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WILLIAM Z. FOSTER WRITES FROM RUSSIA

Leader of Steel Strike Studying Conditions in
Workers Soviet Republic.

(Editor's Note: With this article we begin a series which promises to be one of the most enlightening ever written on Russia. William Z. Foster is now making special investigations of the conditions in Russia and his presentation of them will give us authentic information from one of America's best equipped workers.)

By WILLIAM Z. FOSTER.
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Moscow. — What has happened in Russia amounts in substance to this: The organized workers and peasants have overthrown the exploiting capitalists and landlords and have seized their industries and land. They are now operating them for their own benefit, paying no interest, rent or profit to anybody. They are keeping all the fruits of their labor, and to defend this communistic system of production and distribution they have set up a workers' state, backed by a workers' army. Both these they control to the last detail.

Flowing from these basic political and economic changes come a whole series of abolition, modifications and re-creations, touching every institution in Russia, and amounting in all to a profound social revolution. Many American trade unionists, bred and nurtured in capitalistic conservatism, are repelled by the thought of driving off the capital-

ists and landlords and taking over their property as the Russian workers have done. They can see no similarity between such a procedure and the everyday struggle of their own union organizations. Yet at heart the two processes are essentially the same. Our trade unions pit their organized intelligence and power against the employers and wrest from them every concession they are able to take, regardless of how extensive or profound they may be. The Russian labor organizations, working upon identical principles, but with incomparably better understanding, determination, discipline and power than our unions have so far been able to develop, have finally and completely defeated their erstwhile masters. But instead of contenting themselves by taking petty concessions, as we do, they have gone the whole way and made the exploiters yield all their privileges at one blow. That is the situation in a nutshell. Between the Russian and American labor movements it is only a question of the degree of development. In essence both are alike, and he is a shallow trade unionist indeed who disavows kinship with his more advanced Russian brothers.

It is not my intention to make labored, detailed statistical reports upon the state of things here; rather my purpose is to deal with

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IN THE GRIP OF UNEMPLOYMENT

The most critical period ever encountered by the Northern part of this state is now at hand. In Virginia, Hibbing, Eveleth and all the Range towns thousands of miners have been laid off and the mines shut up tight. Great distress is already felt among the workers, with no opening in sight. Officials say that there is a possibility that the mines may open next winter some time between January and April. The workers are without means till that time and have no way of making a living. On Wednesday the steel mills in this city shut down throwing two thousand out of employment. While the company holds out some hope of giving jobs to a few in fixing up the plant the vast mass of workers are unable to find jobs.

Added to this wholesale layoff of men the cement plant has also closed down throwing its mass of workers into the ranks of the growing throngs of unemployed.

Proctor, a city a short distance from Duluth where large railroad shops have employed hundreds of men, reports a complete shut-down with no hope of opening this summer.

The condition is becoming acute in face of the fact that the cost of living has been so high that the wage earners have not been able to save up for an emergency.

All over the country the condition is the same. The workers can hope for no relief by moving from one part of the country to another. Everywhere the streets are swarming with the jobless.

PASSING THE BUCK IN THE COAL BUCKET

Washington. — Labor will be vitally affected by the views of the new chief justice of the United States Supreme Court in at least one important pending case — the Coronado Coal suit. Whomever President Harding may select to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Chief Justice White, that individual will have it in his hands to establish a precedent by which the treasures of trade unions will or will not be opened in future to labor baiting employers.

The Coronado Coal case, it will be remembered, is one in which the United Mine Workers were assessed damages of more than \$400,000 on charges of destroying Arkansas mines during the strike of 1914.

It is evident that the Supreme Court as at present constituted is evenly divided on the issue. Nine cases, of which the Coronado suit is one of the most important, were ordered re-argued "before a full bench" when the Supreme Court recently adjourned to October 3. That means, in plain language, that the buck is being passed to the new chief justice, who will have to bear the odium or who will probably find final decision is reached be requested by his colleagues to write the opinion personally.

Thus, by the dual circumstance of the death of a chief justice and the system of political buck-passing in vogue in Washington, labor has at least gained a respite from the courts, and may even obtain a favorable decision.

Two other cases of interest to labor figures in the list of nine in which it will be up to the new chief justice to cast the deciding vote. These involve the validity of anti-picketing injunctions at Granite City, Illinois and New Mexico. These cases too, will be re-argued.

ASK TO RETURN

Soviet Russia is gradually becoming a land for which all these who struggle for the freedom of mankind long. The sitting of the All-Russian Central Executive yesterday occupied itself with the request of the Doukhobours who had been transported to the Trans-Caucasians or who had escaped to Canada and who wish to return to Russia. They requested the Soviet government to grant them the necessary building materials for the erection of their communities. The Central Executive decided to fulfill their request and to issue the necessary orders to the Commissariats concerned to do all possible to assist the return of the Doukhobours to their homeland.

The Doukhobours And The Soviet Government

The Caucasian colony of the Doukhobours has sent the following letter to the Council of Commissaries:

"Whereas you serve the same holy cause — Communism — for which we have struggled for more than 200 years we salute you straightforwardly as dear comrades and thank you for your co-operation for the common sacred cause. As we see with what difficulties you have to struggle we feel it to be our duty to hasten to your help with our century-old experience. We assume that the difference between the directions which we have each adopted in order to arrive at the final goal will be no hindrance for our common efforts to achieve the ultimate result."

(The Doukhobours are an extremely religious sect who hold firmly to the words of the bible and as a consequence had to suffer frightful persecutions from the government of the Czar. Their religious views conform in general with those of Tolstoi. To Anglo-Saxon their views and practices were very peculiar and even caused trouble to the North West Mounted Police of Canada by their efforts to go on long pilgrimages in the middle of winter. They are a very honest, industrious folk.)

On May 2nd the unveiling of the memorial for the Communists who fell at Kronstadt took place in the Military School.

Union Card Pays Street Car Fare

When you ride on street cars in Russia you do not pay any street car fare if you happen to be a worker. All you do is show your union card. If you wish to mail a letter you just drop it in the postoffice box, no stamp being required. Of course, those who do not work cannot ride free on the cars or trains.

This is what William Z. Foster reports in a new series of articles written for The Federated Press, which commissioned him to go to Russia to investigate conditions. Mr. Foster is best known to the trade union movement as the man who conducted the steel strike several years ago. This series of articles will be published in Truth.

Watch for it!

LENIN ON THE CO-OPERATIVES

Lenin writes an article in the "Glas Politprosvet" (the organ of the Central Commission for Political Education) on the question of the Co-operatives.

The decrees over the introduction of the Food Tax had as a result an immediate revision of our relations to the Co-operatives and a certain extension of their rights. The Co-operatives of the small producers lead inevitably to small bourgeois capitalist relations and contribute to the development of those relations in which each thinks only of his own advantage. That can not be otherwise where the small peasant is the predominating element. It would be stupid and criminal to shut our eyes to this truth. But unlike private capitalism, the form of capitalism as it is presented in the Co-operatives is of use to the Soviet power for the moment as is state capitalism to a certain extent. The Co-operatives are useful because they lighten the relations between the state and capitalism and enable a better control. The Co-operatives are not useful only on the grounds which have already been given but also because they make the organization of millions of human beings more easy and lead to the organization of the whole population. This circumstance is of great significance from the standpoint of the further transition from state capitalism to Socialism.

THE MOSCOW SOVIET

In the telegram of greeting which was sent by the Petrograd Soviet to the Moscow Soviet was the following: The elections for the Moscow Soviet prove most convincingly that the Independent mass of the workers wish to go with the Soviets and that they hate the traitors. This was also shown in the course of the Petrograd conference of Independent workers and in the results of the conference. The proletariat of both capitals stand firm at their posts and will lead Russia upwards on the road of peaceful reconstruction.

The first conference for the discussion of the extension of the Soviet system in the Soviet Republic of Gorsk took place in Vladikavskas on April 17th. In the resolution it was decided that the Soviet system should correspond to the national peculiarities and customs of the Republic. Measures are to be adopted so that the greatest number possible of the population shall be permitted to participate in the cultural education.

VANDERLIP TAKES FACTS TO AMERICA'S PLATFORM

PACIFIC COAST FINANCIER SAYS HUGHES
IS IGNORANT.

By HARRY GODFREY.
New York. — Washington B. Vanderlip, Pacific Coast financier, back a second time from Russia, where he has had longer and better opportunities for observation than probably any other "conservative" American, is going direct to the people of America, with newspaper and magazine articles and in platform lectures, in an attempt to inform the country of the real conditions in Russia.

The administration at Washington, he said, including Secretary Hughes, are totally ignorant of the truth about Russia.

"They have depended for their information," he said, upon ex-prisoners, counter-revolutionaries, and allied propagandists, and they have been misinformed at almost all points.

"I expect an onslaught from the National Civic Federation, of course and the 'American-Russian Chamber of Commerce' and such organizations, but I shall welcome it. I return with facts they do not possess. I believe the fight for trade relations and recognition of the Russian government will be won this time, and I do not think the fight will be hard.

"My syndicate is not in this primarily for money. My last instructions from the directors in January were: 'Put over the big peace and reconstruction. Concessions are secondary.'"

Vanderlip did, however, he said, obtain more important concessions from the Russian government, including titles in perpetuity to two

important naval bases in the Pacific, one of which he said his syndicate would turn over to the United States government. One is Ovatcha Bay and is said to control the entire North Pacific.

"It can be made as impregnable as Gibraltar," he declared. "The entire United States is surrounded by British naval bases. I have obtained the right from the Russian government to allow the United States these two sites in perpetuity. If the government should arm them in the proper manner they would control the entire Pacific. If we held Ovatcha Bay no Japanese fleet could steam eastward. It is only 24 hours by steamship from Alaska."

Vanderlip declared he also obtained the concession to 10 million acres of spruce timber land just south of the Transcontinental Railroad in Siberia, which, if intelligently used, would solve the paper shortage problem and reduce the price of newsprint 50 to 75 per cent. Pulp made from this timber, he explained, would be brought here in ships which could be sent back with cargoes of farm implements and other American manufactures.

"The 'White Book' recently published in England purporting to 'expose' conditions in Russia," he said, "is filled with distortions, exaggerations and untruths. If the contents of this book were true, then why did England negotiate a trade agreement with Russia and take steps which will lead to recognition of the Russian government?"

EDUCATOR TO OUST RADICALS OF NATION

HARDING APPOINTS SAP HEAD TO GUIDE
PEOPLE TO KNOWLEDGE

By LOUIS P. LOCHNER
Washington. — Who is John James Tigert? Ask a school teacher or a college professor or a university president or any other person well versed in educational affairs, and the chances are that he will answer with a shrug of the shoulder. Ask a politician on Capitol Hill and he will scratch his head and say: "Seems to me he was appointed to something or other the other day. Don't remember the details. Isn't he the fellow who was boosted by Senator Fall?"

Ask a member of the Americanization Committee of the American Legion, and he will probably tell you: "Why, yes. He's the man we endorsed for United States Commissioner of Education. He'll show the radicals where to get off at."

There you have the story of one of the most flagrant cases of appointment to high office for purely political and personal reasons that has yet been perpetrated by the Republican administration. Nationally inconspicuous thus far in educational circles, John James Tigert is now head of the United States Bureau

of Education, because, as he has himself put it, "of my known stand for Americanism," and because he is a protégé of Secretary of the Interior A. B. Fall. Capitol gossip has it even that he is a nephew of Mr. Fall, but when your correspondent made inquiry on this point of the Commissioner's secretary, that functionary replied: "I've never heard that before. Of course, he is very close to the Secretary of the Interior."

Tigert's fame as an educator has thus far been limited largely to Tennessee, from which state he went to England as a Rhodes scholar, and to Kentucky, where up to the time of his appointment he had been serving as professor of psychology at the state university. The absence of any doctor's degree in the list of his scholastic titles has been remedied by Kentucky University's conferring upon him the honorary degree of Doctor of Laws thirteen days after his elevation to the headship of the American educational system.

During the war Mr.—now Dr.—

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DEFECTIVE PAGE

MOBS AND LYNCHINGS FROM DEBT-SLAVERY

A searching attack on the system of debt-slavery in the South today as the cause of lynching and mob violence, has just been published in pamphlet form by the American Civil Liberties Union.

Among the striking statements made by Mr. Pickens the author, are these:

"Lynching and mob violence are only methods of economic repression. Lynching is most prevalent where Negro labor is most exploited; and the spread of mob violence against colored people has followed the spread of this exploitation. It is either due directly to efforts of the exploiting class to repress the negro, or it is the indirect resentment of the laborers of other racial groups against the exploitation of Negro labor to his disadvantage. This is the difference between Georgia and East St. Louis.

Where Lynchings Occur.

"It is instructive to note where most lynchings take place. In thirty years the seven states which led in lynching, are in the order of their evil eminence: Georgia, Mississippi, Texas, Louisiana, Ala-

bama, Arkansas and Tennessee. Along with Alabama, Georgia and Texas, therefore, we have the great southern Mississippi Valley, a region which might be termed 'the American Congo.'

"The quest of this Congo is not for rubber and ivory, but for cotton and sugar. Here labor is forced, and the laborer is a slave. The slavery is a cunningly contrived debt slavery to give the appearance of civilization and the sanction of law. A debt of a few hundred dollars may tie a black man and his family of ten as securely in bondage to a great white planter as if he had purchased their bodies.

"The only way for this debt-slave to get free from such a master is to get some one else to pay this debt; that is, to sell himself to another, with added charges, expenses of moving and bonuses. By this method the enslaver gets his bondmen cheaper than in a regular slave system, for in the debt system he does not have to pay the full market price of a man.

"This is the system that obtains in the great Mississippi Valley, and it has not been modified for thirty years or more. The evil of this system is responsible for all of the massacres of colored people and for nearly all of the horrible lynchings and burnings of individual negroes that have lately taken place in this region.

"If we examine any, even the most complicated, of these 'race' troubles, we will find some economic wrong at the bottom some trouble about wages or work or property. The existence side by side of two races, one powerful and the other weak, simply leads greater opportunity and freer play to human greed and social injustice.

The Ban On Negro Prosperity.

"It is therefore intelligible that when race riots break out, especially in the South, the prosperous and well-to-do colored men who own business and property, the really most worth-while members of their race, are the ones most likely to be forced to leave the community. They may be compelled to abandon all their property post-haste to get away with their lives, and not being allowed to return, they must sell out at a great loss. Sometimes when these colored families are in a position to offer some defiance to the mob, the officers of the law will take a hand, because as 'the law' they can dare more than the mob. A 'committee of prom-

nent citizens,' sometimes including the mayor or the chief of police or the sheriff, will call on the colored man and warn him to leave, either openly espousing the cause of the mob or declaring their inability to restrain the mob.

"When a colored family is thus driven out or exterminated, prominent mention is always made of their 'prosperity' as an indirect emphasis on their general offensiveness.

"One of the most successful illusions in the history of human relations is the opinion that the extraordinary disposition to lynch negroes in the United States is due to some extraordinary tendency of the men of that race to commit rape. We call this illusion successful because it is actually believed by many, if not by most, white people. But facts and evidence point in the opposite direction — that Africans and their descendants are exceptionally uninclined to this particular violence.

"The appeal has been wonderfully successful. It is an old ruse of the oppressor. He must find a motive that will justify him in the moral sentiments of his people.

"But it should be noted that in the United States the most awful slaughter and lynchings of colored persons in the last few years have not been occasioned by any matter of sex; the massacre at East St. Louis (Ill.) in 1917; the multiple

lynchings of Brooks and Lowndes Counties (Ga.) in 1918; the Chicago riots in 1919; the Elaine (Ark.) massacre in 1919; and the burning of Henry Lowry at Nodena (Ark.) in 1921.

Class Rule the Cause.

"Most of the lynching evil is traceable to economic wrong. There is a conviction that the negro as a class is to be kept under in human society; that when a black man works and sweats, it is not primarily for his own good but for the good of the dominant race in America. This is class-feeling. It is the offspring of the slave system. If the negro attempts to rise above this condition, he is sinning against God and must be repressed sternly and religiously. The negro who by thrift and hard work rises above this preconceived status, becomes an offender like one who is seeking to violate the sanctions of a religion.

"There must be a change in this attitude toward colored Americans before we can be free from lynching. Government and law can do much but they cannot do everything as a remedy. The notion that God made the negro for the benefit of anybody else must be wiped out."

LABOR CONTRACTS

Once upon a time, in the old days when the master thought I was safe and sane, we used to have conversations the like of which he hasn't "honored" me with late years. In this instance the subject was labor contracts.

It was the occasion of a general cut in wages. The big masters of the lumber industry had decreed the cut. Because of the position I held at the time, it became my duty to pass the decree along to the foremen whose employees aggregated about one thousand workers. The custom of posting notices had not come into practice at that time.

Evidently, the big boss considered me good masterclass timber, in the sense that I was servile to what appeared big doings of accomplishment. He did not know at that time that I was a student of Bob Ingersoll; or that, though unconsciously to myself, I had laid the basic psychology of a future rebel.

When he notified me that the wages must be cut, I unwittingly, under the circumstances of course, mildly remonstrated thus:

"We have agreed to pay certain wages. To cut them now is breaking our agreement or contract, is it not?"

"To hell with the contract", he exclaimed. Continuing—"You've got to learn more diplomacy. Don't you know there is no such thing as a labor contract. Labor is a commodity the same as anything else. When we buy horses we don't agree to put the harness on them, or take it off at any specified time. We put the rigging on them and take it off just when we damned please. We do the same with labor. You've got to get over that sentimental stuff about the under dog. There has got to be an under dog; else, how the hell could we do business?"

Instinctively, at that point I felt my job slipping; and so, I vouchsafed:

"Very well, I'll carry out the instructions." They were carried out. Eventually, I lost out because I didn't have "diplomacy"; by which the master means — one who hasn't sense enough to forget the under dog.

Now then, Workmen, the above is based on the facts of my own experience. I dare say there are a million others who have had a similar experience. That million, at least, ought to see the system as it is and profit by the experience. Of course, the masters do not talk so boldly and bluntly now-a-days, as recorded above. The change is only in the language used. The principle, with them, remains the same. Late years they hire weasel word technicians to do their talking and propaganda writing for them. Unfortunately, too many of us fell for the weasel words.

The boss is right: "There is no such thing as a labor contract" under capitalism. "The working class and employing class have nothing in common."

D. S. Dietz.

FOR THE SOVIETS

Stockholm.—It is reported from Helmsfors that Vanno, deputy in the Finnish Reichstag, made the proposal that Finland should adopt the Soviet form of government as that was the ideal form of government whereas the present form of government no longer corresponded to the needs of society.

METAL WORKERS OF AMERICA! UNITE!

We find the present world drawn up into two camps: the camp of the employers and the camp of the workers. All the old indecisions have been cleared away by the declaration of war by the employers upon the workers: the war existing in all countries.

In America the campaign for the Open Shop, the annihilation of organized labor, marches across the land with its accompanying army of thugs, strike breakers and spies. Legislation against the worker, compulsory arbitration, criminal syndicalist laws pile up. The same force operates against the workers in all countries, the merciless war of organized greed against the worker.

Look over the world and you will see identical sights. In West Virginia a masked mob lynches a miner who raised his gun in self-defense against a hired thug. How well do we remember Ludlow, Calumet, Homestead and many other instances, where American workers were shot down or murdered by hirelings of the American employers, especially do we remember what took place during the great Steel Strike. In Europe the white terrorist guard hunts the European workers.

Virginia mob—European white terrorists—what difference? They have a common aim. It is the annihilation of labor.

In America millions of unemployed walk the streets. But only a short time back these same men were told to "Work or Fight"—especially in the metal industry, was the rule "Work or Fight" rigidly enforced. Whoever ventured to ask for more wages to meet the ever-increasing prices, was given the choice of going to the war-front or to work under dictated conditions.

Where is this law of "Work or Fight" now? Tens of thousands of metal workers are walking the streets. The situation in Detroit, Dayton, Chicago, Bridgeport, Newark, Pittsburgh, and other metal centers is becoming so acute that even the employers are becoming anxious about it. But the markets of Europe do not demand the production called for during the war and credits are poor, thus we may expect but very little improvement at any time, in fact conditions will in all probability become worse as time goes on. We hear of new capitalist wars, of more bloodshed and conditions become still more unbearable for the worker and his family.

In England our brothers are also unemployed. The causes are the same. The unions are answering the capitalists by taking action. The strikes of the railway men, the miners; the formation of the Council of Action; the demonstration of the unemployed taking possession of public buildings; British labor is answering the challenge.

In Italy the employers lock out the metal workers, the answer is given by the workers councils taking possession of the factories; Italian labor is answering the challenge. French labor also answers the challenge.

All over the world the issues are the same. For organized greed is international. It wages war on all fronts. In every country it pursues the same end. In America it murders striking workers and puts millions of unemployed on the streets. Among these unemployed are thousands of ex-soldiers, returning from the European battlefield, where they did their "bit" fighting for "Democracy." They too, the heroes of yesterday and tramps of today, are walking the streets looking for a job and a place to lay their heads.

One War, One Problem—For The American Worker, the Russian Worker, the British Worker, the French Worker, the Workers of All Countries.

Whether you like it or not, whether you wish it or not, you are in one camp or the other. You are with the employers or you are fighting with the workers. There is no longer any alternative. There is no longer neutrality. You cannot stay aloof if you will, there is now no choice. Every worker is in one camp or the other. You take sides even by inaction. The non-combatant in the labor movement is a deadweight, a traitor to his fellowman, the employer's support.

Metal Workers of America, within a brief time our fight has emerged from the day of the small craft union to a far-flung battle line. The streaming torrent of life has torn us loose from our former isolation, our craft-union skirmishes, our small local encounters with local bosses. It is clear to us that we cannot wage a winning war upon the massed might of the employers if we are isolated from other workers in the industry, from the workers in the other industries and from our European brothers. No country has so ruthless an employing class as has America; and if we are to have power we must organize and educate ourselves along industrial lines.

Economic power is the basis of all power, military and otherwise. To give or to withhold our labor-power from industry is one means of using economic power. To control or administer industry is another means of using economic power. In fact economic power is that power which gives any group, to some degree, control over the economic or industrial life of a nation or the world. To gain economic power the workers must organize in the industries along industrial lines, regardless of craft, race, creed or color.

By organizing and developing our economic power we gain the means with which we carry on the every-day struggle with capitalists, against their encroachments and for better conditions, a shorter workday-higher wages, etc. (In this every-day struggle we gain much knowledge and experience, at the same organizing and disciplining the army of production to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown.

Thus we must organize not only to fight our battles of today but the battles of tomorrow. But just how must we organize and how can we gain that much needed industrial solidarity among the workers? Answer—simply thru education and organization of the workers in the mills, factories, fields, mines and on the railroads, etc. The workers are

fast becoming class-conscious, conscious of the fact that they have nothing in common with the employer, the parasites, they who live in luxury and splendor at the expense of the workers' life-blood, they who live by sucking the blood of little children and murdering those who raise a voice in protest.

This army of class-conscious workingmen and women must be organized. Only by a close study of industry can you come to a conclusion of just how to organize in such a way as to make your force most effective. In this age of highly socialized production the individual counts for but very little—it is the organized body that carries weight and power. You have probably noticed this in your own experience, if you have ever bucked up against the organized power of the master, in his Metal Trades Association or Chamber of Commerce. Just as long as the worker remains unorganized in face of an organized master class, just so long will he live in privation and misery, a servile slave to those who own and control the job.

The day of handcraft production has practically disappeared, thus craft unionism is out of date. Craft unions, with their separate sacred contracts are no longer able to cope with the ever growing power of the employing class which is constantly passing into fewer and fewer hands. The day of Industrial Unionism is here and workers must be organized according to the particular product produced and not according to the tool used, we must organize according to the various industries. The workers in each industry must be organized into the union of that industry and these Industrial Unions must be welded together into the ONE BIG UNION of all workers in all industries the world over, thus making "an injury to one an injury to all." Thus we pave the way to Industrial Solidarity of all workers.

Form of Organization For Metal Workers.

Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union No. 440, of the Industrial Workers of the World, proposes this method of organization not only for the workers in the metal and machinery industry but for the workers in all industries. Every worker should make himself acquainted with the principles, tactics and methods of our organization. Our organization is world-wide in its scope, embracing men and women wage-workers of all nationalities the world over. Our organization is scientific, and we organize according to the form or make-up of industry.

Let us take the metal and machinery industry for example, because the reader is no doubt somewhat acquainted with it and the process of production. This industry is composed of many factories and mills, where both men and women workers are engaged in the manufacture of metal products and machinery. In our country, these plants will be found principally east of the Mississippi. Gary, Pittsburg, Detroit, Cleveland, Newark, Bridgeport Dayton Youngstown and Buffalo are some of the principal centers where production of metal products is carried on extensively.

Every factory or mill of any size, where large scale production is carried on, is subdivided into departments and every department has its foreman. Under this foreman you find a number of workers engaged in doing some part of the work necessary to finish the product which the company manufactures. Every factory or mill has its superintendent or manager who looks after the interest of the shop in general. He along with the various department foremen, takes charge of production and looks after the interest of the company.

Our union proposes a plan similar to this for the workers to organize along. Every factory will have its Shop Council, the workers in each department choosing a Department Delegate, thus making up the Council. The Shop Council elects a Shop Delegate, these delegates from the various shops making up the local Branch Organization Committee. Thus we have the Branch with its Shop Units. This is genuine industrial and shop organization. Organized in this way, we are better prepared to fight our battle of today and at the same time we are organizing our forces for the administration of the industry in the future, which is inevitable.

The Branches of the Industrial Union in the various cities keep up communication and do business direct with the Main office of the Industrial Union. Industrial District Conferences are held in various districts representative of the various Branches of the Industrial Union in the district, for the purpose of maintaining industrial solidarity in the given district. For instance the Metal Workers branches in Gary, Chicago, Milwaukee, Racine and South Bend would send delegates to conferences held in that district. Then we have the General District Council in each city representative of the branches of the various Industrial unions in the city, for the purpose of establishing general solidarity among the various Industrial Union branches in the city. The Industrial Unions are brought together under the General Administration of the I. W. W.

We appeal to all metal workers, both men and women: the workers in the Steel Mills; Moulders, Machinists, Tool-Makers, Machine-Operators, Blacksmiths, Polishers, Office workers Laborers, etc. in fact all those working in factories manufacturing metal products to read our literature, become acquainted with our organization and join with us in the struggle for more of the good thing of life. Even if you are a carpenter or an electrician working in one of these shops on maintenance work necessary to production in the industry, you belong in our union.

Your fight is our fight! Our fight is your fight! Come with us, help in the great work we have before us. Ours in the metal industry and it is here that we build upon firm economic foundation Metal and Machinery Workers Industrial Union No. 440, of the Industrial Workers of the World.

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MORE BREAD SECURED

NEW YORK. — Moscow is getting — and consuming — more food per person than in 1920, according to a cablegram from the Russian Telegraph Agency received here. The general standard, the dispatch says, was 2,100 calories per person in 1919, which increased to 2,500 calories in 1920. It is added that the bread consumption now surpasses that of prewar times, while the workers last year were better nourished than any other class of the population.

"A statistical report," the cablegram says, "to the Moscow Soviet shows that, according to the last census, of the city's population was 1,250,000.

"The death rate in Moscow of 28 per thousand as against the pre-war rate of 23 per thousand is explained by the presence of Spanish influenza and typhus, accounting for the slight increase (one-half of one per cent).

"The marriage rate in Moscow is 20 per 1000, or four times the pre-war ratio."

The Council of Peoples' Commissars, it is added, has granted 196 million rubles for maintaining oriental language colleges in Moscow and Petrograd; 51 million rubles for establishing town hostels for arriving peasants, and one million rubles for measures to combat drought.

William Z. Foster Writes from Russia

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the A. B. C. of the situation. I want to point out how the new and remodeled institutions of Soviet society strike the average person. I want to tell American workers how the Russian working-class, now in power, has handled the problems of food, clothing, shelter, entertainment, education, government, management of industry, labor organization, national defense, etc.

Perhaps an easy approach to the wonderful and complicated new Russian Communist society will be to start at the border of the country as a visitor, and relate what happens to one. Russia is now in the throes of revolution, and to enter the country is very difficult, so earnest and necessary are the precautions against spies and counter-revolutionaries.

The applicant for admission must wait at the principal town of entry until his case has been laid before the government office in Moscow. Then, if his mission has been deemed valid and important, he is allowed to come in. This accomplished, he at once becomes a guest of the Russian Socialist Federation Soviet Republic. So long as he remains in Russia he is fed, clothed, housed, entertained, instructed, and generally extended hospitality without the cost of a penny to him. It makes no difference who the man is or what his errand; whether he be a diplomat, a correspondent, a capitalist in search of concessions, a rebel worker come to see the new society, or what-not, in every case the procedure is the same. He is the guest of the Russian government.

To workers living in capitalist

The Chill of Poverty

By George Bernard Shaw.

Child poverty is the only sort of poverty that matters. The adult who has been poor as a child will never get the chill of poverty out of his bones; but he will die and make room for a better-nourished generation.

There are no doubt property owners in America who tell Judge Henry Neil that it is confiscation to tax one man's property to pay for the education of another man's children. We have scoundrels of that sort in England, too.

Some day they will perhaps have the opportunity of saying it to a higher judge than Judge Neil. We will send them to the place he reserves for those who have learned to say "Our Father," but have not learned to say "Our Children."

The one without the other is blasphemy. Also it is unbusinesslike folly. Neglected children cost more than well-nourished ones to everybody except their immediate parents.

The principal business of a policeman at present is to prevent hungry children from obtaining food. The proper primary business of a policeman is to seize every hungry child and feed it, to collar every ragged child and clothe it, to hand every illiterate child over to those who will teach it how to read and write.

If America cannot see this, there is no future for America. And it is because she has been slow to see this that so much of her past is shameful and so much of her present miserable.

countries this may seem a strange method, but it flows naturally from the prevailing Communist society. In Soviet Russia there are only two practical ways of procuring the necessities of life: by work or by gift, and of course the government does not expect temporary sojourners in the country to become part of the working force.

Educator To Oust Radicals of Nation

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Tigert served overseas in connection with educational work of the Y. M. C. A. Also he wrote "The Philosophy of the World War", a pamphlet which was spread broadcast by Mr. Creel's Committee on Public Information. Otherwise his literary output has been limited to articles in periodicals, mostly southern.

Dr. Tigert's spiritual mentor appears to be none other than Dr. Newell Dwight Hillis of Brooklyn, baiter par excellence of radicals, socialists, pacifists, and conscientious objectors to war. For Dr. Tigert has divulged the fact that, as a first step in his campaign for "Americanization," ten lectures by Dr. Hillis are to be widely distributed.

The first public utterance since his appointment was delivered at a luncheon given him on Monday last at Lexington, Kentucky, by members of the Chamber of Commerce, the Rotary Club, the Kiwanis, the Lions, and the Pyramid Club.

"The radicals of this country have declared war on me and I have declared war on them," said Mr. Tigert defiantly. His appointment was fought by radicals, he said, and he had received several anonymous threatening letters since it was approved.

"The great issue in America today is whether we shall stand on the principles of our fathers or on those of the radicals who would overthrow this government," he continued.

"The serious situation in this country caused by the growing radical element is not generally realized. The first move in the campaign of Americanization will be through lectures throughout the country showing the fallacy of socialism, communism, bolshevism and kindred teachings."

Peace Rules In Organized District

(The Federated Press)

Denver. — The American Federation of Labor unanimously adopted a resolution of sympathy with the striking coal miners of West Virginia and of demand that the United States Senate pass the Johnson resolution for an investigation of the shooting down of workers by the gunmen of the coal company of that state.

"All we want is that the facts be made known," said John L. Lewis, international president of the United Mine Workers of America, who introduced the resolution and obtained action on it by unanimous consent, without the delay of committee action.

"There are more than 500,000 mine workers organized in West Virginia," he continued. Where they work there is peace and tranquility. In the southeastern part of the state there are some 40,000 coal miners existing in conditions of peonage. There: hundreds of armed men patrol the mountains, inflicting the unbridled will of the coal operators on these workers. There is no peace there. In Mingo county 100 per cent of the unorganized mine workers one day joined the union. The next day 168 mines were shut down."

WHERE NOBODY PAYS TAXES

There still remains one place on earth, inhabited by white people, where there's no work — no taxes, no laws, no police, no tax days, no strap-hanging, no alarm clocks — and nothing to worry about.

Tristan da Cunha is the place. It's an island in the south Atlantic ocean, 1,500 miles southwest of St. Helena, where the imprisoned Napoleon died. The Tristanites are descendants of the relief garrison of British soldiers stationed there during Napoleon's captivity.

Only about 100 people live on Tristan, but they boast that no one ever wanted to leave.

The only ship that ever visits them is a British cruiser that drops in once a year. No other contact with the outside world. If you could stow away aboard that cruiser, you'd find, at Tristan:

An island 21 miles around. A snowclad extinct volcano rising in the center. A small village on a fertile green peninsula. Nothing to make people work. Nothing to pay taxes for. The inhabitants eat fish, wild fowl, birds' eggs, clams, fruit and wild potatoes. When they want meat, they go out and kill wild sheep or cattle. Clothing and ammunition are obtained from the crew of the cruiser by bartering skins of the seals that sport on Tristan's rocky shores.

Tristan is said to be the only white settlement in the world that has no organized government. Inherited discipline from the people's soldier ancestors, along with such an abundance of everything that there's no reason for committing theft or other crimes, has made laws and organized government unnecessary.

SAILORS' MESSES

(Described by Tom Barker.)

I have seen dry hash that had to be held down by the full mess. I have sniffed stockfish that would wake the dead. I have seen salt horse scare the captain on the bridge and drive him into the chart room. I have seen mean stewards who earned buckshee suits of clothes from the skipper by saving the stores and stinting the crew. I have seen margarine that would make you wilt when you looked at it. But not in the forward saloon, bless you! Any kind of god-damned rubbish is good enough for Jack the Sailor while the ship-owners' poodle has to be fed on dainty cuts and cream. But there is a time coming when the shipowner will have to eat his poodle or go hungry.

THE LADY FROM OKLAHOMA

WASHINGTON. — For two years Jeanette Rankin of Montana sat in the House of Representatives, and never once was she called upon to preside.

It is only three and a half months ago that Alice Robertson of Oklahoma entered the House, but already she has wielded the gavel over some 400 male congressmen.

Jeanette Rankin was first of her sex to be elected to Congress, and for that reason alone one might have presupposed that her colleagues would have thought of the further novelty of having her preside.

Alice Robertson is surrounded by a Congress made up of the representatives, for the most part, of ultra-conservatism in American life. Yet Miss Robertson is placed in the Speaker's chair, while Miss Rankin was not. What explains this difference in treatment of the two women?

An illuminating clue is furnished in a Washington morning paper, which, in commenting upon the Robertson incident, indulges in this bit of reasoning:

"The lady from Oklahoma" has won the respect of members of the House because of the manner in which she has shunned all faddist movements. Radical reformers and some suffrage organizations have been unable to induce her to sponsor their measures."

In other words, Miss Robertson is "safe and sane." No radical or progressive thought will ever escape her lips while she is in Congress. Even "Uncle Joe" Cannon, according to the accounts, "sat in the front row of members' seats and joined in the demonstration."

Besides, the subject under discussion was safe. It was on a bill authorizing the sending of a United States commission to Peru during the centennial celebration in that republic!

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The I. W. W. is holding a picnic at Fairmount Park July 3rd, 1921 for the purpose of educating the workers and at the same time raise funds for organization work. Every one of us must consciously give our energy to make this affair successful. Our organization has for its aim organization and control of the industries by the workers. To organize the industries through our organization we must not only be members but we must make extra efforts to make successful anything that the organization undertakes. Your own body is an organization of organs and the organs are organization of cells. Sometimes your body is confronted with certain conditions that compel you to make greater efforts in order to save the whole body or one organ of your body. You are sometimes compelled to make greater efforts in order to realize the success of some

particular desire of your body as a whole. In order to realize success or to preserve one or all of the organs of your body the organs of your body and the cells of your organs must function together and make greater efforts. In the same way must the organs and cells of the I. W. W. function. Our Industrial organizations are organs of the whole body. You as members are cells of the Industrial Unions. Our organization as whole of which we are cells has a part to do. To realize success of our aims as an organization we must consciously recognize this and vnection together. Make greater efforts whenever needed. The organization in order to accomplish its aims must spread propaganda, must be able to place capable men in the field to take advantage of every industrial development in the interest of the organization as a whole. To do these we must raise funds. Our picnic July 3rd is a means that we are using to raise the necessary funds to make our aims successful. Let us all get together and work consciously for the success of our picnic and everything that our organization tries to do in the future.

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GOING TO SLEEP AGAIN

It is hard sometimes to keep sweet and smiling. It is hard to keep up good courage and a polished hope.

It is only four years ago since we got a good slap in the face by the murder kings of this country. They came to us and told us to pick up our legs and hustle off to fight for them and those who were too old or too sick to carry a gun had to fork over every penny they had for "Liberty Bonds" and Red Cross bandages.

Some of the intelligent workers were foolish enough to tell the big masses about the game and explain that the whole business was staged for the purpose of filling the pockets of the robber crew. Some meetings were held — big meetings. The slaves were all willing to listen then. Their fathers and mothers were all anxious to hear what might be done to avert the awful calamity and save the boys and save the country from bankruptcy. In big hordes they came to listen. They drove many miles and staid many hours.

In those days the radicals were all right. Then they were heard gladly. Then the agitators were hailed as the friends of the victims who had been drafted to die for "democracy."

Of course the speakers and writers who stood for the workers and for the principle of peace and against the butcher game were promptly jailed. They got long terms in the penitentiaries of our democratic country. Many of them have died in the dungeons.

There was a great deal of commotion. There was much sorrow. There were many deaths. Many went insane. Sickness overtook the world and many died of pestilence.

Now we have been at peace for some time. The workers promised at the beginning of the war and confirmed their promise at the end of the war that never again would they be fooled and trapped into an infamy like that. They swore that as soon as there would be a chance to talk they would talk. That as soon as there would be a chance to organize they would organize. That there would be action taken so that never again would they be helpless if the brutes would come and slap them in the face.

You bet.

There was a lot of hot air and a lot of bluffing. Bluffing is about the most dignified term to apply to it.

For after all the insults heaped upon the workers by the capitalist outfit and after all the suffering and all the hardship and death, the workers have gone into a sleepy sleep and have forgotten all about their vows and all their indignation and all their determination. They simply sleep and feel annoyed when the "agitators" tell them they should get busy.

But the capitalists are not asleep. Not they. They are right at it planning another war and another debacle. They are busy poisoning the minds of the people and chloroforming them for the next operation. That operation will be performed as sure as capitalism is allowed to continue to live and rob.

Already there is talk about war with Mexico. And that is coming. Already there are preparations for war with Japan. And it's coming. Already there is talk about war with England. We'll get that too.

All the time the capitalist papers are filling up with war propaganda. The schools are filled with it. The churches are filled with it. The legislatures and congress have had many busy days planning these spasms for the benefit of the brigands who grew rich on war.

In our humble way we have tried to point out to the workers the situation. We have tried to show that another war is not necessary. That it is going to be hard on the workers as it is always they who have to fight and die in war.

But the workers are not interested now. They sleep and think they are secure. They feel perfectly happy in the false promise of the capitalists that the last war was to end all war. They are so simple as to believe that. They have faith in the capitalist outfit that hits them in the face and kills them.

We come to them and tell them the truth. We try to warn them of impending disaster. We shout to them and tell them to get ready to ward off the blow of the gang that is lifting the hand to smite them.

We have told the workers to help enlighten their fellows by a little word of truth and light. We have tried to impress upon the intelligent workers the importance of action right now. How short the time may be. How we may be shut up soon and not given the opportunity to come with the message of freedom and hope.

We have been insistent that one of the best methods of waking the workers up is to get them to read working-class papers. This paper you are now reading. But you have almost broken our patience. We have not gotten the results that our labor is entitled to. You have not used this paper, TRUTH, as you should. If you had been allowed to spread it during the war as you are allowed to spread it now and if TRUTH could have published the unvarnished facts as it publishes them now you would have pushed the subscription list to half a million circulation.

TRUTH is more necessary now than it has ever been before. It does more good now because we have the freedom for a little while to print stuff that counts.

Now we cannot get out and gather subscriptions and at the same time put out the paper. It is our business to get out a good paper and it is your business to get it into the hands of the workers. You have failed miserably so far. We want you to know that we are not satisfied with your actions. If there were a declaration of war tomorrow you would kick yourself for having been so slow in getting this messenger of knowledge into the hands of the workers. You would regret your neglect.

What we want to say is this: Get up now and go to work. Put your neighbor wise and give him a chance to learn — a thing he will thank you for.

Don't go to sleep again. If the workers do not keep awake and busy the capitalists will wake you up all right. Now is the time to stir. After a while it will be too late. Act on the impulse you have now and hustle a list of new subs into this office, and we will get such an inspiration that the next issue of TRUTH will glow with a new fire of real working-class messages that will set the country aflame with the revolution which will mean the destruction of capitalist tyranny and the establishment of the workers' republic.

SOVIETS IN U. S. NAVY

The navy department has been thrown into hysterics by the discovery of budding soviets on some of the big ships under the great flag of Uncle Sam.

O Horrors!

Secretary Denby has gotten quite busy to get the decks cleared of such Russian Frighfulness. The thing has gone so far that the men on board have in many instances helped the helpless commanding officers decide by vote what was the best course to pursue both as to discipline and destination of vessels.

That's the idea. Men with a lot of brains and a lot of experience among the sailors — just common sailors — have been given a chance to use their brains and their experience.

That means Sovietism. That is the damness of the Russian intrigue — practical use of brains and experience.

Denby says this must be stopped. He is indignant about it. Brains and experience in the navy! Who ever heard of such brazen risks! How can the navy department tolerate men so naive in their notions as to start such untried innovation? The thing screams to high heaven.

Have we not spent several dollars to teach our children that new ideas are to be shunned? Have we not hollered in our pulpits that the "old style salvation is good enough for me?" Have not the papers used barrels of black ink to train the public that we must not monkey with untried methods and new ideas?

And here the commanders of the big boats in the navy go plumb daffy and try to make use of brains and experience by letting the boys in the service vote on things they understand and know how to handle.

The news articles in the kept press vibrate with excitement. Lookit how they dance a la St. Vitus:

Washington, June 23. — Secretary of the Navy Edwin Denby, who has served in the naval service and the marine corps, both as an enlisted man and officer and who is well acquainted with conditions among the enlisted personnel, has set his face against a growing tendency to introduce soviet methods in the navy.

Two commanding officers who had undertaken to permit crews of naval vessels to vote, in one case, on question of discipline, and in the other, to determine where the ship should go, have been removed from command.

Inquiries are being made with a view to ascertaining whether there are other instances of such procedure, which Secretary Denby holds is subversive of military discipline.

One of the cases mentioned is that of Captain Clark D. Stearns, who was detached from the command of the battleship Michigan for permitting the enlisted men to form a committee to pass upon disciplinary measures among members of the crew and to take other action which the then commander in chief of the Atlantic fleet, Admiral Henry B. Wilson, and Secretary Denby, believed to be inimical to the best interests of the service.

In the other somewhat similar case where the secretary detached an officer from command, the crew was permitted to express its preference by vote as to where the vessel should be taken to go into drydock.

We knew the soviet business was expanding and that there were men of brains even in this country who would catch on sooner or later, but we didn't dream it would pop up in the navy so suddenly. Mebby the rude Bolsheviks have been at work. Bad fellows. They do not know any better than to rely on brains and experience to get results.

No wonder our big chiefs shun them. It is uncomfortable to be with such strange animals whose sins our lords could never degrade themselves to be guilty of.

To the navy department it now appears that the German U boats were as harmless as drowning rats compared with the soviet monsters that are growing on the decks of our dreadnaughts.

THE I. W. W. UNIVERSITY

You didn't know the wobs had a university, did you? Well they have. It isn't exactly their own, but they use it just the same. It is built of massive stones and mighty bars of steel. It looks fine from the outside and is very classy on the inside.

The name of it is Leavenworth Penitentiary. Just the other day sixteen of the wobs took their diplomas and came out fullledged graduates. They had taken a course of about three years there and in some of the preparatory schools called Kansas Hell Holes.

Tenny rate they have come out — sixteen of them. The government had discovered that a slight mistake had been made and that these sixteen had been unjustly imprisoned. It was a shock to the wobs. How could any good wob be "unjustly imprisoned?" It does not seem reasonable.

For twenty four months which is equal to two full years these wobs were held without hearing in the famous Hell Jails of Kansas. Then they were transferred to Leavenworth prison and kept there eighteen months, when, by god, the government discovered they had been held "unjustly." Only forty two months had been stolen out of their lives — that is, being interpreted, three and a half years.

But the boys lost no time. They scratched and got books and some paper and wrote and studied till they acquired more real knowledge and education than most of the graduates of Yale ever get.

Said one: "Those first two years were the worst, but after we got to Leavenworth we had time to study. Say, that place is an I. W. W. university. Twenty-five of the boys there have made good progress with Spanish and others are taking up Physics, Chemistry and other sciences."

Now they are applying their education in the Kansas harvest fields and in the oil well regions, right where they were arrested forty two months ago. Some of them have earned scholarship and are likely to be taken back for a post graduate course. The courses in that university reach over long periods varying from one to forty or eighty years. Wonderful University!

And wonderful wobs!

For after an all night ride from Leavenworth to Chicago they were itching to get out right away to organize the workers on the job. Each one was given Delegate Credentials and there was a hustle for some side door Pullmans that would carry them to the jobs in the fields and in the shops.

What are you going to do with fellows like that? You think you can beat them?

And now the press comes out with the startling news, confirmed by wireless from Helsingfors, that Lenine has been killed only thirteen times and not thirty, as formerly reported. The Associated Press is urged to make the correction.

WHAT DO THEY MEAN?

Every day almost the papers carry long pleas for higher wages for city, state and federal officials. Only this week the Duluth papers cried for more money for the city attorney who is already getting \$4,000 a year. He wanted about \$2,000 more and the little editors were begging for him that he might get it.

Always it is the same story. Judges have too small salary, the governors, and the president and all the political officeholders have too small income. They always have several thousand dollars a year, but that is not enuf.

Right alongside with these pleas of poverty on the part of attorneys and judges and officials of every kind come the repeated demands for a cut in the wages of the workers. The workers do not get \$4,000 a year. Most of them do not average \$1,000 a year. But these must be cut down still further. The propaganda for a general wage reduction has been carried on ever since the war. And the workers have been cut and cut and cut.

And not enuf with that. Masses have been laid off and driven to the street to walk up and down hunting for work with not a job in sight.

What do the rules mean by crying for higher wages for the salaried officials who have big incomes as compared with those of the workers? What do they mean when they always cry for a cut in the wages of the slaves?

They have no sense of shame. They have no idea of decency. There is only grab on the one hand and piling up bigger incomes on the other.

Only a little while longer and the workers will brush such injustice aside.

PRESIDENT GOMPERS

Gompers was elected president of the American Federation of Labor by a two to one vote. In our opinion the A. F. of L. did not lose anything by losing Lewis. There is little or no difference between the two, except that Lewis needs watching while Gompers stands without hitching.

Of course the capitalist press and all the exploiters of labor in this country shower hearty congratulations upon Gompers. He has been their man for forty years and is their man yet. He was the best president the capitalists could possibly elect for the A. F. of L.

The time is not ripe yet for the workers to elect their own leaders. When that time comes the workers will have much more to do than merely to elect a president of a labor organization.

But as long as the workers elect men who have the full endorsement of the capitalists there is little hope of any improvement among the workers.

The press does not congratulate Gompers because labor got a good president, but because the capitalists got a good one. Whenever labor wins the capitalists lose, and whenever the capitalists win labor loses.

In electing Gompers the Capitalists won and are very happy about it. Some of the workers are happy too, because they do not know that they lost.

THE OLD SOCIALIST PARTY

The Detroit Convention of the old Socialist Party has gone on record against any affiliation with workers of any other country. It has declared against all real radical measures that the workers must adopt to emancipate themselves. It has repudiated the Third International and the Communist organizations over the world. It has put itself where it may be entirely safe any time from any attack by the master class.

This was a most necessary convention. Now there is no longer any doubt as to where the old party stands. Its position is clear. Everybody knows now. Even the capitalist class smelled its kin and is wagging its tail like a friendly dog when he discovers a new neighbor with harmless or friendly attitude moving in.

No. The Socialist party is no longer worried about the working class. It is no longer worried about a revolution. For as Berger said, that may come in 1980 or 1981, but not sooner.

And the dictatorship of the proletariat was scoffed at as childish and the Russian Revolution as an accident badly managed.

Thus passed one of the organizations that in years gone by was a mighty power among the workers. For it must be remembered that the Socialist party up till the convention at Indianapolis in 1912 was a verile organization and had done a wonderful work of education and propaganda. But at that convention it pulled out the teeth that it had defended itself with against the powers of reaction and reformism, and from that day on it was simply a matter of decline and death.

It was not to be expected that minds like those of Berger and Hillquit could follow the march of world progress, especially when that march became accelerated by the events of a world war. Things have moved fast and of course Berger and Hillquit have not been able to follow. We read in the old book about Lot's wife. Well, Berger and Hillquit are a couple of old wives who could not stand to see the old capitalist Gomorrah deserted and stood themselves stark still, looking back and worrying about the perishing system, while the rest of the workers hasten away to find refuge in the free land of a ruling workingclass.

All comrades who are still filled with the revolutionary spirit will get into the advancing ranks and not miss the joy which the movement now gives to all who have a vision of the future.

The revolution is a touchy thing. There can be no middle of the road business about it. If the spirit is not clean cut it is destined to a speedy death. If the spirit is of the real revolutionary character it cannot be killed. It lives and gives life. It catches all life and makes more life. There is accumulation in the live spirit of revolution.

FOOLISHNESS OF REFORMERS

J. O. BENTALL, Editor "Truth", Duluth, Minn.
Dear Communist Comrade:—

Your splendid editorial—"The Minneapolis Fight"—is cogent and concise, pointed and pithy, and fully elucidates the foolishness and futility of electing to office men who are politicians, and, at best mere reformers—reformers, who do not fully realize the class struggle, and the urgent economic necessity of radical and revolutionary propaganda and action, wherever and whenever there is need and opportunity for so doing.

Let us, in conformity to the historical mission of the working class, set ourselves to work, not to reform capitalism, nor to bring about an amelioration of the horrible conditions under capitalist misrule; but once and forever to utterly destroy the capitalistic beast which devours manhood, womanhood, and childhood. Yours in the spirit of truth, reason, right, and revolution.

W. H. Cundiff, Hartford, Ky.

REFUSED CITIZENSHIP

You are also free to have religion if you have the right kind. It takes a good judge to tell you the kind that is good — just as it takes a good judge to tell you what kind of tobacco is good.

California has several good judges and one of them by the name of Busick lives in Sacramento and sits on the Superior Court bench.

Before him came Reginald N. Goddard, an English Dunkard, and acknowledged that he was a member of a religious sect that was opposed to war. The judge could hardly believe his own ears when informed that there was such a religious sect. It made him mad all thru. He told the applicant for citizenship that no one who believed in a god who was against war could have his name written in the Book of Life and of United States of America.

The idea of belonging to a religious organization that opposed war was so new to the judge that he could not fathom the depth of degradation of a member of such a group. A religion opposed to war! It seemed impossible.

So Judge Busick told this innocent follower of the Carpenter of Nazareth that he had to join a decent church that believed in war if he wanted to become a real American. Till such a time as he could show repentance and become a first class war Christian he could have no citizenship in this country.

What caused us to faint when we learned of this dramatic event was that the judge did not have this man put in prison till the second coming of Christ.

FORD RAISES THEM

While other railroad companies are cutting the wages of the workers 12 per cent Henry Ford is not only maintaining the old wage but is giving his employees on the Detroit, Toledo and Ironton Railroad, owned by Ford, an increase, saying that there is no reason for cutting wages now, as the railroads are able to pay even more than the highest scale during the war.

It thus develops that the cut in the railway wages is entirely unequal for and that the government is simply a tool in the hands of the private owners when it orders a reduction of 12 percent which takes effect today.

If ever there was a breach of honor it was in the government which promised so much to the workers if they would be loyal during the war and work hard to help win it. Now this same government lends itself to enforce the most vicious restrictions on labor while it gives itself unreservedly to help the private industrial brigands to carry out its program of unlimited robbery.

If Ford can keep up the wages and increase them why cannot the rest do so?

We do not want to leave the impression that Ford is solving the problem of Labor. He is not. He only illustrates how the present system exploits labor to the limit without any excuse for it, while at the same time it tries to make the people believe that high wages cause the hard times now crushing the world.

SHARP PLAYS

Last winter the city of Duluth ordered the street car company to give better service and thereby gave the company an excuse to ask for higher rates.

Everybody who has occasion to use the street cars knows that the company never paid any attention to the order. The service has not been improved. The shark never paid any attention to the order. The service has not been improved. The sharks never intended to improve it. They only wanted the order so they could show it to the commission when it should meet to hear the argument on increased fare.

The thing leaked out and in order to save its nose the council has rescinded the edict and now the company has only to show that such an order can be given at any time and therefore higher fares must be granted to meet the extra expense.

When the sharpers play you have your head full to follow them.

Anyhow, the workers will have the pleasure to pay a little more for their rides when they travel from one end of the city to the other hunting for work. Also the few who work can take some comfort in the fact that the cut in wages is fortunately made up for in the increase in fares.

In Russia the workers pay no car fare at all. But then we cannot all go to Russia—we haven't the fare.

What else has Minneapolis had than the new mayor? Only they didn't call it that.

What bothers us now is that Russia may have to do it all over again to please Vic Berger.

We feel slighted to find that the kept press didn't send any reporters to the Communist convention.

Not being a prophet, we still hold out the hope that the next convention of the Socialist Party will have at least the two faithful delegates, Hillquit and Berger, with the possible remains of Algermon Lee as alternate.

THE NEXT WAR

They prated loud some years ago

To us about the "final war"—

That after, peace and happiness

Would reign, and war would come no more.

Now councils of world governments

They speculate of wars to be,

They do not keep it secretly

Within their high directory.

O People, give no sons to war!

Beware their sugar-coated pleas!

"More hate, more blood, more misery"

Is really on the tongues of these,

Beware the beasts in power clothed;

Prepare to take a final stand.

Unless you heed this message now

There will be hell in ev'ry land.

Remember what we've just gone thru—

The next will be one worse by far;

Their chemicals will kill whole states,

Thru gas and smoke we'll see no star.

Beware; the governments are mad;

They'll ruin all the human race,

The young and old alike will die,

Disease will conquer ev'ry place.

Prepare, I pray, this must not be —

Take Earth and guide its destiny.

—HAL BROMMELS.

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