfully and unlawfully conspired to teach and advocate that men should not enlist for war duty against Germany, in violation of the Minnesota sedition act of 1917. They charge that the defendants carried on extensive antiwar propaganda by holding public meetings which the defendant addressed.

SUBSCRIBE FOR THE TRUTH!

POLITICAL ADVERTISEMENT. — Inserted by the Central Labor Committee on behalf of S. F. Snively, Lon Mead, P. G. Phillips, Frank H. Cutting, Richard Funck and Harry W. Lanners. Amount to be paid, \$25.00.

ATTENTION VOTERS!!

It behooves each and every workingman and woman to cast their ballots on behalf of Popular Government.. Organized Labor together with other progressive organizations and independent liberals have been the only champions of the People whenever the People's interests were at stake. The ballot is the agent of evolution and is a powerful weapon in the hands of the People.

Lose or win, beneficent and democratic laws have been the result of the liberal votes cast in past elections. It is true that many reverses have been met, it may be true that the liberals are in the minority, but the history of the world tells us that throughout the ages, the progressives have ever been in the minority, yet we have progressed from time to time, thanks to those who have had the courage of their convictions.

The following ballot is being recommended by the Central Labor Committee on election day, Tuesday, April 5th.

If you have not registered, call at Labor Headquarters together with a voter in your precinct or at the City Clerk's Office. The lists close at 9 P. M. Sat., April 2nd.

You Can Visit Them

San Quentin has many workers buried away from friends and homes because they stood for the cause of the workers. You know that some of these workers have been "framed" and when the whole truth of the class struggle is known it will be found that they are all victims of a capitalist conspiracy.

Ford and Suhr and Billings at Folsom never have had visitors. Comrades up that way might try to see them. You can visit one a week and revisit each of them once a month.

At San Quentin John Golden is entering his seventh week in "the black hole". You might call for him. Others among the I. W. W. are C. F. Bentley, Thos. Hooker, Charles Lesse, Mike Genu, James Mally, R. V. Lewis, Nick Steelink, Harry Williams, William Stein, and James McHugo. Then there is John C. Taylor, who likes to see folks, and Matthew Schmidt, Caplan, and of course Mooney. Mrs. Mary Equi is the only woman class war prisoner that we know of. You might ask the boys if there are others lost in the battle as it's the lost ones who need visitors the most.

Coached and Cheated

John McDonald has arrived in San Francisco. He acknowledges that Fickert, Matheson and Goff "coached him to lie" in Billings, Mooney, Mrs. Mooney and Weinberg case. Hoped to get "lion's share" \$17,000 reward. Never got any!

A FARCE

It all becomes such A great, ugly farce — Leering at you Like a hideous grinning Face, In the dim glow of a candle— All this talk about Democracy, Justice, Progress, Prosperity, When there are children Starving, everywhere, Hundreds exiled For daring to be true To their beliefs, Comrades dying in prison For their Ideals and Idealism. Salie Ro.

HE WAS BUSY.

Little Bertie came in crying and rubbing several bumps caused by a series of "butts" administered by a pet sheep. "Well, Bertie," said his mother, "what did you do when the sheep knocked you down?"

"I didn't do nothin'; I was gettin' up all the time."

BACK WHERE NORMALCY BEGINS

(By Skinny.)

(With apologies to the author of "Out Where the West Begins.")

When cheerless homes and an empty larder

Make life for the slaves a whole lot harder,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When the boss gets a "hand" without half trying;

When the shops are "open" and wives are crying;

When starving kids for food are dying,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When winters seem long and whole lot colder;

When all the "stools" are a whole lot bolder,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When breadlines are long and the unemployed

Have their stomachs filled—with an aching void,

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When you buckle the belt a little tighter

As they tell you that times will soon be brighter,—

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When workers' hopes turn to black despair;

When the good old days of laissez faire

Make the "floaters" and "vags" the jailer's care,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When wages grow short and hours longer;

When they bid you list to the Bible-monger,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When the workers' lives are a little grayer;

When you ask for food and they offer prayer;

When it's h—l to belong to the lower layer,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When labor sharks have a list that's waiting;

And all the plutes start labor-baiting,—

That's where Normalcy begins.

When there's less of selling and less of buying;

When there's little laughter and lots of sighing;

When it almost seems there's no use trying,—

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Next Issue

Next issue is amnesty number. Act on that good impulse and send for a big bundle. The boys inside will appreciate that. Help get them out. Order now so we can print enuf. Fine. We knew you would.

General Municipal Election

CITY OF DULUTH, APRIL 5th, 1921

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W. B. GETCHELL		
LEONIDAS MERRITT		X
P. G. PHILLIPS		X
FOR MUNICIPAL JUDGE		Vote for Two
FRANK H. CUTTING		X
RICHARD M. FUNCK		X
W. L. WINDOM		
For Assistant Municipal Judge		Vote for One
HARRY W. LANNERS		X

SOVIET REPUBLIC

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ces" when Colby was in the heyday of his reactionary power. Secretary Hughes is going about the herculean task of undoing this poisoning of the public mind of America against the Russian people.

The White House announces, without derogatory comment, that it has received from the Russian government a note asking for the resumption of trade relations and for the sending of a Russian trade delegation to Washington to discuss the matter. This note has been delivered to Secretary of State Hughes for his action.

Under the rules governing White House and State Department talks with newspaper men, neither President Harding nor Secretary Hughes can be directly or indirectly quoted. Readers must therefore keep in mind in studying the Washington dispatches of the coming weeks the underlying purpose of Mr. Hughes, which is the smoothest possible readjustment of the American viewpoint on the Russian social revolution in order that America may benefit by the development of the vast natural resources and trade possibilities of the Russian republic and its allies. He has pitted against him the cleverest brains that Britain and Japan can bring to the contest for Russian favor in the commercial field. He will need the support of American business magnates and American bankers if he is to triumph over British and Japanese opportunist diplomacy between the Gulf of Finland and the Pacific.

MASTERS OF RUSSIA

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fragments occupied by the English, the French, the Poles, by Duffoff, Kaledin, Krasnoff, Denekin, Wrangel, Koltchak, emlinoff, Yudenitch, and many another general — out of these fragments we have built up our great Workers' and Peasants' Empire, freed from Capitalists and Landlords. No one else could have gathered up Russia but the working class and the peasants. Neither the landlords nor the capitalists, nor the Social Revolutionary Constitutionalists could have accomplished that task. Only the power of labor was able to weld together all the disintegrated parts of the country. And now, for the first time, the nation of toilers has congregated at its congress, not to hold a council of war, but to discuss and solve the question of public economy.

Immediately after this congress, the working class will take up its labor at the factories and mills, in the mines and quarries, with tenfold energy, in an effort to increase production, to help the peasants restore their ruined holdings, and to push forward the liberation of the people from the shackles of poverty.

The question of assisting the peasants must be the centre of attention for the Congress. Agriculture is the foundation of our economic life. It furnishes us with our bread and raw materials for industry. It gives occupation to nine tenths of the population of Russia. There are no landlords on the land now. Almost everything belongs to the peasants, all of whom now have their moderate holdings. We must try by all means to help the average peasant to come to his feet again; we must help him in his work for the benefit of our entire workers' government.

At the 8th Congress of our Party, we dealt with the question of our policy towards the middle peasant.

Now at this 8th Congress of the Soviets, we must discuss and find a solution to the economic aspect of this problem apart from the question of safeguarding ourselves against the rapacious peasants, we shall deal with the problem of sustaining peasant husbandry with necessary materials and scientific instructions.

We have exerted our powers, we have given away our blood, nerves, muscles, and brain, in defense of our country. Now, we shall exert our energies tenfold in the struggle against poverty and ruin. We have sustained our country against the attacks of the imperialist robbers. Now, we shall deliver it from famine and poverty.

(From Russian Press Review)

TROTSKY IS MASTER OF POSITION

Counter-revolutionists defeated in attempt to restore Czarism in Russia.

(By The Federated Press)

New York, (N. Y. Bur.) — "Soviet Russia" has received the following cablegram from Moscow, dated March 11, and signed by the Russian Telegraph Agency, the official Russian news bureau:

"Street fighting continues in Kronstadt between the mutineers and those loyal to the Soviet government. Some of the strongholds of the mutineers have surrendered. 'Word has been received from Trotsky, who is in command of the Soviet government forces operating against Kronstadt, that the complete extinction of the adventure is imminent.

"Information has reached Moscow that Kutais, the last foothold of the reactionaries in Georgia, has been overthrown, and the government captured by the Georgian revolutionaries, thus making the whole of Georgia a Soviet republic."

DINNER PAIL EPICS

By BILL LLOYD.

I haven't written for a spell. I cause I ain't been very well. Without a bit of work to do, and not much grub on which to chew, with little cow-hide on my feet, and sitting 'round without much heat, I sorta lost my cheerful grin and to look and feel real thin.

Since I last wrote I've traveled far, in a side-opening sleeping-car the kind you have to jump to catch till lettered. "Merchants' East Depot." The brakeman was a human guy, and so a kid and me go by.

I've hit the towns, both large and small, and they ain't no jobs there a-tall. They look at one that wants to work as if he had a gun or dirk. They look at you and seem to see a menace to sassietee. The old advice they're always giving: "The world don't owe a man no living." But looking at the pile they got, I think that they owe us a lot. No great amount of work I've seen from those who're burning up benzine. But those who steered the cost-plus steals are having music with their meals. The very ones, on such far rations, were with the soldiers far's the station.

Well, having saved the soil of France, I don't wanta freeze no dance, and felt for sure a grateful nation should furnish heat for circulation, so walked into a police-station.

The night chief he was kind, gruff and said he had most bums enough, but if I had some tired shanks I might pick out the softest planks, and for my misery give thanks to those there agitating cranks.

I fell asleep and in my dream, it almost really came to seem, that a big bloated millionaire built up a palace in the air, with Louis Fifteenth bed of gold and tapestries all rich and old, and said: "For all your work and knocks, this shanty's yours, jus bolt the locks." And while I slept in that there bed, an agitator, fierce and red; got hold of me by both my feet and throwed me out into the street. He said: "You energetic pup, I gone-ta make you divvy up!"

I hit the sidewalk hard—and woke. Right next to me a drunken soak said: "Say, you great big lumbering calf, of this here plank I want my half!"

TO THE POINT.

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THE GERMAN REVOLUTION

The capitalist press is now full of warning against the Bolshevik revolution in Germany. Breathlessly they ask: "Will Germany follow Russia?"

If it will help the plutes to get the matter cleared up we might reply: "She will."

Moreover we might add that it is the only way out of the mess that the capitalists have gotten her and the whole world into. What else can she do?

She won't take back the kaiser no matter how much the Allies try to get him back. The outburst of love for the kaiser by the plutes is very natural. They have a deep fellow feeling for him.

But the workers of Germany are not going to let him come back — unless he comes to help saw wood and earn his living.

The worst of it is that the workers are going to put all the kaisers on the woodpile. That is what's eating them. They are not so much worried about old Wilhelm. They are worried about themselves.

Now there is nothing much to worry about. Nobody will hurt you if you behave yourselves. All you have to do is to let the workers take charge and put the world in shape so that it becomes a comfortable place to live in. All you have to do is to pitch in and help. Just do your bit. You taught us that, didn't you. Now we shall teach it to you.

Germany is coming along all right. Give the workers time and they will have her in good shape. She will go the way of Russia. Russia went right. She chased the czar away. She put the workers in charge. She did away with aristocracy. She did away with profit rent and interest. She did away with tyranny and destruction. She is now busy building up. She is developing her industries and increasing her food supply. She is busy. She has no unemployed walking the streets asking for work. They are all working.

Germany is going Bolshevik. Don't mistake that. The isn't enuf capitalist bluff and bluster in this world to keep her from going Bolshevik. It is her only hope. All other remedies have been tried. They have failed. So Germany is going Bolshevik.

And England will follow.

And France will follow.

And Italy will follow.

And all the world will follow.

Capitalism is dying and it deserves to die. It has lived too long. It should not disgrace itself by kicking. It should take its medicine and be a sport. It should not act like a sick girl.

The workers are singing now — and smiling and organizing — and swearing fidelity to the world revolution that shall mean a new and a free and a fresh humanity.

We are happy in the struggle and strong in the hope. For soon we shall be free.

PILE UP YOUR DEBTS

Oh, you plutes, what boobs you are! What silly, idiotic, grinning, fool buffoons you are!!

Your old pop czar came out and asked for gold and rubels to squander in the nightly brawls of sinking Russia. You loaned him what he asked and took his notes and bonds. He said the slaves will pay. He promised from the flesh and blood of slaves and peasants the return of all he borrowed from the bloated barons of the world.

The barons laughed and chuckled happy ha ha's and parroted in Polly fashion, "Sure, the slaves will pay. The slaves and peasants will come forth with flesh and blood to honor all the czars big debts."

But the slaves and peasants stood up and did not even bow as they declared that the fat barons would not get so much as one lean sou from them. That if the bloated barons wanted pay to meet the czar in hell and there collect from Nick and Nickolas all they pleased.

In the same fashion came the crowned heads of England, France and Italy to borrow billions from the plutes of young America. Our plutes loaned money and got fine security in promises that the slaves would pay. The bleeding slaves and broken peasants — they would pay.

And it was logical to make the loans to crowned heads and war lords — to syphetic dukes and princes and to rotting, stinking and decaying aristocracy. It was logical for that brood to promise pay from slaves and peasants. Who else could pay! Who else has always paid? Had the bloated dukes and princes ever paid? Had the kings and lords ever paid? They never could and never would pay. They only knew how to borrow and how to promise that the slaves would pay. It was the old custom. It had always worked.

But will it work now? Will the slaves always remain slaves? Will the workers always submit to syphilitic kings and czars? To rotting lords and profiteers? To managers of butcher games?

We'll see.

We'll see what the workers in Germany will do. We'll see what the workers in England and France and Italy will do. There are communists in those countries now. There are Bolsheviks in those countries now. There are uprisings of the workers in those countries now.

The workers may decide not to pay the debts of the vile and sickening lepers of royalty and aristocracy. They may decide to let the loaning plutes collect where the French are now collecting from the czar.

Pile up your debts, you plutes. Make them big and high. Promise all you want to. Tell your dupes that the workers will pay. Go to it. Run riot a little longer. Play the game another hour. tagger on in drunken brawls and hold your midnight orgies. Rot some more. Smell on. Smell on and on. Go the limit in your sickening decay.

But it is not very sure that the workers will pay. They may decide not to pay. They may pay you by putting you to work. They may let you earn your eats after a little. You have gone too far and asked too much.

Now we arise The German workers are standing up. They will not pay the kaiser's debts. Why should they? The French and Italian workers are standing up. They will not pay — they will let the plutes collect from Nick and Nickolas.

SPECIAL TO MEMBERS

Members of the Scandinavian Local must be present at the meeting next Wednesday at 8 o'clock sharp. Very important matter has to be decided. Don't fail to come in time.

SWEDES WOULDN'T FIGHT

"If Sweden would declare war would the boys take up arms and fight?"

This was the direct question asked of E. A. Sjöholm, who arrived in Duluth last week fresh from the land of the North.

"No." The answer came as promptly as if he had been asked if he had already secured a job in this country.

"Would they refuse to obey the government," was our next question.

"Absolutely."

There wasn't much more to ask on that subject. Comrade Sjöholm made it clear that the Swedish youth has not the slightest hesitancy in declaring to the government that there can be no more shooting by the soldiers of Sweden in any capitalist war.

In fact that is the reason for Sweden's keeping out of the world war. The government didn't dare to draft the boys. It knew that the boys would have flatly refused to obey the draft. That there would have been an influence of international demoralization in the armies of the warring countries.

So there will be no more war by Sweden, for the boys will not obey the superiors in any coming butcher game. That is well understood by this time so there will no attempt to further prove it by an actual test.

Together with Sjöholm was Comrade Claus Pearson. Upon his return to this country after a year's visit in the land of his birth he finds more unemployment here than in Sweden.

Both these men have seen at close range the conflict of the European countries and are convinced that the only hope of salvation lies in the complete overthrow of the capitalist system the world over. Sweden is ready for the job any day. There is a greater degree of harmony among the workers there now than at any time in the past. The strong tendency is toward the Third International and the Soviet form of Government.

The sweep of Communism is apparently irresistible. The workers do not enthuse over reforms or palliatives any longer. They want revolution and want it badly. They want the earth and want to run it. They say that the

Russian Frighfulness

By GEORGE B. RINARD SHAW.

The Russians seem to very thoroughly appreciate the practical lessons of history that we learned from the early experiences of the robber class. The Russian soldier did a very eccentric thing. He went on fighting for a long time; he was made very uncomfortable; then he had a curious idea, he suddenly stopped fighting, went home, and seized the land of the country. That from the point of view of the robber class in other countries was the first great atrocity. It may have been an atrocity but it was a jolly practical atrocity and when they began to organize, they started on the idea which I suggested, that they were going to organize the industry of the people for the benefit of the people, that they were going to extirpate idlers, and democracy stood in the way. There is only one really interesting statesman in Europe at the present time and his name is Nicholas Lenin. Nicholas Lenin had a tremendous controversy on the subject of democracy with a German Social Democrat, Karl Kautsky. Kautsky said all the usual things which Socialists have been saying, which I have said all my life, the thing must rest on the will of the people. You have no right to introduce Socialism until you get majorities throughout all the constituencies in favor of Socialism. I have always said that my reason at bottom has been this, that I knew perfectly well as long as I waited for that I would never be asked to do anything but talk. I have talked all my life and I have managed to get beyond the age of sixty without ever having been called on to do anything really dangerous or important. Accordingly, I intend to go on talking in that way, but Lenin did not see that. Lenin entirely agreed with Mr. Winston Churchill on the subject and with the robber class. Lenin said, these things are not done by the great mass of the people making a vote, they are done by an energetic minority which has got a conviction and is determined to go on carrying out that conviction until it is stopped. That is precisely what our upper class did, what they are doing and have always done. It is the practical thing to do. There is no use in waiting until the mass of the people throughout the country, who know a little about football and very much less about politics, whose business is not politics and you cannot move them in the matter at all, there is no use in waiting to get the majority of votes from them with all the powers of the press and newspapers bemusing and bewildering and bedeviling them with all sorts of nonsense. We Socialists when we are a little comfortable are perfectly willing to wait, but the people who really want to have something done, like Lenin do not wait. When Lenin saw a Constituent Assembly muddling about doing nothing he did not wait but went ahead and like our governing class there was no nonsense about democracy; he organized the thing in such a shape that it would work. He got his combination of Soviets, a certain method of indirect election which was not at all what we call a democratic method of election because it was very indirect, it was doubly and triply indirect, but susceptible of being managed in such a way that Lenin got working with him the sort of men he wanted to agree with him, which is precisely how our governing classes work elections in this country, and there was no nonsense about toleration at all. He believed in Socialism, in organizing the proletariat. Those were his ideals and he put it down as a minimum of social morality: *We are not going to have any more idling or unproductiveness; we do not allow liberty of opinion with regard to that; if you have any doubts about that we regard you as a dishonest person and we shoot you.* They shot him; he has several bullets in his body; that will show he was educating them practically. But he realized when it came to the point that as between the people who believe in a great system of what is practically the robbery of the poor, and the people who believe in another system, an intelligent minority, they have simply to fight it out with what forces they have at their command. Of course, the very first thing he had to institute was what Mr. Lloyd George has held up in the House of Commons as his blackest atrocity, and as was felt in the House of Commons really to be his blackest atrocity, and it is felt I think by every respectable man to be his blackest atrocity, he introduced compulsory labor. He actually said every man must work or he will starve. He had not much food to give the people who did work, thanks to the fact that we are trying to starve them out; you do not get much to eat in Russia, but at any rate what there was going he gave. Only if people would not work they did not get any tickets, and they got on as best they could, they lived on their own fat. That was the great atrocity. He was after all carrying out compulsory labor for the benefit of the system of society. He was carrying out the ideas of the upper classes in this country who are also in favor of

capitalists have had it and failed to make good. The workers are able to take it and are able to make good. They are figuring on doing that. They are figuring on doing it soon.

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Roanoke, Va., Mar. 24th. 1921

The truth Duluth, Minn.

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This is the way TRUTH looks to the workers when they see it. The thing to do is to get busy and give them a chance to have a look at it. Comrade Swanson of Mich., and Comrade Chermac of Minn., send in long lists of Ten-Weekers. Others have sent in smaller lists and more are coming every mail. A number of yearlies and Six-Monthers are saying that TRUTH is wanted all over the country.

This is a critical period in the workers' struggle. Let us put our fellows wise and thus avoid the terror of the final conflict that will otherwise result.

Shall we have another thousand new ones during April? Do you want to make that your task? And then a thousand increase each month the whole year. That would mean something. There isn't a worker who cannot give you two bits for ten weeks. Get after him. He'll never get over the new light he will get from TRUTH.

Of course we want the yearly subs. And next to that the Six-Monthers. Get as many of these as you can, and finish up with the Ten-Weekers. Go at it strong.

compulsory labor. Only they find the threat of starvation is sufficient to do the compulsion in this country, except on themselves. Lenin was logical; he brought in a method of compulsory labor from which nobody could get utterly exempt. We have a system of compulsory labor in this country which applies to everybody except people with a considerable amount of property. They can escape from it because they cannot be starved out. Under Lenin's system you do get starved out.

Lenin did something else which is perhaps the most remarkable thing. Supposing the Bolshevik Red Army captures you; what is it that happens to you? You are told beforehand if you are a European you are fighting Bolsheviks because you know they are monsters and committing atrocities. You are told if the Bolsheviks capture you, they will put you slowly to death over a period of twenty-one days by cutting off the tips of your fingers and nose and ears, and by horrible scientific tortures slowly kill you, therefore you fight pretty hard — if you believe it. Supposing you are taken prisoner, in spite of your heroic struggle, if you are an Englishman you naturally do struggle if not to the death, still very close to it. But supposing you are overwhelmed by numbers, say one Englishman by 200 Bolsheviks, what happens to you? You are brought into a military depot and the first thing that happens to you is they give you a meal, and when you are in a tolerably good humor a man comes in with a lot of literature; he says, "Are you an Englishman?" You say, "I am an Englishman" — proudly. He immediately produces a bundle of Bolshevik literature in English, and you are set to read that literature. You are not given anything else to do. Of course, if they would let you do anything else, being an Englishman — you would do it rather than read — play football, for instance — but they throw you back on your own mental and intellectual resources to such an extent that you begin to read their literature. Then you find out the truth about what they are actually doing. They send you about three times a week to theatre and let you go about pretty freely and see what is going on. They give you these things to read just like the upper classes in our church schools; they stick their ideas into your mind.

I am emphasizing this thing they have taken from our governing classes. They recognize the fact that you must get at people's minds. What they are doing to the mind of the adult person they are doing to the children of Russia. The children of Russia are now taught to believe from the very beginning that it is dishonest in the last degree for a person not to be a productive worker and not to pay his way in society. I must not carry the parallel any further. I think this is a very good loose end to leave off. I think it is a very good place to stop and begin thinking about it. As I say I do not see in the Labor Party as it at present exists the Party which will act solidly and practically and thoroughly and radically and unitedly like the Party represented by Mr. Winston Churchill, which I have impolitely called the robber class, and like the Bolsheviks. I see in the Labor Party the most extraordinary heterogeneous mass of people, full of opinions of different kinds. I see there are Methodists and atheists; jingos and conscientious objectors; there are Protectionists and Free Traders; I see the most amazing mass of people of all sorts and kinds immensely equipped for any kind of discussion, for the most violent electioneering, and for no action whatever.

We have got to simplify the matter. If we believe in the principles which I have sketched out, being the principles that I myself believe in, this belief in the obligation of every man to leave the world in his debt, or at least to pay his way, then that must be made to be a religion; it has got to be the basis of the whole religion in the country. I am tired of seeing Labor and Socialism rolling the stone up the hill with frightful labor only to have it rolled down again. Here you have seen movement after movement, the movement of the Utilitarians the movement of the Free Traders under Cobden and Bright; the Christian Socialists under Kingsley; the Marxian Socialists, you have seen the Labor Party by an immense amount of labor, by talking on platforms, as I am doing now, get one generation of men educated into ideas about Free Trade or Socialism or what you like. What does that matter to the upper classes? Those men die out and meanwhile the children are coming into the schools where they are taught from the very beginning the creed of the robber class. The stone is always rolling back. It is because we do not go to work in the practical way of Mr. Winston Churchill and Nicholas Lenin. I take off my hat to both gentlemen. It appears to me until we get to work in their ways it will be all talk, talk, talk, and nothing will come of it.

AN "I.W.W. ATTEMPT THWARTED"

The people of Duluth were quite startled last Saturday morning when they woke up and found on the front page of the News Tribune a story headed "I. W. W. Attempt to Tar and Feather Pastor Thwarted."

It was such new news if it had read that a Republican gang or an American Legion mob had lynched a worker or tarred and feathered some nonpartisans it would have passed unnoticed as those Christian deeds are quite common among the law and order Americanized these days.

But that the I. W. W. should have departed from their old path of intelligent and orderly organization and joined the capitalist crew of lawless mobbers and rioters seemed so unbelievable that we could simply not swallow it.

So we called up the Chief of police and asked about it. We asked if the story told in the Tribune was correct and the reply was that in substance he thought it was.

"Did the police see any one with tar and feathers or did any one say that there was going to be a tar and feather attempt?" was our question to the chief of police.

"No," came the reply.

"Did any one say anything to anybody about a plan to tar and feather the preacher?"

"No."

"Did the preacher hear anybody threaten him with tar and feathers?"

"No."

"Would you have had any one making such a threat arrested?"

"Yes."

"Was anybody arrested?"

"No, sir."

"You do not know, then, that there was any attempt at a tar and feather affair?" we asked.

"No, not from my own knowledge," came the reply.

"Do you know that there were any I. W. W. in the crowd that said anything about tarring and feathering the preacher?"

"No, I do not?"

"Well, would you arrest any body who had told the preacher that he was going to be tarred and feathered?" was our next query.

"Yes, if he swore out a warrant," the chief replied.

"There has been no warrant sworn out and there has been no evidence found that any I. W. W. at any time attempted to tar and feather the preacher, has there?" was our final question.

"If you want to talk any further about this you can come and see me at the office," said the chief and hung up the receiver.

So there you are.

Now we want to assure the chief of police that we will give him our heartiest support in capturing and bringing to justice any I. W. W. who may be so far astray as to attempt any tar and feather business. We strictly object to the workers going into competition with the capitalist brigands in their mobbing industry.

And we would humbly ask that the Tribune does not hurt our feeling again by inventing another such impossible story.

THE WORKERS AND THE BEAST

O! we laugh when the gun slugs seek our arrest —

As a wolf on a victim's track —

For they know not the why of the mastership clan;

Nor the whims of the mammon pack.

We are neither remiss nor our lives so enslaved,

That the rule of a few can hold

All the hordes of the field, nor the shop and the mill,

In the thrall of a coward's fold.

Never yet in the life of the kingdom of man,

Did the rule of a few prevail;

When the sense of the mass was outraged by the wrong

And the venom of vanity's wail.

Labor's young, always young, like the green of the fields;

And its stars all ascend the east in;

By its courage and will, and the might of its right,

It will shatter the fans of the beast.

D. S. Dietz

CLIP THIS OUT

Clip out the following petition and send to President Harding, Washington D. C.

President Warren G. Harding,
Washington, D. C.

Dear Mr. President:

Believing that you are willing to listen to the voice of the people and that your aim is to serve the interests of justice and equity I hereby join with vast multitudes of other citizens in asking you to proclaim a general amnesty for all political prisoners now in prison or out on bail pending decisions of the courts. It is my feeling that only thru freedom of speech, guaranteed us by the Constitution can we hope to weather the storms and make this nation safe for its inhabitants to live in.

It is because you have already, since assuming the office of president, acted in many ways in a manner that shows you to be a justice loving and a liberty loving man that I am encouraged to write you in behalf of our incarcerated victims whose only crime is that they have stood for peace and championed the cause of suffering humanity.

The American people, with comparatively few exceptions, are in favor of a general amnesty for political offenders and it is my firm belief that you will not only serve the ends of justice by a proclamation of amnesty but endear yourself in the hearts of your countrymen.

Trusting that you may be lead to act in accordance with the overwhelming and reasonable wish of the people of this country, I am

Very Sincerely,

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Date
City
State

Sign the above, date it and give address then put into an envelope addressed to the president and mail. Do it now. Get your neighbors to do it. Flood the White House with those petitions