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Citizens' Alliance Raises Its Snake Head

OPEN SHOP FIGHT A CONFLICT OF CLASSES

Reform Organizations Unable To Stop Industrial
War By Sympathy.

By J. P. CANNON.

The Central Trades and Labor Council of Greater New York has just adopted three recommendations of a special committee of twenty-five appointed to devise ways and means to combat the "open shop" campaign of the bosses. The unions cannot fight the open shop by the measures proposed; in that respect they have no value. But as striking examples of what NOT to do they may serve a useful purpose and, from that viewpoint, should be considered and analyzed. This is what the special committee recommended:

1. To organize a speakers' bureau which will present the case of the unions to civic bodies, church forums and similar organizations.

2. To amend the constitution of the Central Body, permitting the seating of fraternal delegates from non-labor organizations interested in unionism.

3. To seek greater co-operation with such bodies as the Inter-Church World Movement, and other organizations felt to be working for union labor.

All three of these undertakings are based on a misconception of the nature of the struggle. The impression seems to be that labor's troubles in the present crisis are mainly due to a "misunderstanding" as to the aims of the labor movement on the part of some pious people who don't work for a living, but who are "felt to be working for union labor." But the real misunderstanding is in the minds of the delegates who adopted this

program. Civic bodies, church forums, "non-labor organizations"—the elements who go to make up such groupings are poor props for the unions to seek to lean upon. They may "feel" for organized labor, but the organized workers never feel it in the shape of substantial support in their fight.

The "open shop" campaign is one of the manifestations of a state of war that exists in society between two opposing classes: the producers and the parasites. This war cuts through the whole population like a great dividing sword; it creates two hostile camps and puts every man in his place in one or

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HAYWOOD SENDS GREETING

(Special Cable to The Federated Press)

CHRISTIANIA, Norway, April 28. — The Federated Press correspondent here has just received the following message from William D. Haywood, the former I. W. W. leader and now a Communist, from Moscow:

"Have just arrived here and will remain until after the congress of trade and industrial unions which is to be held here, and for the meeting of the Third International."

RANK AND FILE OUST TRAITOROUS LEADERS

British Labor Indignant at Officials Who
Sold Out To Bosses.

London. — The indignation of the rank and file of British labor against the betrayal of the miners by the officials of the other unions comprising the Triple Alliance is spreading throughout the country. Its latest manifestation was the seizure today of the headquarters of the United Vehicle Workers' Union by a section of the members. A group of the rank and file raided the building at Stanley Hirst. All correspondence, without the consent of the Vigilance Committee was ordered discontinued. The reason given for this action was the fear of correspondence with employers without the approval of the rank and file.

The following statement was issued to the membership of the union: "We maintain possession of the building. A statement of our case is to be sent out to all branches in the country calling for the resignation of the officials who betrayed us at the Triple Alliance Conference."

The United Vehicle Workers' Union is affiliated with the Transport Workers' Federation. Its membership of 130,000 includes bus drivers and conductors, commercial vehicle drivers and tramwaymen.

"Vigilance Committees" in the unions represent the new form of unofficial organizations within the unions for the purpose of keeping a check on the officials and keeping up a constant agitation for revolutionary measures. These committees within all the unions are co-ordinated on a nation-wide scale into an organization known as "The National Workers' Committee Movement." This body was organized at a recent conference. Its aims are avowedly revolutionary and one of the principal planks of its program calls for the affiliation of the entire British labor movement with the International of Red Trade Unions with headquarters at Moscow.

A sign of the reawakening solidarity in the ranks of British labor is seen in the instructions sent out today by the railway and transport workers' unions not to handle coal from colliery sidings or from overseas. This order, taken in support of the striking miners by the other two members of the Triple Alliance, means that the movement of all coal in Great Britain is to be paralyzed and that all efforts to bring coal into the country from foreign ports will be futile.

Behind The Lines

Big Business—

There y'are,

General! I

Create you

My Chief

Of Staff in

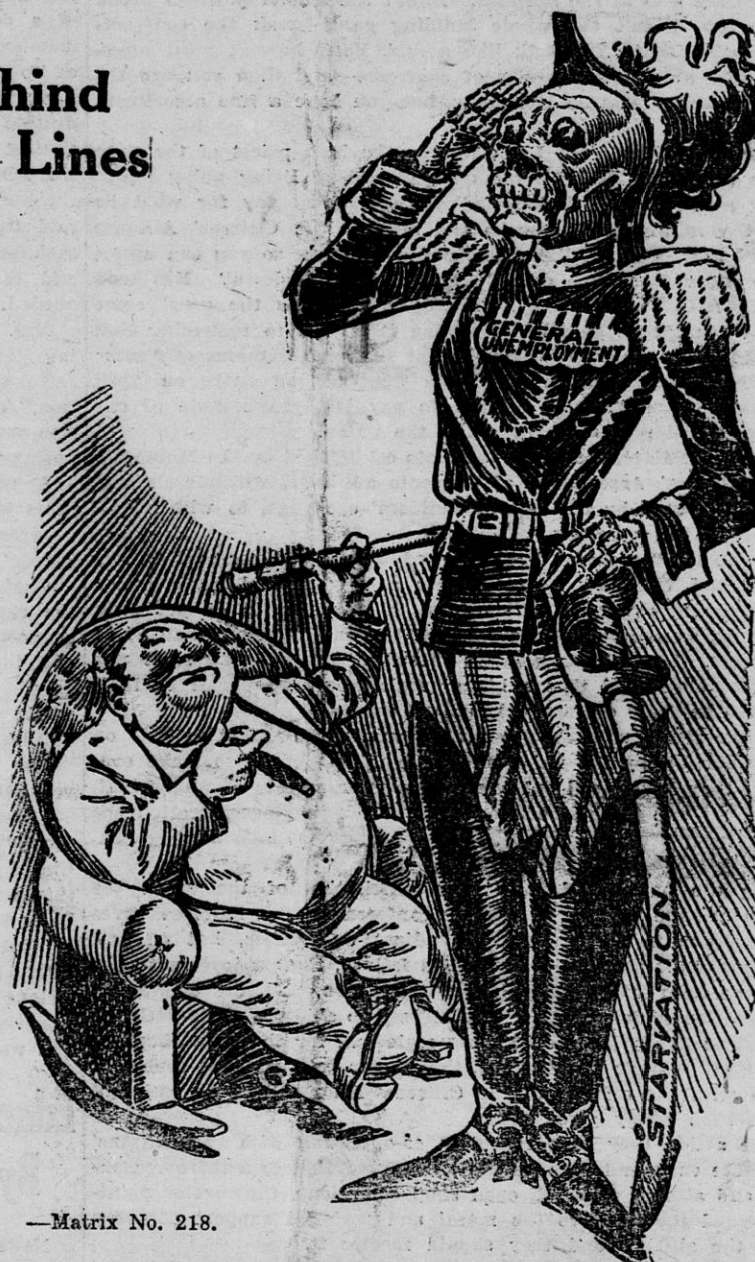
The Open

Shop War.

Go out

And

Conquer!"



—Matrix No. 218.

—Drawn for The Australian Worker and The Federated Press by Adam Ray

MAY DAY CELEBRATED BY GREAT THROUGS OF WORKERS

May Day this year was celebrated by hundreds of millions of workers all over the world. Reports reach us of celebrations that so over shadow all former May Day demonstrations that the plute press is scared stiff and does not dare to mention them.

In Duluth it was a record breaking day. The parade from Workers Hall down Superior street started at 12 o'clock noon and stretched for a mile along the line of march. No such demonstration had ever been witnessed here before. According to the press there were no people on the sidewalks, but the press omitted to state that they were in the parade.

Swinging up on First Avenue East the line made the turn on 1st Street and came back to Eighth Avenue West where the masses took the trolley to Fairmont Park. The Street Car Company had arranged to meet the emergency by calling out all the cars available and deserves credit for its willingness to aid the committee in making the celebration a success.

The host at the park was estimated at 5,000 people. Comrade Kulu acted as chairman and a band composed of workers furnished the music for the day. Jack Carney stirred the vast multitude by a masterly address and the comrades and Fellow Workers of all the labor groups were busy selling literature and gathering money for propaganda and defense.

In the evening the people gathered again to hear Comrade Carney at Workers Hall where every available inch of room was taken.

It had been a great day for Duluth and for the people of Superior and other neighboring towns who attended this the greatest May Day celebration in this city.

Minneapolis. — Bridge Square proved to be too small for the vast crowds that gathered to join the parade arranged by the May Day committee on Sunday, which proceeded up Nicollet Avenue to Eleventh Street and thence to parade park where ten thousand people assembled to listen to speakers and celebrate Labor's International Holiday.

In all the history of Labor in the Mill City there has never been such outpouring as on May, this year. A band from The Machinists Union led the parade. Banners of many descriptions were carried calling for workingclass solidarity and for unity with the Third International, and these were cheered by the thousands that lined the streets and looked out of the windows as the marchers passed by.

A truck served as stand for the speakers from the top of which the Chairman, Bob Carney, announced Bill Dunn, Editor of Butte Daily Bulletin, as first speaker. Dunn swayed the crowd by his fiery address and thrilled his hearers by calling them to action in the great battle now waging for the destruction of capitalism. J. O. Bentall, editor of Truth, Duluth, followed

and showed the workers their rights and the way to secure them. Andrew Lafin made the closing talk. A collection amounting to several hundred dollars was taken and much literature was sold.

New York, Chicago, and all the large cities of the country had record-breaking celebrations. There has never been such interest taken in the International Workingclass holiday as this year and the workers are inspired to still further attacks upon the system that must be replaced by complete workingclass control.

MORE PROFITS COMING FOR "BILLY" WOOD.

"Terrible" Willie has stopped wailing about the hard times and the painful need of cutting wages. Business is picking up. The mill machinery has had a good rest, the Government has stopped annoying the American Woolen Co. and Mr. Wood's administration at Washington has promptly dismissed the indictments for profiteering, etc. so the American Woolen Co. gives a \$5,000,000 order to the Steel Trust for material to be used in the construction of a new mill in Lawrence.

With another big mill here it will be possible to keep the workers locked out six months every year, then speed them up the remaining six months and get out the production that will bring 1,000 percent profits where only 50 percent could be had before.

LABOR HATERS LIE IN PAID ADVERTISEMENTS

Enemies Of Unions Pay Plute Press To Poison
Minds Of People

The most dastardly campaign of misrepresentation and vilification ever attempted by frantic labor haters is now carried on thru the prostitute press of our country in order to prepare the way for the complete destruction of organized labor throughout the whole country.

A two column advertisement in the News Tribune recently by the Citizens' Alliance is a sample of what the open shoppers expect the people to believe. The ad starts out with the statement:

There are 5,000,000 organized wage earners in the country, and 35,000,000 unorganized ones.

The Alliance stands for the right of Everyone of these wage earners, union and non-union, to work and to receive wages.

If you are of the same opinion, then you are a believer in the Open Shop.

The union leaders say No one shall have the right to work and receive wages, unless he is a member of a union.

If you are of the same opinion, then you are a believer in the Closed Shop.

Unless you count the 5,000,000 child slaves and the 5,000,000 women who should not work in the factories and in men's places there are less than 30,000,000 workers. Then if you subtract the 6,000,000 farmers and their families you have reduced the wage workers to considerable less than 20,000,000.

One fourth of these are organized. What protection would the other three fourths have if it were not for the organize workers? The condition of the whole working force would be worse than that of slaves.

The Citizens Alliance then states that it "stands for the right of everyone to work and receive wages."

Then what about the unemployed among the unorganized? Make good and put all the unorganized to work and then tackle the job of destroying the union.

The Open Shop says to every American youth, "Select your own trade and occupation, according to your fitness and your desire."

Since when has the worker gotten the chance to choose his job? Don't you know that such a bluff does not go? You are insulting the intelligence of the people by paying for that stuff to get into print.

The Open Shop gives its wage, according to the energy, ability and intelligence of the individual workman.

Again you dope out pure bunk. You buy labor as cheap as you can get it and pay according to the cost of keeping labor in trim to do work. The nonunion slave gets 30 cents an hour for the same work that the union man gets \$1.00. You do not pay what the work is worth—you pay as little as you can. If the worker is alone he is helpless and is at your merciless mercy. If he is organized he can demand a little more for his labor. It is not for the purpose of treating labor better that you want to destroy the union, but for the purpose of being able to put the hooks into labor and make it work cheaper and give you more profit. The only way you can get more profit is to be able to buy cheaper labor. If you can destroy the union you can buy cheaper labor. Why not be honest about it?

The Open Shop leaves him free to express his native energy and ambition, in unrestrained production.

Righto. You certainly want the slave to work hard and to produce as much as possible. "Unrestrained production" is right. Add to that unrestrained cut in wages and you have your own paradise, Mr. Citizens Alliance. You're a fine guy, only you are a hog.

The objects and purposes of the Citizens' Alliance of Duluth are misunderstood by some people.

They think it was formed to further the selfish interests of its members, to disrupt the unions, and oppress labor.

Of course the objects of the Citizens' Alliance are misunderstood. You have been successful in blinding many of the people and some of the workers so they actually believe that the citizens' Alliance is a good thing. It is a good thing for the bosses and exploiters of Labor. No doubt about that. But to those who have had the idea that the Citizens' Alliance is good thing for labor we want to explain. We are here to set them right on such a hypocritical animal as the Citizens' Alliance.

You are here to destroy the union in order to get cheaper labor and be able to dog labor in a more vicious manner. That is your only object. Why beat around the bush and try to fool intelligent people? You are spoiling perfectly good ink and paying for space that will not give returns on the investment. You are foolish in addition to being dishonest.

It believes that laboring men have the same right to organize to advance their legitimate interests, that business and professional men have.

Sure Mike — if labor organizes the open shop, which means the nonunion shop. It labor only organized in favor of the bosses it would have the unqualified sanction of the Alliance. But how can the Alliance advocate the open shop and at the same time sanction organization of the workers?

Will you please listen a minute. The only reason for labor organization is for the purpose of getting something from the bosses that they are unwilling to give. When they give labor what it deserves unions will go out of business of themselves and will need no help from the Citizens' Alliance to put them to sleep. Such logic. Open shop and union labor!! It screams!

It is opposed to the Closed Shop, to the sympathetic strike, to the boycott, to the disregard and breach of contracts, to be limitation on the number of apprentices, to restrictions on the output of labor, and to resort to threats, intimidation and violence to enforce demands of striking employees.

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DEFECTIVE PAGE

ITALY PLEDGES AID TO PLOT VICTIMS

Federated Press.

DEDHAM, Mass. — Nicola Sacco exercises alone in his cell here in the County Jail and is cheered by the news his young wife brought when she visited him this week. For she told him that the Italian embassy had sent emissaries to the little red house in which she lives at Stoughton, to say that she must keep a brave heart, and that the government of her home land would see that the Sacco-Vanzetti case was justly dealt with in the Massachusetts courts.

Ambassador Ricci, now to America, lately spent four days in Boston. While there he discussed the case at length with Marquis A. Ferrante, local consul, and Silvio Vitale, vice-consul. Also he gave audience to a committee representing the two imprisoned labor organizers, who are accused of payroll murders at South Braintree.

Acting at the request of the ambassador, Guido Buggelli, special attaché of the embassy, and Vice-Consul Vitale, made a 20-mile automobile journey to Stoughton and called upon Mrs. Sacco. The two officials were accompanied by two members of the defense counsel, William J. Callahan and Fred H. Moore.

Mrs. Sacco is a little woman with the titian hair of the Northern Ita-

lians. Her first name is Rosina. She has two children. The little red house is at the edge of town, near a wood. It is a simple home, the floors scrubbed to whiteness. Great happiness existed there before Nicola was sent to jail.

The visitors conveyed to Mrs. Sacco the sympathy of the ambassador, and told her she must not worry; that the embassy was investigating the case thoroughly through the Boston consulate; that it was looking into all details of the trial of Bartholomew Vanzetti, comrade of Sacco, especially the charge by the defense that Vanzetti was convicted on evidence never introduced in open court. They assured her the consulate would watch carefully the procedure in the coming trial of both men, which begins May 31.

Advices from Italy say that agitation on behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti is being conducted systematically throughout that country by a strong national committee. This committee keeps in constant touch with developments of the case in America, and disseminates this news to 200 newspapers in Italy. Included in the committee are members of the Chamber of Deputies, eminent editors, noted lawyers, well-known speakers, and aggressive labor organizers.

WINNIPEG SENT THEM TO LEGISLATURE-- WE SENT THEM TO PRISON

Several of the Winnipeg strikers, it will be remembered, were sent to prison with one-year sentences under various charges derived from their participation in the General Strike of May-June, 1919. These prisoners have just recently finished their terms and are free.

At the same time, strangely enough, five Communists are serving five to ten year sentences in Sing Sing prison because of Left Wing and Communist literature which made reference to the Winnipeg strike. The main part of the trials of Gittlow, Larkin, Winitzky, Ruthenberg and Ferguson was the hearing of a circumstantial account of conditions in Winnipeg during the strike. It was contended that an approving reference to this effort of the workers of Winnipeg to meet their problems, meant that the same discomfited should forthwith be heaped upon the good citizens of New York.

Naturally, such testimony — mainly that of a clever spy who had managed to get into the General Strike Committee — could only give a distorted notion of conditions in Winnipeg, nor was there anything in the Left Wing or Communist literature in the nature of a concrete proposal as to any strike to be conducted in New York, or anywhere else on the Winnipeg model. The strike was referred to as exhibiting a new tendency on the part of the workers, that of taking over maintenance of the essential social functions at a time when the strike itself crippled the regular organs of service.

The Appellate Courts have yet to answer as to whether evidence of the Winnipeg Strike was admissible in these New York sedition trials, but the present situation is that these five men are denied bail pending their appeal, and that they were really tried for the Winnipeg Strike. While the Winnipeg

men have gone from jail into the Manitoba Legislature! All donations for the appeals of these five representatives of the militant workers, and for their relief, should be sent to Edgar Owens, Secretary-Treasurer, National Defense Committee, Room 303, 166 West Washington St., Chicago, Ill. Funds collected in the East should be sent to the Treasurer of the Eastern Division 339 Sone Avenue, — Dr. Dunaiff, — Brooklyn, N. Y.

THE WACHT DOG

Chicago. — How a Chicago employer is spending hundreds of dollars to keep his night watchman informed on the progress of labor in all parts of the world is revealed in the current issue of the New Majority. This is how he does it. He subscribes to all the "employers' confidential information" services — costly bulletins purporting to reveal what organized labor is thinking and doing. After reading them the employer tosses them in his waste basket where the watchman finds them and whistles away the long hours of his vigil.

According to the New Majority, the watchman thinks his chief is paying dearly for his information and the editor suggests that it would be more economical for the employer to subscribe to several labor papers, whence most of the "confidential data" is gleaned.

Among the bureaus supplying "inside" labor news are: The Washington Service Bulletin, Williams Unit System Labor Bulletin, Eastern Industrial News Service, National Founders' Association Weekly Letter, Illinois Manufacturers' Association Trade Bulletin, Associated Employers of Illinois Bulletin, The Corporations Auxiliary Company Review of Labor Conditions.

BUGHOUSE WOMEN OPPOSE STATE MATERNITY AID

By LAURENCE TODD.

Washington. — Opposition to the Sheppard-Towner Maternity Bill — the measure demanded by all of the great organizations of women and of social progressives in the country, and endorsed by President Harding in his recent message — was heard by the Senate Committee on Education and Labor.

This opposition, led by Mrs. Mary Kilbreath, president of the National Association Opposed to Woman Suffrage, based its argu-

ments upon two main points. In the first place, it held that Federal-State co-operation in saving the lives of mothers and infants at childbirth through expert advice and education would be "socialistic and bolshevistic." In the second place, Federal-State co-operation in this field was hostile to the principles of states' rights.

"We have seen these people coercing governors and even coercing states into supporting woman suffrage," said Mrs. Rufus M.

Gibbs of Maryland, "and if they can do that, perhaps under this bill they can coerce the government and force sovietism, bolshevism, socialism or something else upon us. This measure is a hydra-headed monster."

"Moreover, it is supported by a magazine owned by W. R. Hearst, who has sown discord among our allies who won the war."

"Mrs. Catt has refused to permit the organized women to debate it; she has insisted on railroading through an endorsement of it."

The same witness testified that low wages and poverty had nothing to do with the under-nourishment of children, in nine out of ten cases of undernourishment. As for information to mother, the less they learned of "these morbid conditions," beyond a very narrow limit, the better off they would be.

Edward W. Burnstead, speaking for a Massachusetts organization of a confessedly few hundreds of members, whose identity he declined to reveal, but calling itself the Civic Alliance, testified that 777 doctors in his state had protested against a state maternity aid bill. He admitted that there are 6000 registered doctors in the state. He said that infant mortality in Massachusetts was only 80 per 1000, and that no more legislation was needed.

Mrs. A. F. Leatherbee, representing "40,000 members of the Massachusetts Anti-Suffrage Association," announced that her organization was devoting its efforts to opposing "everything of a socialistic and radical character," and that "this bill is the entering wedge in governmental interference with the home."

Chairman Kenyon, annoyed at the repeated use of these terms in connection with a bill to which he and the administration are bound, asked Mrs. Leatherbee "how you would eliminate the socialism and bolshevism from this bill."

She replied that that would be very difficult.

"Don't you know," asked Kenyon, "that the President of the United States has asked us to pass this measure? Do you argue that he is trying to destroy the home?" "Not at all," replied witness. "But good people may support vicious measures. Innocent people sometimes get a bug in the head. The woman suffrage idea was one."

Education Promoted By Stuying Questions

News is a little scarce now, as Mayor Baker gives us no more publicity, so I will make a few suggestions. Do we understand the movement from A to Z? In Portland we are starting a school to study the Preamble and to learn how to line up a new man. We must be prepared when the system falls to take it over, so we will not be lashed into serfdom. Now is the time for propaganda and we should be prepared to answer such questions as these:

1. Where was the I. W. W. organized?
2. What year.
3. What for?
4. Say the Preamble.
5. Where was the first I. W. W. strike?
6. The result?
7. Why was Joe Hill given death and Mooney not?
8. During a strike who are the men arrested and charged with murder?
9. Why did not the A. F. of L. organize the woods?
10. Tell what you know about the I. W. W. trials during the war?
11. The Bisbee deportations;
12. Everett Massacre;
13. Bloody Butte;
14. Centralia Conspiracy.
15. Why are the masters letting up on the persecution now?
16. Is this a good time to organize?
17. How many I. W. W. are in jail now?
18. How can we get them out?
19. What effect has the I. W. W. propaganda on other organizations?
20. Will Gompers let his A. F. of L. recognize Soviet Russia?
21. What is the difference between the Butte Bulletin and Seattle Union Record?
22. Is it fear or education that holds us back?
23. How can we gain our end the best?

—(Columbia River Rebel.)

UNION TREASURIES GRABBED BY BOSSES

By PAUL HANNA

WASHINGTON. — Damage suits to seize the treasuries of the biggest labor unions in the United States are being planned by powerful enemies of the working-class, in anticipation of an early decision by the Supreme Court making labor unions financially liable for "damages" inflicted upon employers or the "public."

The League for Industrial Rights is credited with a leading part in the plan to institute scores of damage suits against trade unions in many parts of the country within a few hours after the epochal decision it expects is announced. This organization, whose headquarters are at 135 Broadway, New York City, was formerly known as the American Anti-Boycott League. For many years its backers have labored to drive a legal jimmy into the trade union treasuries believing that organized labor would collapse if its funds could be attached.

The court decision upon which this ruthless campaign hinges is the one which the Coronado Coal Company expects to win against the United Mine Workers. The history and importance of this case was set forth in this correspondence several weeks ago. At that time it was explained that the absolute destruction of the American Federation of Labor as at present organized was foreshadowed by the expected verdict.

Should this verdict be as anticipated the United Mine Workers will be fined a total of more than \$500,000 because of its activities in support of a strike which began in Arkansas some eight years ago. As argued before the highest court in the land, this case makes any effort to organize nonunion workers or to support them in spontaneous strikes a conspiracy by the guilty union against the employer, and all the funds of such a guilty union are held available for damages to the injured party.

Within the past fortnight one large anti-labor organization has tried to obtain advance notice of the date when the Supreme Court

would return a verdict, and its representative has confessed in writing that the information was desired to facilitate the prosecution of a large number of simultaneous suits against labor unions.

The most experienced lawyers confess that it will be futile for the unions to combat these suits in the face of a verdict by the Supreme Court, which promises to hold, among other things, that one employer has an "inalienable right" to procure labor as cheaply as any of his competitors, and that it is a conspiracy punishable by seizure of funds for any labor union to interfere with that "inalienable right."

By the same decision the court must make it a crime for one set of workers to strive through strikes to obtain for their labor as high compensation as any other group is obtaining. Such a verdict by the highest tribunal will be a remarkable endorsement of the judicial conception voiced by Justice Van Sicken of Brooklyn, who declared from the bench on March 30:

"The courts must stand at all times as the representatives of capital, of captains of industry, devoted to the principle of individual initiative and strongly opposed to all schemes for the nationalization of industry."

A strange feature of the threatening situation is the stunned inactivity with which informed labor chieftains face the impending disaster. One of the very highest officers of the United Mine Workers has said within a few days past that the United Mine Workers will cease to exist as a national organization if the Coronado Company wins its verdict in the Supreme Court. Yet no steps have been taken to prepare for the blow.

Lawyers compare this helpless inactivity by organized labor with the resourcefulness displayed by great corporations when confronted by a similar probability. It is confessed, however, that the best second line of legal trenches that labor might construct in this emergency would be battered down by the crushing enemy within another three years or so.

ITALY'S WHITE GUARD LIKE AMERICA'S LEGION

Famous Frame Up Against Workers To Be Watched By Ambassador.

ROME, April. — The Fascist, the White Guard of Italy, still continues its organized campaign of robbery, murder and pillage against the organized workers. The latest outrage was the burning of the Chamber of Labor at Milan on April 27th. This was a three-story building, one of the most valuable possessions of the Italian Labor Movement. Prior to the burning of the building a band of armed thugs held up the cashier and compelled him to stand over all the funds in the office, amounting to more than \$10,000.00. The workers have retaliated with a general strike which has tied up the railway traffic and compelled the daily newspapers to discontinue publication.

Several deaths resulted from a clash between Communists and Fascist on April 26th at Turin. The Fascist have damaged the

Chamber of Labor at Massafra and Tolsano. They set fire to the Chamber of Labor in Lavagna, on the Gulf of Genoa. Several Socialist Co-operative stores in Bari Province were sprinkled with gasoline and set a fire.

IT SHOULD NOT BE.

I perceived beautiful youth becoming bowed and bent, I saw lovely girlhood wasting away into thin and hopeless age. Some of the women I had known had withered into querulous and complaining spinsterhood, and I heard ambitious youth cursing the bondage of the farm.... Certainly to be forever weary and worried, to be endlessly soiled with thankless labor, and to grow old before one's time, soured and disappointed, is not the whole destiny of man! — Hamlin Garland.

THE OPEN SHOP MASS MEETING

THE MODERN RETURN TO SLAVERY!

WILL BE ADDRESSED BY
ROBERT MINOR

Celebrated Cartoonist, Writer, and World Traveler

An "OPEN SHOP DRIVE" is now going on in the United States for the purpose of destroying Labor Unions and reducing workers and their families to poverty and helplessness. The amazing system of strike-breakers, spies and provocateurs maintained by employers in factories and in unions will be exposed by the speaker.

Unemployment, labor-baiting, union-breaking and wage-cutting as a result of the World War! Why the great bankers of New York blocked trade with Russia, threw the country into unemployment and started the Open Shop Drive to break Labor Unions!

DO YOU WANT TO KNOW? — COME!

AT WORKERS HALL,
Saturday, May 7th, 1921, at 8 P. M.

CRUCIFIED FOR COMMUNISM

Whether Jesus the "christian man-god" was a Catholic, Baptist, Mormon, Spiritualist or any of the hundreds of delusions that confuse the people is of no concern to the free thinker.

According to the story of the life of Jesus as recorded in the Bible books of Matthew, Mark, Luke and John he DID NOT BELIEVE OR ADVOCATE a god and heaven up in the skies or the soul salvation and resurrection of the dead doctrines as believed and taught by the so called christians of the churches today.

In Matthew 22nd chapter it tells of the resurrectionist asking him for a statement, in which he says: "as touching the resurrection of the dead, have you not read ... God is not the God of the dead but of the living."

Any one who is not a bonehead can understand that Jesus and many of his first followers were not put to death on crosses for believing and advocating what the so called christians of the churches of today believe and advocate.

What the first christians did believe and advocate was that they could overturn or destroy the Feudalist regime under which they lived, so they organized into social units called churches and HELD ALL THINGS IN COMMON with distribution to each member according to their needs Acts 4: 32,35.

Because of the communism of these first christians the Feudal land lords and Military Chiefs became their bitter enemies and put hundreds of them to death by hanging them on crosses.

In this first Communist coming of Christ the people only organized their consuming needs on the basis of distribution from the sale of their productive properties.

Now in the second Communist coming they will organize both production and distribution thru the common ownership of those means, thereby building a foundation for human needs and social order that cannot be destroyed.

The Kings, Queens, Dukes Princes, Barons, Presidents, Popes, Legislators, Lawyers, Capitalists, Merchants, Thieves, Beggars and the whole putrit mess of the World Beast are dazed and terror stricken at the coming revolution of the Working People.

We are not surprised as these puny hell scared riff raff clutch their money bags and cry out in helpless despair.

For a long time they have been teaching the People of a judgment day, so now let them give up their property-god and money love and be saved from death.

If they are any among them who are wise they will not resist the demands of the Great Peoples Revolution. They will see the Red Star of the east and behold the second coming of Christ and rejoice.

T. T. Woods.

GRAND JURY REFUSES TO INDICT HIRED SPY

Washington. — Who is back of Lee Dodd?

Why did the sheriff refuse to arrest him when he had urged strikers on a railroad in Georgia to burn and dynamite bridges?

Why did the grand jury free him after he was taken into custody at the strikers' demand?

These questions will be asked by the Brotherhood of Locomotive Firemen and Enginemen, when Senator Cummins' committee begins its investigation of the railroad-labor and railroad finance tangle about May 16. The unions want to know whether they are being incited to acts of violence by men employed for that purpose and deliberately shielded by public officials.

A written report by the Locomotive Firemen's lodge officers in Fitzgerald, Ga., on this Dodd affair has reached President Carter of the Brotherhood. Fitzgerald is a point on the Atlanta, Birmingham & Atlantic Railroad, which has been tied up tight by a strike of its employees in all crafts since the receiver violated the order of the United States Labor Board forbidding him to reduce wages.

It appears from this report that Dodd came into town in the cab of a locomotive, stayed a few days at the company's refuge for scabs, and then went over to the strikers with the statement that he wanted to help win the strike. Presently he announced himself a member of a lodge on the Missouri & North Arkansas Railroad, the only other road in the country which is tied up for the same reasons as the A. B. & A. He displayed a pass on which he had left Arkansas.

Next, in a strikers' meeting, Dodd is alleged to have declared that he had been one of a party that had dynamited and burned bridges on the Arkansas railroad in aid of the strike there. He urged the strikers in Georgia to go out and burn and blow up railroad property as the best way of winning their own strike.

This advice was met by sharp reproof, followed by investigation which showed that a Lee Dodd had belonged to a lodge on the Missouri & North Arkansas road. His knowledge of the secret ritual of the order was found to be slight, however. The strike committee asked the sheriff to arrest him as a dangerous character. They offered to bring evidence of his illegal activities.

The sheriff refused to arrest the man. Repeated efforts by the strikers to make the sheriff perform his duty were blocked. Finally, however, upon warrants sworn out by them the man was put in jail.

While in jail he asked permission to communicate with the receiver of the A. B. & A. Railroad, but did not succeed. After some delay, an agent of the receiver asked the local judge to reduce Dodd's bail, which was \$1,000. The court refused.

Two witnesses went before the

grand jury and repeated the man's language in the strikers' meeting. The prosecutor assured them that an indictment was certain. Yet the jury adjourned without having found an indictment against him. Dodd was released from jail and has disappeared.

This case, involving a mysterious possible connection between the two railroads—both small and far apart, but—like under penalty for violation of the orders of the government board—will be put up to the Senate committee along with the case of the formation of an armed mob by the receiver of the Arkansas railroad, and the use of this mob to drive union officials from the State.

Open Shop Fight a Conflict of Classes

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the other. Those to whom the New York unions would turn for aid are beneficiaries of the present system of labor exploitation. Their interests lie with that system and, as a general rule, people do not allow their sympathies to interfere seriously with their interests. They live in the camp of the enemy. Their natural welfare is bound up with those who aim to destroy the unions.

No, the labor unions can get no help in their struggle outside the working class. More than that, they need no other support. The working class has the power not only to defeat the effort to destroy the unions, but to end the system of exploitation altogether. The principal thing lacking for the quick development of this power is the mistaken point of view illustrated by the program of the New York Central Body.

Let the labor unions put aside their illusions; let them face the issue squarely and fight it out on the basis of the class struggle instead of seeking peace when there is no peace, and "understanding" with those who do not want to understand, let them declare war on the whole capitalist regime. That is the way to save the unions and to make them grow in the face of adversity and become powerful war engines for the destruction of capitalism and the reorganizations of society on the foundation of working class control in industry and government.

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boten" literature in her bookcase
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letter instructions as to the observ-
ance of Armistice Day, Miss
Frances Lloyd, teacher at the La
Salle school here, has been suspend-
ed by the Chicago Board of Educa-
tion. The board charged her with
possessing I. W. W. literature and
with failing to command her pupils
to stand and turn their faces to
the East last November 11. Four
children and the principal of the
school were summoned to testify
against Miss Lloyd. She had no
witnesses to speak for her.

Miss Lloyd testified that, as in-
structed, she suspended work for
one minute on Armistice Day; that
that was all that was wanted in
the order sent out by the super-
intendent. Children declared that
when they started to stand and
face the East they were told to
sit down and get on with their
lessons. They also said Miss Lloyd

told them the American history
read in the Chicago schools was a
pack of lies.

As to the radical literature which
the principal said she discovered
in Miss Lloyd's bookcase, the latter
explained that, as a teacher,
she felt it her duty to keep in
touch with all kinds of movements.

After stating that the only
"patriotic" song ever sung in Miss
Lloyd's classroom was "The Star
Spangled Banner," George Joslyn,
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THE NEW TAX

One way to kill people is to tax them to death. After calling upon them ni times of excitement to buy thrift stamps and liberty bonds and donate to Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. and War Chest and Salvation Army and a thousand other schemes the people are confronted with some of the smoothest devices that ever picked the pockets of unsuspecting victims.

To help pay in part for the murder fest of the plutes there was at one time what was called an excess profit tax. The idea with this tax was to fool the people during the war. It was known that the beastly plunderbund had gone into profiteering orgy that baffled description. Some o. the bell boys of the robbers that it might be a good thing to screen the most flagrant of the antics and pretended to fix a tax on big profits. But the same crew was wise enuf to make a loophole so that the hoggish profiteers could invest their profits in enterprises that were exempt from taxation.

So the profits rolled in and the profiteers invested them in the non-taxable enterprises and the government stood there as if surprised that the scheme had not brot forth money to pay the fiddler in the war dance.

In the first place it was a big mistake to expect the profiteers to contribute to the killing game. But the people were willing to be fooled and the plutes were happy to fool them.

But now since there is need of a few billions each month to keep up the merriment of the profiteers there must be a method to collect that will disappoint nobody.

That method is the Sales Tax.

Now what is a Sales Tax? That's a new animal. Almost new. We have had in the luxury shop and at the soda fountain and at the movie window. It meant that you had to pay a few extra pennies whenever you bought a nut sundie or a Charlie Chaplin ticket. Now this tax which has carried the ugly name of war tax will have a prettier name and it will be called "Sales Tax." And its presence must be extended. You are too lonesome for it when you cannot see it except at the movies and at the soda fountains. But help is near. Now you will have the delightful pleasure to see it every time you buy cookies and bread and meat and sugar and coffee and all kinds of groceries and all kinds of clothing and all kinds of toys for the children and all kinds of necessities for the family.

The sales tax will be ever present to grea and cheer you at every turn from the cradle to the coffin.

It's beautiful scheme and fully r leaves the plutes from the bothersome burden of being taxed on excess profits.

One way to kill people is to tax them to death.

SUPREME COURT HITS TOWNLEY.

Townley must go to jail for ninety days. The farce trial in Martin County has been upheld by the state supreme court.

It is bad enuf to see a fool judge prance around like a clown and lift the skirts of the big biz royalty in a little country court where ignorance and prejudice and moss covered brains grow into decaying cabbage heads, but when the supreme court of a state upholds such petty doings and such idiotic antics there is time for the people to sit up and be wide awake.

Townley doesn't care for ninety days in jail. He worries less than any other citizen in this country about the sentence imposed on him.

It's the other people that are hit. It would not hurt a farmer a great deal if a grouchy neighbor came along and took one of his cows and kept it for a month or two and then brot it back—just to show that the grouch had the power to do as he pleased. The farmer could stand it. But could the rest of the farmers stand a condition which put them at the mercy of a grouch who might at any time he pleased get huffy at any of the farmers and treat them in the same way or worse and not be held responsible?

That is the big thing about this situation. Our heart does not ache particularly for any one individual who is hit. We hate to see any man wronged, of course. But our concern is the general condition that makes it possible for a crabby bunch of profiteers and senile editors to use the power of the state to wreak vengeance upon a man who dares to stick up for the rights of his fellow men. If ever there was a case of infamy practiced in this world it was when the profiteering class stirred the nation into hysterics and drafted the boys to die in the trenches and the people to die under the crushing burden of taxation. To cap the climax of this infamy the same criminal profiteers clamp a man into jail for opposing this high sea brigandage.

Townley did not oppose the war openly. All he did was to suggest that the burden be divided between the boys and the profiteers. This is the way he suggested that the division be made:

Let the boys give their lives.

Let the profiteers give their profits.

That was very simple. He did not ask that the profiteers give their life. Nor that they give all their profits. Just enuf of the profits to cover the cost of killing the boys in the big butcher game.

He touched the profits of the profiteers. That was the big crime. It was his only crime.

They touched the hearts and lives of the people of this whole country. They touched the homes of every family of the working class. They took the lives. They took our homes and our loved ones. They hurled us into the open jaw of pestilence and death. They gave us death.

A protest against this infamy lands a man in jail and the press says that we now get more respect for the courts and for law and order.

And at the same time the papers howl about radical leaflets that are being distributed. It is the courts and the press that cause these leaflets to be distributed — if they are distributed by radicals. It is the rottenness of the system that arouses the people. It is the rottenness of conditions that arouse the people. You can expect almost anything when there is unrestricted piracy wrecking the nation.

It is impossible for a man to endure this without protest. No decent citizen will hold his peace. Only fatlings among the profiteers can afford to be in favor of such a gangrene affection in the body social. Raw editorial prostitutes and senile heavenly deacons and bold cornfed officials can be excused for not vomiting at the smell of the carcass of the old system that lies rotting and pouring forth the most nauseating stench of the ages.

But we suppose that we must respect the courts and have respect for law and order.

It is our patriotic and idiotic duty

A GOOD MAY DAY

We had a good May Day this year. The plutes behaved nicely and didn't make any disturbance to speak of. They had the hunch that if they started anything this year they'd be sorry for it. So they kept still and let the workers have nice parades and big demonstrations.

They tried to get the workers riled up in Minneapolis, but the fellows that it would not pay to bother the cops. It happened this way:

Before the parade the workers had assembled in the street and a bunch had crowded into the wob headquarters on 1st St. The room was jammed and the Fellow Workers were talking and getting ready to join the parade. When all at once a couple of cops came and ordered all inside to prepare to be searched. One cop stood at each door and the Fellow Workers one by one were searched to make sure that there were no guns in the crowd. It was one of those nasty affairs that stirs a man's soul to its very depths.

After all had been searched we asked if any gun had been found and the cops replied, "not a damr one."

The cops and the plutes will learn that there are no guns where they search for them. These smart Alecs have not brains enuf to know that the workers are not gun toters. They need no guns. They have ideas to shoot with. That beats guns all hollow. The capitalists are not worried about guns — they are worried about ideas. It was not guns but ideas that put Russia into the hands of the workers. It is not guns but ideas that will take the factories and the whole world away from the incompetent plutes and place them in the power of the workers.

Ideas! That's it.

May Day inspired the workers with ideas. They got the idea that it is not necessary to starve when there is a lot of food going to waste all over the country. They got the idea that it is not necessary to go without jobs when we need to produce goods to make us comfortable. They got the idea that it is foolish to let a bunglers run the country and put it to the bad when the workers might just as well run it in the interest of all the people in a scientific way that would make all the people help in the production and not let a few idle bosses have charge and make the slaves work without getting what they produce.

The people got a lot of fine ideas on May Day. That is the reason the plutes are against May Day.

EDUCATION IN SOVIET UKRAINE.

An official report of the Ukrainian People's Commissar for Education indicates the rapid spread of universal education. In a single year 21,000 schools have been opened, attended by 2,500,000 children. In addition there are 760 day nurseries, and 700 kindergartens. There are four engineering schools, in which more than 700 students are being trained to be skilful workers. Several hundred technical schools of lower grade have been established by the trade unions and are supported by the People's Commissariat for Instruction; 20 of these are training 4,000 proletarians to be engineers. There are 25 agricultural schools, three administrative institutions, 4 medical courses and numerous pedagogical classes.

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That adds a power to the zeal

Of those who build the human weal,

Within the shop, and mill, and field,

Behold the bloom's self-budding bliss,

When winter flights before the spring;

When all the chimes of summer ring;

There is no note of cowardice.

Nor yet, while winter seems to flight,

With biting frosts and chilly morns,

To fill spring's pathway full of thorns;

Spring trods erect, unsull'd of fright.

So, Labor will, undaunted, rise

To open greed's dark dungeon hells,

Which kill our own, whose valor wells

The mist of pathos to its eyes.

D. S. Dietz.

POLYGAMY ABOLISHED BY THE MOHAMMEDANS IN SOVIET RUSSIA.

The Kirghis Soviet Republic is one of the federated states of the Russian Socialist Federated Soviet Republic. The population of that state consists almost exclusively of Mohammedan Kirghises, and their government is, as a matter of course, composed of representatives of the Kirghis people.

Under the laws of the Russian emprise the practice of polygamy was permitted among the Mohammedans with the exception of the Mohammedan residents of the old Grand Duchy of Lithuania, where, under the old Lithuanian law antedating the partition of Poland, the Mohammedans had been granted certain special privileges as compensation for the waiver of the practice of polygamy.

The government of the Kirghis Soviet State has now abolished the practice of polygamy within its state.

THE SUPREMEST SUPREME COURT.

Two cases have recently come before the United States Supreme Court that deserve a bit of attention.

First the case of the I.W.W. This high court did not seem inclined even to look at the case. It involved a hundred workers and their families. It meant death to many of the convicted victims. The conviction had been secured during a time of hysteria and all decent people knew that there was no such a thing as a fair trial. It would be unfair to charge the supreme court itself with ignorance so thick that it did not know the inside of this affair. To have handled the case and reversed it would have meant to get in bad with the plutes and the slimy hirelings in press and pulpit. To have sustained the district court would have been to court the damnation of all history.

So the supreme court handed back the whole business and said it was not interested enuf in it to look it over. Let the I. W. W. rot in prison and let their families starve. What matters? A hundred workers! Let their conviction stand.

But now comes another case. It is the case of United States Senator Truman Handy Newberry of Michigan. This sleek fellow and sixteen others were convicted of violation of the Federal corrupt practices act. They had swindled the government at election according to the decision of the lower court. They had committed treason by defaming and soiling the ballot.

The evidence was not flimsy or made up. The actual figures were produced and conviction was based on undisputed fact. Only quibbling and dishonest people would deny their guilt.

Of course the case went to the Supreme Court of the United States. This time this court did not sit back and waft it away with a refined hand and tell the nation that it could not afford such stink to come near its nostrils. It took the case right into the chamber of the holy of holies and looked at it and slept with it and kept it warm and comfortable and gave it cake and candy and told it to go out and play and that it would not be kept after school any longer, that the teacher was wrong in detaining it at all and that now it was entitled to a sweet farewell kiss and the joyous word "dismissed."

This beautiful case!

Now Newberry is clad in garment of glory and sits on the throne of innocence. He is one of the jewels in the galaxy of the United States Senate and shines like one of the angels in glory.

Wonderful thing this supreme court! It has power and it has gall. It has about every thing that the rest of frail humanity lacks. It's the finest little protector that the capitalist shysters ever invented. The press is now busy singing its praises and next Sunday all the god-men of the country will hallow their pulpit by sprinkling it with halelujahs to the supreme court.

While good men and women are in prison and their families on the outside starving, Once more we must throw out our chest and muster up great respect for our courts.

It's our patriotic and idiotic duty.

Repealing the War Laws

By ALBERT DE SILVER

It will be recalled that among the high resolves made by the perspiring but embattled Republican delegates in the Coliseum at Chicago last June was one to end the "autocratic war-time powers" of the Wilson Administration and restore the country to "the form of government provided for by the Constitution." This being interpreted in non-political language, was intended for a pledge to repeal the war laws.

When the short session of Congress convened last December the House of Representatives set about redeeming the pledge thus given, and on the seventh day of the session passed a resolution to suspend the operation of most of the legislation in question. The method adopted was to declare the war terminated for the purposes of any statute the operation of which was contingent upon the existence of a state of war. The resolution then went over to the Senate, where it lay dormant for some months, and was only brought out, amended, and passed five days before the end of the session. The House, because of the shortness of the time remaining, promptly concurred in the Senate amendments, and on the first of March repassed the resolution.

Now, the legislation passed by Congress to put the country on a war basis, besides mobilizing the military and industrial resources of the country, imposed certain limitations upon freedom to speak, to print, to communicate, and to travel. Let us take stock of Congressional action and see which of these restrictions have now been made inoperative which have been removed permanently from the statute books, and which merely remain dormant, again to come into operation in the event of a future war.

The principal restrictions upon civil liberty brought by the war were contained in the Espionage Act as amended by the Act of May 16, 118. Section 3 of Title 1 of that act as originally passed made it unlawful "when the United States is at war" to make false reports with intent to interfere with the operation of the military or naval forces, or wilfully to cause insubordination or mutiny in them, or wilfully to obstruct the recruiting or enlistment service. In addition to these provisions, Title 12 declared non-mailable any matter which violated the act, and empowered the Postmaster General to exclude it from the mails. By the subsequent amendments a number of further offenses were added, including obstruction of the sale of liberty bonds and the dissemination of "disloyal, profane, scurrilous, or abusive language" about the Government, the Constitution, the army or navy, the uniform, or the flag; or of language intended to bring any of them "into contempt, scorn, contumely, or disrepute." Moreover, by the amendments, the Postmaster General was given the further drastic power to refuse without notice to deliver any mail whatever to a person who had attempted to mail matter held to be non-mailable under the act, and to return it to the sender stamped "Mail to this address undeliverable under the Espionage Act."

The Espionage Act prosecutions and the Postmaster General's "whimsical censorship" over the mails have become familiar history. They teach such a lesson of the virtual certainty of a high percentage of injustice from such legislation that the need of taking it from the statute books once and for all should have been clear even on Capitol Hill. And to a certain extent it was, for the amendments of 1918 were repealed outright by the resolution in question. The original section, however, under which the greater part of the prosecutions were brought, together with the section authorizing the postal censorship, remains on the books. Under the terms of the resolution their operation is suspended and they lie dormant to be revived automatically and with-

A GENEROUS OFFER

The other day we visited with one of our most active comrades and naturally drifted into a conversation about TRUTH. This comrade is a TRUTH fan and has always pushed it along in every way. Now he makes this offer:

To the one who gets the largest number of new subscriptions for TRUTH between now and July 1st he will give one of his oil paintings.

The Comrade is Carl J. Nordmark. He is very modest about his paintings, as all artists are. If this particular oil painting that you may win were put on the market it might sell for several hundred dollars. We have seen paintings less than half as fine bring \$500. Nordmark says we must not call his worth more than \$50. Well, let it go at that. It is pure modesty that cuts out the other zero.

Now the task before us is to make this prize put us to work. The one who gets the largest number of new subs for TRUTH gets this great Oil Painting. It does not matter whether you live in Duluth or in Texas or Arizona or Iowa. Go to work now. If you get the largest number of new subs between now and July 1st you get this wonderful picture.

You may take either yearly or half yearly subs. Two six months subs will count for one yearly. Eight ten weeks at 25 cents each will count for one year. One year \$2; six months \$1; ten weeks 25 cents.

Lets go to it and see who wins the oil painting. Be sure to state if you want to enter the contest. Then we enter you, otherwise we consider that you are just busy without figuring on the prize. But you should all work for that oil painting. Someone is going to get it on July 1st

Use this blank for the contest:

TRUTH, Duluth, Minn.

I want to earn the beautiful Oil Painting offered by Carl J. Nordmark to the one who gets the most new subscribers to TRUTH between now and July 1st.

Herewith find enclosed \$..... to pay for the following:

Name Year

Address

Name Year

Address

(Indicate if one year or half year. Use additional sheets if necessary. Send in subs as soon as you get them.)

My name is

Address

If cost of living has gone down why does the Street Car Company ask for higher fares?

When the people of Duluth refused to grant increase in fares the company went to the legislature and got what it wanted. And still some fools think the legislature serves the people.