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TWO MILLION RAILROAD MEN READY TO STRIKE

Tieup of Transportation System to Follow False Promises Broken

Toledo, Ohio, Sept. 18. — That a general strike of all railroad machinists, sheet metal workers, blacksmiths, boilermakers, electricians and carmen in the United States "is inevitable within the next thirty days" was the warning issued by J. A. Lechler of Fort Wayne, international representative of the Machinists Union, and James M. Sauce of Pittsburgh, international representative of the Boilermakers Union, to Toledo railroad workers today.

Sauce and Lechler warned the 700 Toledo men who attended today's meeting to pay their rent two or three months in advance, to buy all non-perishable food possible and to lay in a sufficient supply of fuel to tide them over the strike period, which they believe will not last over two months.

The strike is to be called, they said, because of dissatisfaction with the decision of the Railway Labor Board relative to elimination of extra pay for overtime and Sunday work on 134 of the 329 railroads in the United States.

The crafts recently held a vote in

all parts of the country and by a large majority voted to strike. The Executive Board of the unions is now awaiting three decisions of the Railway Labor Board relative to piece work, physical examination and classification of work.

Within ten days after the Railway Labor Board gives its decision, the unions' Executive Boards, they said, will issue the strike orders, which will affect immediately 25,000 men in Ohio and over 600,000 in the United States.

The men at the meeting pledged themselves, without exception, not to indulge in any sporadic strike until the general announcement is made to strike by the Executive Board.

"We are not depending upon the Brotherhood to join us in this strike," Lechler said. "We are taking nothing for granted. It is possible that this strike will tie up the country's transportation.

"If the strike lasts long enough, it will undoubtedly affect all branches of commerce. There are about 1,800,000 railroad employees in this country and we control about 1,500,000 of them.

MONOPOLY OF AIR BY BIG COMPANIES

Washington.—Next comes the private monopoly of the air.

Socialists have predicted this seizure of the ownership of the atmosphere, but their statements have until now been met with jeers.

Wireless monopolists are the first to claim a special privilege in the air. The big wireless corporations according to reports made to the governments represented in the International Communications Conference in Paris, have pooled their patents. There are only 140 possible wave-lengths for the sending of wireless messages. These monopolists are patenting sending devices which will rapidly take up all of these 140 different wave-lengths, and then they will be able to prevent the sending of any wireless messages by rival concerns, since they can interrupt and blur the message by "breaking in" when the rival's message is in process of being dispatched.

The International Communications Conference has debated the situation. One suggestion is that the 140 wave-lengths be allocated among the different nations, so that each government could create its own radio monopoly or permit private competition or monopoly. To the idea of any distribution the big radio corporations are bitterly opposed.

This danger of a legally established private monopoly of the use of the air for wireless communication is among the issues likely to be considered at the disarmament conference, so-called, in connection with the issue as to Pacific cables.

The appeal contains a special plea to the workers of the English speaking countries—England, America, South Africa and Australia.

REAL SOCIALISTS LEAVE THE OLD S. P.

(By The Federated Press)
NEW YORK.—The "Committee for the Third," an organization that has been working within the Socialist party during the past year, has just issued a statement urging the withdrawal from the Socialist party of all elements adhering to or sympathizing with the Third International. The statement in part, is as follows:

"Comrades: For three years a constant struggle has been carried on within the Socialist party to secure an adaptation of its principles, policies and programs to the new conditions growing out of the world war and the Russian revolution.

"The last national convention of the Socialist party at Detroit, in June, definitely displaced the party as a force working for Socialism, definitely aligned it with those elements in the labor movement that refuse to profit by the experiences of the world-war and the years of the imperialist 'peace' which followed it. It threw overboard the rich lessons of the establishment of the first Workers' republic.

"The Committee of the Third International within the Socialist party was organized for the explicit purpose of bringing about the party's joining the Third International on the basis of the announced twenty-one points. . . .

"The committee did not pretend to accept all and every opinion expressed by the Third International on conditions in and tactics to be applied to the United States. It merely held: That all discussion as to the applicability in the United States at the present time of one or the other point of tactics as proposed by the Third International should be carried on with the International, not outside of it.

"The issue at stake was not merely an affiliation with the Third. Principles and tactics of outstanding importance were involved. The issue of international affiliation was but the clarion-call, the Third International standing out as the symbol and the incarnation of a world party of aggressive Socialist action. The inevitability of the reorganization of the party and its adaptation to new conditions was pointed to, lest it voluntarily sign its own death warrant, and acquiesce in its own burial.

"It was the work of the New York convention that

ANOTHER PLOT AGAINST SOVIETS

As was forecast in Federated Press dispatches some weeks ago, the movement of the international bankers to destroy the Soviet government of Russia already has begun. The following cable from W. N. Ewer, the London correspondent, shows the powerful forces taking advantage of famine conditions in that workers' republic to launch another attempt to overthrow the Soviets:

By W. N. Ewer
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent)

London.—The Executive Committee of the Third International at Moscow has issued an appeal to the workers of all lands to help prevent counterplots against Soviet Russia on the part of the ruling classes of Europe, who, hoping to profit by reason of the situation which the famine has produced, are already beginning another "intervention." The "White forces" in parts of Russia, says the appeal, are rapidly reforming. The Baltic States are assuming a hostile attitude. Munitions are daily leaving France for Poland and Rumania.

The Executive Committee calls on the workers to withhold their aid in the loading of munitions, and urges them to organize for the purpose of sending food to the starving peasants of Russia.

The appeal contains a special plea to the workers of the English speaking countries—England, America, South Africa and Australia.

"Only a Labor and Peoples' relief movement," says the committee, "can prevent the capitalist classes from using government relief schemes for political interference with and the penetration of Russia. All collections should be sent to Russia under the control of the workers' representatives in the sending countries."

forced Comrade Debs to say to the party committee which tendered him the nomination of the Presidency:

"I must be perfectly frank with you. I have read the platform and I wish that I might say that it had my unqualified approval.

"I have always been a radical, never more than now. I have never feared becoming too radical. I do fear becoming conservative. We must guard against any policy or attitude of fear to state our position clearly."

"The committee for the Third International sees no further reason for staying in the Socialist party. It believes that the Socialist party has completely and beyond recovery outlived its usefulness as an agency for propaganda, and instrument for the realization of Socialism.

"The committee therefore calls upon all comrades to organize for the work of laying the foundation for an American section of the Third International."

Socialist Vote Sweeps Sweden For Parliament

Stockholm, Sept. 17. — Early returns from the parliamentary elections show a great increase in the Socialist vote. In Stockholm county the Socialists now hold six seats, the Liberals one, and the Conservatives two. This shows a gain of two seats by the Socialists from the Conservatives. Similar Socialist gains are reported from other constituencies.

The new laws enfranchising women, removing the tax requirement for voters, and lowering the voting age to 23 years are declared to favor the Socialists. Nearly two-thirds of the new electors in some constituencies voted for Socialist candidates.

The prospects of a Socialist regime has shown a depressing influence in business circles.

KU KLUXERS IN JURY CLUTCHES

New York.—Ku Kluxers—Watch Out! Here is what Judge William B. Sheppard of Florida said, in charging the Federal Grand Jury here:

"Any organization which holds meetings behind trees, by the light of bonfires and in secret places, and the members of which wear white sheets and masks and attempt to prevent citizens from the enjoyment of their constitutional rights—freedom of speech, freedom of conscience and trial by jury—is a fit subject of investigation by a Grand Jury."

"That is because it is conspiracy and there is a law which can be brought to bear against those who administer justice in the woods. It is not within the province of secret societies to say who are and who are not desirable citizens, and when they, by a demonstration of power, seek to prevent others from an enjoyment of those constitutional rights they are amenable to prosecution in the Federal courts through presentment or indictment by the Grand Jury."

"According to the newspapers, there is now in operation a certain organization, the members of which have undertaken to censor the conduct of their fellow citizens. When you get to that state, you can safely ask what difference is there between the U. S. and Bolshevistic Russia?"

"The government is in the hands of appointed and elected officials who, I feel sure, will see to it that the laws are fairly and properly carried out, without fear or favor."

COP LOSES GUN IN SPEECH FIGHT

The fight for free speech is on and there is great excitement in Fargo. List of casualties so far: two wobs pinched, one beat up and one perfectly good gun captured from the chief of police, according to his own sad story.

On Thursday afternoon, Sept. 15th, the Fargo branch of I. U. 110 held its usual street meeting. After fellow worker Tom Doyle had been speaking awhile, the chief of police and his dauntless band came tearing into the crowd by means of an automobile.

"Come down off that box," yelled the head of the law and order gang. Doyle took no notice and went on speaking until he was forcibly pulled off the box by the chief.

Another fellow worker got up, but was promptly knocked down by our fiery chief. In the meantime some of the other bulls had been using their guns as clubs, and the crowd naturally getting sore, a mixup occurred. After it was all over, Doyle and W. F. Powell were under arrest, one wob badly beaten up, and the chief was running around like a wild man looking for "a little feller who took my gun away from me."

The next morning Tom Doyle was charged with speaking without a permit, and W. F. Powell with resisting an officer.

A few hours later Doyle was released on \$150 bail.

Powell was bound over to the District court and his bail set at \$500, which the branch is trying to raise. Doyle goes to trial Monday, Sept. 19th, and the fellow-workers of the No. 110 branch are waiting for the verdict before they decide on definite action.

Publicity Committee.

JURY DISAGREES ON THUG MURDER

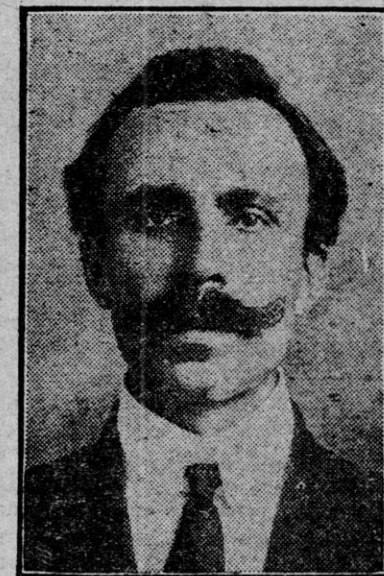
Williamson, W. Va., Sept. 20. — The jury trying Reece Chambers and Fred Burgraft on the charge of killing W. J. Ferguson, one of seven Baldwin-Felts, detectives slain in the gun fight at Matewan, in May, 1920, failed to agree on a verdict today and was discharged. The defendants gave bail in the sum of \$10,000 each for their appearance at some future date and left for their homes immediately. It was said the jury stood six for acquittal and six for first degree murder.

SACCO-VANZETTI VERDICT AROUSES ALL AMERICA

Electric Chair Is Awaiting Two Loyal Workers Doomed by Vengeful Capitalism

Nicola Sacco and Bartolomeo Vanzetti, Italians who were active in the industrial struggles of their countrymen for the past ten years, are awaiting death in the electric chair. After a seven weeks' trial, in which more than 150 witnesses testified, a jury in Dedham, Mass. brought out a verdict of guilty. The charge was that the labor organizers had taken part in the murder of two payroll guards in South Braintree, Mass. in April, 1920.

The verdict has aroused a storm of protest, especially among the Italians here, who, of course, followed the trial and the evidence most closely. American individuals and organizations have also taken up the protest. The verdict was crushingly unexpected, and so far unwarranted by the evidence that many New Englanders wholly out of sympathy with the social views of the condemned men have denounced it. The evidence was highly circumstantial. Only a jury behaving under the influence of the insidious drug of class and race prejudice could



VANZETTI



SACCO

have given credence to the "identifications" of the defendants by men and women of doubtful reliability, especially when more than a score of eye witnesses, some of whom had seen the bandits as close as ten feet away, testified that Sacco and Vanzetti were not among them. Only a jury searching for an excuse—any sort of an excuse—to send two "alien reds" out of this best of all capitalist worlds could have swept aside the alibis of both men. By ten witnesses, five of them Americans, Sacco proved that he was in Boston when the South Braintree crime was committed. By eleven witnesses, again five of them Americans of indubitable character, Vanzetti proved that he was in Plymouth, 25 miles away, at the time of the shooting. A far-fetched theory of the prosecution connecting a scratch on a bullet with a gun belonging to the Italians was disproved on the witness stand by men like J. Henry Fitzgerald, of the Colt Automatic Company and James E. Burns, of the United States Cartridge Company.

If Sacco and Vanzetti die they will be paying the death penalty for their loyalty to labor. Their activity on the picket line marked them as victims of the plutocracy. The court-room was deliberately staged like a desperate melodrama — armed guards by the dozen, "frisking" for hidden weapons, etc.—to create the impression that the men were bad characters. The judge made prejudicial rulings throughout the trial and in his instructions to the jury betrayed his antagonism towards the men whom he was judging.

Appeal is being taken to the higher courts. It is not unlikely, however, that as in the Mooney case, the final appeal will go to public opinion. The workers in Italy are agitated over the verdict and demanding justice. The case is being discussed in the Chamber of Deputies in Rome. But with the workers of America lies the power to save the men.

ISADORA DUNCAN IS RED BOLSHEVIK HARDING LAMENTS HUNGER IN AMERICA

Paris. — Isadora Duncan, at least is not discouraged about Bolshevism. She thinks it is going to be the biggest thing in world history since Christianity began and she is in at the beginning teaching youthful Bolsheviks how to dance. She left Paris for Moscow some weeks ago on invitation of the Soviet government to set up her dance school in Moscow and here is what she thinks about her new quarters as she has written to the Paris Communist organ Humanite:

"Dear Comrades: You ask for my impressions of my journey. But all that I can give you are impressions of an artist, as I am too ignorant in political matters. I have left Europe where art is crushed by commercialism. I am convinced that in Russia the greatest human miracle produced in two thousand years is happening. We are too near it, doubtless, to see more than the mere material facts, but those who live during the next hundred years will realize that humanity through the Communist regime took a great step forward.

"The martyrdom Russia is suffering for the sake of the future will prove as fertile as the martyrdom of the Nazarene. Only fraternity of the workers of the world, only the Internationale can save mankind."

So, after all, there is famine in America under a perfectly fine capitalist government.

DULUTH FORMS DIVISION FOR RELIEF OF FAMINE IN RUSSIA

"Friends of Soviet Russia" Is Organized to Aid the Drought Stricken in Russia

Immediately after an address by Caleb Harrison, of New York, given at Workers Hall under the auspices of the "Friends of Soviet Russia" a committee of twelve was elected to plan for a permanent organization for the purpose of giving relief to the hungry of Russia who are suffering because of the crop failure caused by the unprecedented drought that burned up the grain in the Voizga district.

The committee met Monday night and perfected the organization. It was decided to invite all the trade union organizations to send delegates to a meeting to be announced in the near future, and also to ask all societies in sympathy with the project of relief to send delegates so that a thorough work may be

carried on for the unfortunate sufferers in Russia.

Meetings will be held as soon as proper arrangements can be made in different parts of the city, and speakers will be secured to present the needs of the hungry and explain the method of relief.

The committee elected at the mass meeting consists of the following: Edward O. Adams, Anton Anderson, J. O. Bentall, August Berg, John Essen, Axel Johnson, Martin G. Landin, Joel Lichten, Mike O. Rourke, Christ Vole, Axel Westholm, Albert Young. The committee elected J. O. Bendall Chairman and Martin Landin Secretary Treasurer. The organization will be the Duluth Division of the "Friends of Soviet Russia," and the address is Hotel Rex, where mail should be sent.

RIGHT BUFFALOED BY BUFFALO CAPS

Buffalo, N. Y.—The police department of Buffalo, N. Y., thinks starving Russian peasants and their families are of such little importance that it violates its own ordinances and denies Buffalonians their constitutional rights of assembly.

One Sunday evening recently 50 people gathered at Schwab's Hall on Broadway in response to a call from The Friends of Soviet Russia to organize in this city an effective attempt to raise money for the relief of famine sufferers in Russia. Schwab's Hall is one use' regularly for union meetings by the carpenters, molders and machinists, etc. Its use on this particular Sunday evening had been paid for in advance. Delegates from relief committees of eight different nationalities and many interested individuals were present.

The first arrivals found the door of the hall locked and the lights out. A policeman barred the way and informed them that no meeting could be held without a permit. When it was protested that no permit was necessary, that this was not a street meeting, that it was a gathering privately called in a hall privately paid for, the lieutenant referred the spokesman to the captain of the precinct. A telephone message revealed that the captain

had retired for the evening.

Thereupon the lieutenant proceeded to disperse the group, crying, "Move on, you can't stand here." The people moved slowly up the street, the policeman in pursuit. Whenever three or four people stopped a moment to talk he pushed them along. This kept up for six or seven city blocks. A bystander on one street corner was grabbed roughly by the officer. "I live here," the man said. "Move on," was the answer.

Shortly after the war the Buffalo City Council passed a regulation requiring a permit for all public meetings. In a test case brought before the courts the city administration expressly stated that this ordinance covered street meetings only and did not apply to indoor meetings. A few months ago a certain workers' organization was, nevertheless, prevented from holding meetings.

The matter was taken up with the mayor, who sent out an executive order to each precinct police captain expressly commanding that there be no interference with indoor meetings. Yet a police lieutenant bars from their legitimate place of meeting 50 citizens of Buffalo, delegates from lawful organizations, and drives them forcefully up a public street. These people were on a mission of mercy. The truth appears that in Buffalo today only meetings personally approved by officials of the police department are permitted, regardless of justice or law.

LOOKING AHEAD

By Galena Gallo

Winter is just around the corner. We watch for it as we would for an unwelcome guest.

But why? Is it because of a dislike for natures snow, the cold clean air, the ice on the river or lake? Is there anything undesirable in all that?

Think for a moment how nice it is to go out for ride in the open, or have a skating or sleighing party! How healthful, how enjoyable! And are we not all entitled to enjoy mother nature at all times? Did destiny intend such pleasures for just those very few, who live on the fruit of the toil of others?

We know it is not so, at least most of us are aware of this fact. We the working class have learned, and especially thru hardship and suffering, who we are and what belongs to us. And the more we suffer the sooner we shall wake up, and act. We are beginning to understand why we are not enjoying life.

And yet there are some of our class who are still asleep, who still listen to the capitalist class and dream of better times, and submit to their relentless whip, like a bunch of cattle, to be driven to the slaughter house.

But remember, that there are more than six million people in our great country, who are jobless and penniless. And there will be more when the men come in from the harvest fields. There will be a larger crowd to walk our streets.

And the capitalist press is trying to tell us that better times are in sight, trying hard to console the people. Just like our mother used to stop our crying, for a while, by giving an empty bottle.

But there is one consolation. We know that the great mass of slaves are beginning to wake up, that every single day means one step forward. That the more they suffer the sooner they will act.

And with the coming of the winter, the capitalist feels a chill creeping down his spine. It is not the chill of the winter but a chill that comes with fear. We the working class know what it means. It means that his days are growing short. That the WORKERS are coming into their own.

A FOOL THERE WAS

By SPARTACUS

Once upon the time there was a King by the name Kanute, who was informed by his court that he is powerful to do almost anything. He asked them if they believed him to be able to stop the tide. In their fear they answered, yes!

King Kanute had his throne moved to the sea shore where he also assembled his entire court for the big show. And when the tidal waves approached the shore, King Kanute lifted his right arm and commanded the tide to stop.

King Kanute, alias Attorney General Daugherty in Mr. Hardings cabinet, undertook the great job to stop the tide of human progress. Mr. Daugherty is to stop the insurging wave of the social revolution in America. How he is to do it remains to be seen.

Mr. Daugherty, like his predecessor "A. Mitchell Palmer does not like us. We are a bunch of imported revolutionists, who dislike our government and seek its destruction. So we better get out of here to some other land, where we can get the liberties we seek. He says: "Those who do not believe in our government and the enforcement of our laws should go to a country which gives them their peculiar liberty. — It is our duty to warn them to stay away unless they intend to observe our customs and obey our laws."

It is rather pitiful to see a high government official display as little knowledge of history and social science, as Mr. Daugherty. If the Attorney General of the United States would possess a little more knowledge of the history of the people of this country he would have known that there was a "custom" in America which was called "chattel slavery". That system became the law of the land sanctified by the church, legalized by the Supreme Court of the United States and protected by the police power of the state and nation. As the system became too old and outworn, it had to be changed. It could not be changed from the pulpit even if they had Billy Sunday; the church is always in favor of the system in existence. It could not be abolished by congress, because the Supreme Court held it to be legal. So the only alternative the people had was to abolish it by force; and they did it.

We now live in a "custom" called wage slavery. This system is sanctified by the church, legalized by the courts and protected by the police power of the state and nation. It can not be abolished from the pulpit, even if the Attorney General should enlist the assistance of Billy Sunday. It can not be abolished by law, because congress is owned and controlled by the capitalist class, and your chief executive selected by Boies Penrose will not sign a law of that nature. And should the unexpected happen, and a law abolishing wage slavery should through a miracle pass congress and get the sanction of the president, you can rest assured that the Supreme Court of the United States will invalidate it.

Is there any other course for the people to pursue than the course that was used in 1861?

The time is rapidly approaching when the question of slavery and freedom will have to be settled, and settled for good. And when that time comes we will tell the Attorney General, his associates and the crowd whose mouth piece he is, not to go to some other country, but we will give them each a pair of overalls and put them to work, to earn a living and to become useful members in society.

And for the time being we suggest that Mr. Daugherty better be quiet and not make himself ridiculous in the eyes of that backward(?) Country Russia.

EVER FEEL THIS WAY ABOUT IT?

A bank wrote one of its customers requesting money or additional collateral security on outstanding loans and he wrote a characteristic letter. It is of no concern who wrote the letter or where the bank was located. The interest lies wholly in the situation described in the reply, which is couched as follows:

"For the following reasons I am unable to comply with your request:"

"I have been held up, held down, sand-bagged, walked on, sat on, flattened out and squeezed. First by the United States government for federal war tax, the excess profit tax, the Liberty Loan Bonds, rift, capital stock tax, merchant's license and auto tax, and by every society and organization that the inventive mind of man can invent, to extract what I may or may not possess.

"From the Society of John the Baptist, the G. A. R., the Woman's Relief, the Navy League, the Red Cross, the Black Cross, the Purple, the Double Cross, the Children's Home, the Dorcas Society, the Y. M. C. A., the Y. W. C. A., the Boy Scouts, the Jewish Relief, the Belgian Relief and every hospital in town. Then on top of it all comes the Associated Charities.

"The Government has so governed my business that I don't know who owns it. I am inspected, suspected, examined and re-examined, informed, required and commanded, so I don't know who I am, where I am, or why I am here. All I know is that I am supposed to be an inexhaustible supply of money for every known need, desire or hope of the human race; and because I will not sell all that I have and go out and beg, borrow or steal money to give away, I have been cursed, discussed, boycotted, talked to, talked about, held up, hung up, robbed and nearly ruined, and the reason I am clinging to this life is to see what the H—l is coming next."

HERE AND THERE

Judge: "What is the charge against this man."

Officer: "Yer 'onor, I found him robbing a bank."

Judge: "Did you search him."

Officer: "Yes, yer 'onor, but, I couldn't find a red card."

Judge: (interrupting) "Prisoner is discharged — lack of evidence."

Fatty Arbuckle scandal has disgraced the motion-picture-profits... and yea, verily, their prophets are in disgrace.

All, banquet-scenes are being "called in," also. — 'tis that starving-slaves can no longer find relish in them.

A coal dealers sign in Moorhead, Minn., reads: Why Freeze while Lamb has coal?—business men are coming to our way of thinking — Why starve in the midst of plenty.

The masters press is going around bragging they have 12 million of us working (?)—sort of rubbing it in, I guess—How do the rest of the 117,000,000 get their living—an echo answers, How?

Prices are coming down — supply and demand governs prices—if you have a large supply of money, the prices are high; If your supply is small, they demand less.

I hope this settles the controversy on law of supply and demand.

Beds may be obtained for .25 in the basement — with the rats — If you do not desire to associate with rats (nocturnally) you may buy a bed above ground for \$1.50. I wish I was dead — the sheets, the blankets, the cots, and the smell, lice and sh—llith. All this is for labor—without stint.

This brings us to "natural selection." (The sentiments in some of our musical-selections—would better be left unsaid.)

You have no sox — your feet are damp. My God, you've got a cold. 'Tis pneumonia, the doctor says—you die. You are exterminated. You have been exposed.

The capitalist system is not exposed, yet.

No. Not satisfied "letting" us starve and freeze it is sending agent-provocateurs among the disheartened "workers" who are on the verge of insanity, because of their miseries.

Fellow workers: Remember from time to time the masters expect you to start premature, half-baked, activities: He and his agents are working to that end, night and day — Better, by far, that you starve and freeze than, that, you act unorganized, following the blind-lead of the masters agents — Think, and think fast. It won't hurt you.

From time to time thought inquires: "What shall I read — where can I find direction?" I would nominate The Truth.

T. bone Slim. P. S.—Excuse my callouses.

WOBs IN JAIL

SEND GREETINGS

Alameda County Jail, Oakland, Cal., Aug. 19. — Fellow Workers: Weh, here it is from the boys in the can. We know a Wobbly is always glad to hear from the fellow workers on the inside, so thought we would drop you a letter.

As you probably know by this time, we were arrested while exercising our justly famous constitutional rights of free speech, free assemblage and free press—that is, holding an open forum meeting, Seattle style. We had a liberal preacher speaking for us and were selling some literature at the door. What has happened to our said constitutional rights, anyway? They haven't been in evidence around this part of Sunny Cal for quite some time now. Can it be that the Lady Liberty has taken her torch and left this "land of the free" for a visit to barbarous Russia? Perish the thought!

At any rate, we feel very important, not to say puffed up, as the chief of police and captain of detectives of this city personally conducted our arrest. They were ably assisted by a bunch of plain-clothes bulls big enough to have whipped the German army in its palmy days. However, you know how it is — r-r-red r-r-r-revolutionists like ourselves, with our pockets full of bombs and poison gas and Bolshevikes an' everything—"in the apprehension of such criminals every possible precaution must be taken," etc., etc.

Fellow Worker Ryan feels especially honored, though for some rea-

son the authorities" did not arrest him at the same time as the rest of us. They had him pinched by the clown in Modesto on a charge of drunkenness, or biting an arm off a baby, or throwing rocks at a funeral, or something like that. Then the "minion of the law" made a special trip from here after him.

About our winter home here: It isn't at all bad. We live in here in the morning and have our muck brought to us in bed and watch such of the slaves as are fortunate enough to have a master dashing past to the shipyards to earn the munificent salary of \$3.36—yes, there is no mistake in the figures —\$3.36 per day. Most of the workers who pass have no master at all—not even a \$3.36-per-day one, and one woebegone individual who passed our "residence" called in to us that it had taken him two days to annex 15 cents on the stem in "our" city.

All in all, we almost hesitate to spread this information about our free boarding house broadcast in this way, as the workers on the outside may rush in in such numbers as to crowd us out. Then, too, —almost forgotthis—we get spiritual consolation—ple in the sky—three or four times a week. You have no idea how we appreciate this.

This ought to be a great winter for the lining up of new members, from all appearances. The stomachs of the jobless and underpaid slaves are preaching them more serious and thought-compelling sermons than all the agitation from Fellow Worker Jesus down to Leon Trotsky.

Speaking seriously, we are all in the best of health and spirits, and the case against us is very weak—at least, the police judge said it was; but he didn't have the guts to turn us loose, so "passed the buck," binding, over to the superior court. The real issue to be decided is whether it is a crime to carry an I. W. W. card in the state of California.

Well, all for this time. Keep up the good work on the outside, fellow workers. Yours for industrial freedom, J. Hannon, Howard Welton, J. McLaughlin, Pat Casey, Micky Dunn, George Ryan.

Seeing England

Aniso.

He told me he had been To the great BALL At Lansdowne's House And saw the Prince of Wales And the King of Spain And Lord Curzon And an Indian prince And many other lords Resplendent with decorations, And many ladies Resplendent with jewels In low-cut ball gowns. He said he had never seen In all his life So many JEWELS, Coronets of diamonds And ropes of pearls, The wealth of many kingdoms SHINING!

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I told him I had been To the Labor Party Congress At Brighton, And saw a delegation Of the UNEMPLOYED And there were four million LIKE THEM In Great Britain.

I told him of the lines of pain I saw in the face of Hodges, The miner's secretary, Facing the bitter choice Of starvation or strike OR starvation wages. I told him the laborers In Agriculture Producing the land's FOOD Were paid before the war Three dollars a WEEK And had won their way Slowly upward To NINE dollars. And now the Wage Board That helped in this Was being WITHDRAWN By the Government.

III

After we had exchanged These experiences We wandered down at night By the Parliament Houses And saw in great array The beautiful motor cars Waiting at midnight For their owners, The MEN INSIDE, Who were solving All the problems Of England! And I remembered how That morning A little child had asked me To "spare a penny"

And how that afternoon A pale young man Came to me in the street Saying he was an ex-soldier And had nothing to eat all day, Calling good luck upon me If I should give him A SHILLING!

WHAT THE I. W. W. STAND FOR

Editor TRUTH,

Dear Fellow-worker:—

Having seen an article in your paper in regard to the Industrial Workers being criticised by various organizations who do not understand or know the fundamental principles or the ultimate aim of the I. W. W. I would like to make an explanation regarding that organization.

The president of the San Francisco Motor Club told his audience the truth, and I will give him credit for telling his hearers that they did not know anything about the I. W. W.; that they did not understand the principles of the organization. And when he told them that there are other people who do not heed the law of the land, he again told the truth.

So if such is the case, and it is, then are not they open to criticism as well as the I. W. W.?

Now if the general public would only read such papers as TRUTH, GRIT, SOLIDARITY, INDUSTRIAL WORKER and various other socialist papers and get a little of the actual truth of what is going on and has been done in this country, they would not be so ready to condemn the I. W. W. The I. W. W. as well as the Communists are back of every man, woman and child that works for a living at a daily wage, regardless of creed, color or nationality.

To get the full product of their labor, they believe in industrial organization and not in craft organization. They believe that everybody should have the right to work and eat. They believe in better pay, better living conditions and they believe that the workers should own the mills, factories and mines and work for themselves, and not give up two thirds of what they earn to some drone to be kept in idleness.

We, the working class produce everything yet live in poverty and want, so why should we not stand up for our rights and demand the right to live and maintain our families in a civilized way?

What we want is a chance to educate our children in a better way, so that when they are called upon to face the battle of life, that they will know how.

The capitalist class claims that we are unjust and ask too much. I claim we do not.

For instance, take a look at the Sunday supplement of any paper and you will see them in their fine and fancy styles of wearing apparel and their costly homes. While we the working class live in hovels, bedecked in overalls and our wives in plain gingham. For recreation we stroll up a side street in fear of someone seeing us in our poverty stricken condition.

The so called better class rides around in a fine car on the boulevard and goes to a high priced theatre, while we workers must content ourselves by going to a ten-cent picture show.

Another thing I must mention is the "Everett Massacre." If the people in this country only knew as much about the affair as the citizens of Everett, they would not criticise the I. W. W. If anybody wants to know about the Everett Massacre they will find first hand information in a book by that name. This book contains facts from the trial at Seattle, Wash. All evidence given at the trial is found in this book. It tells how the I. W. W. were treated and what happened to any citizen who went to their meeting, just to hear them speak.

Another case famous in this country is the "Centralia Conspiracy." Kind reader, do not condemn the I. W. W. for what you think they did at Centralia, but read about the trial of those prosecuted fellow workers. Any person who thinks that the I. W. W. are guilty of everything that is laid at their door, is mistaken or misinformed by the public press.

The capitalist class has been trying to arouse such hatred against them, that the minute an I. W. W. is arrested he is convicted, before being tried.

We, the I. W. W., believe in justice for everybody, but we do not believe in bought justice as the case is in many instances.

We believe in giving a square deal regardless of creed, color or nationality. Those are our principles, first, last and always.

The "Everett Massacre" and "Centralia Conspiracy" can be had by sending to the I. W. W. headquarters at 1091 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. My card No. is 713484. —Mike Donovan, Ogden, Utah.

OLD TIMER HANDS RENEGADE PAPER SHARP LEFT UPPER CUT

We print the following to show how those comrades feel who wake up and find themselves fooled by the reactionists in their present effort to fleece the workers. The old Appeal To Reason was once a good workingclass paper, but is now of the counter revolutionary kind.

Ruskin, Florida, Sept. 8th 1921.

Editor 'Appeal,'

"Dear Sir:—

"A friend handed me a copy of your paper of the 3d inst., in which I find under great scarehead: "What is the Matter With the Socialist Movement Today?" Why, bless your life, NOTHING AT ALL! It now has a socialist government in Russia which covers one-sixth of this old Earth's surface, and is distributing tons more propaganda matter than it ever did. True, some so-called Socialist publication that are conservative enough to be in the Old Democratic and Republican camps, are having hard selding, and only keep a little life in themselves by EXPLOITING poor Gene Debs.

"But what you REALLY MEANT was, "What is the Matter With the Socialist Party?" Well, it's like that "Social Democratic League" which YOU and a few other "Intellectual" socialists sprung upon us—D-E-A-D! Yes Sir, gone where the "New Appeal" went. YOU can't revive either of them as they became putrid long ago.

"The Socialist Party EXPELLED all its LIVE workers you know, and all that the Berger's, Hillquists, Russels, Bensons, Simons, Wallings, Spargos and BANKER Haldeman-Julius have to flag some "Reform" train with is a handful of Socialist Henry Dubbs.

"But, say, Mister, don't think that because your old "Firing Line" is deserting their post, they have been swallowed by some G. O. P. Not on your life, but they are reading eagerly such papers as "The Liberator," "Butte Bulletin," "Truth," "Soviet Russia" and others of THE SAME CLASS. They do not propose to fight Capitalism and then subscribe to a paper like the "Appeal" whose OWNERS are BANKERS and in it to accumulate CAPITAL even by resorting to advertising all manner of nasty nostrums, and stock sale schemes to trim them. Those papers they NOW take, are free from all that rot, and ARE NOT OWNED BY PRIVATE OWNERS. They remember that Phil Wagner made his stake and retired, and Warren made his, and you can't fool all of them all the time.

"Sincerely yours,

E. E. Gore."

Comrade Bentall:- This is a copy of a letter I sent to the Bankers who run the "Appeal" — for which I was a sub over 20 years, and, am sorry to say one of their fool Henry Dubbs "Firing Line" scents. God how we have been fooled! Your expose of "Debs Magazine" is fine, it caught numbers here. I am trying to work up subs. for "Truth."

Sincerely yours, E. E. Gore.

Cost of Shoe Labor Is Small

Boston. — Editor Baine of the Shoe Workers' Journal "lifts the lid" on shoe prices, and in explaining why labor refuses to accept wage reductions in this industry he shows who is profiteering.

Before the war, he says, the labor cost of a pair of shoes retailing at \$3.50 ranged around 60 cents. Later their shoes sold as high as \$12 and the labor cost advanced to \$1 or 8 1/2 per cent of the retail price.

"Shoes that retailed at \$20 or over would show a still smaller percentage of labor cost in proportion to the selling price at retail," he says.

"During the period of advance, shoe prices were made without reason. The excuse given the consumers was the high cost of material and labor. One man who paid \$18 for a pair of shoes was blaming labor for it. He was asked what he supposed labor received for making that pair of shoes and he replied: 'Probably \$4 or \$5. When told that labor received less than \$1.30 he was astounded.

"For something over a year we have had a falling market for shoe materials. Prices for shoe materials now very nearly equal pre-war prices. Yet manufacturers and dealers seem unable to make shoe prices anywhere near pre-war levels.

"A manufacturer said he wanted to make a shoe to sell to dealers at \$6, to be sold at retail at \$9, and would like a reduction in labor

cost. The same shoe used to be sold to the retailer at \$2.85 and retailed at \$4. Labor receives about 40 cents per pair more on that shoe.

"Labor was asked to contribute from its 40 cents to help the manufacturer sell at \$6 what he used to sell at \$2.85, when his market for raw materials is nearly the same as before the war.

"There are other instances of proposed reduction in labor cost that have no better foundation than the one just related. It is not strange that labor is not enthusiastic to co-operate for such ends.

"These policies are among the causes of the public resentment against the shoe business that results in the jeering of a shoe manufacturer on the floor of the house of representatives at Washington.

"We know there are circumstances somewhat extenuating, such as high rents, freight and other expenses, but still it is in order for manufacturers and dealers to introduce a little team work into their lead pencils.

"Labor declines to be the goal for the public prejudice to pay the freight for margins that a few years ago would have seemed extremely extravagant."

A PROPHECY--TO THE KU KLUX KLAN

There's a day of reckoning to be

For the heilish Ku Klux Klan,

When your fiendish deeds r act on you

And 'twill be your Judgement Day.

Your white-robed snakes have come too far—

We watch—and now know who you are!

Such childish faith! Are you secure?

Your documents we've got for sure.

There's a day of settlement to come

When your debts will all be due,

And your victims' spirits all will come

To collect the debt from you.

Your membership will all come forth

To perish looking to the North.

Your flaming cross will burn its last

As you step off into the past.

There's a day of silencing to be

When your wicked mouths shall close,

And your records will convict you all—

What you did to bring earth's woes.

Your documents have all been seen,

To "secret" meetings we have been.

Your terrorism does reign yet—

Your day will come—don't you forget!

O, reptiles of the Klan—beware!

The night may storm the day be fair.

And earth still lives with loves and hates—

You near, I see, your own hell's gates!

—Hal Brommels.

IRISH WORKERS FORM SOVIET

BELFAST.—Irish transport workers at the Drogheda foundry today formed a soviet, seized the plant, and began operating it under their own management.

Soviet guards were stationed at all approaches to the plant to prevent the troops or police from recapturing it.

The seizure of the plant was effected by force. The coup was so sudden, however, that resistance could not be organized.

This action followed a three weeks' strike against a wage reduction.

After they had taken possession of the plant the workers quietly went about resuming their usual tasks, with their own representatives acting as bosses.

This is the third outbreak of the kind in Ireland recently. Harbor workers a few days ago seized the docks at Cork and hoisted the red flag. At Druce, county Limerick, transport workers seized a mill and a bakery.

BREAD RIOTS IN WINTER

This coming winter will be the hungriest the American workers have felt since our forefathers took the country away from the original hundred per centers. And it will be the coldest — for the men now sleeping in parks. The winters of '07-8, '12-3, and '13-4 will be pleasant memories in comparison.

Let us look the situation frankly in the face and consider what will happen. Revolt? Of course there will be revolts. The workers are not going to lie idly down and die without trying something else first. The authorities know this well, and look for what they call "trouble," though, just like for the Czar in 1916, it is still too early for them or for anyone else to guess accurately just how much trouble there will be. But they are making what preparations they think are necessary, and so we find the company police of mill towns mobilizing fresh forces and the regular police in our big cities undergoing special "riot drills."

Bread Riots.

They frankly expect riots, and it is safe to say that nothing will suit some of them more than sporadic, unorganized outbreaks which can be easily crushed by their organized forces. This will be especially the case with "bread" or "hunger" riots, where mobs tear down the street, breaking into petty stores, restaurants, butcher shops and bakeries. Such unorganized rioters will get more bullets than bread. They will furnish the organized opposition an apple pie opportunity to give the workers a good example. There are too many workers now, from their point of view, some six million too many, and a few hundred or thousand lives can well be sacrificed as a lesson to the rest to work or starve more meekly. Of course, liberal capitalists will object to this plain statement, but it must be remembered that the liberals do not control in a crisis.

On the other hand, the workers must eat or die, and when sufficiently maddened by hunger, in great enough numbers, they will go after the cats, or try to. The question arises as to where they will go.

You have often seen a hungry man flattening his nose against the window of a restaurant and gluing his eyes to the fat roast chicken just inside. In a food riot you can picture that man leading a mob to that chicken, instead of to the warehouse from which it came, with a hundred thousand other chickens. Why? Because that one chicken is in full sight behind the glass casing, and the hundred thousand are out of sight, out of mind, in the warehouse in some side street of which our hungry friend does not even know the existence.

In the old days, in the smaller European cities, the bread rioters knew where to go for their food, but in a modern American city they do not. It is either delivered to their house or they go to the little cockroach distributing store which they are accustomed to deal with. They do not think in terms of warehouses.

The masters of bread are different. They do think in terms of warehouses, because they — clever profiteers — use those warehouses to hoard up for high prices the food which eventually finds its way to the workers' tables.

These warehouses contain the real food supplies, and the mob that riots after the two-by-four petty stores will not get much bread out of its bread riots.

The Secret Warehouses

Hundreds of these warehouses are in every large city — hundreds, containing literally millions of pounds of beef, mutton, pork, eggs, flour, etc. And yet the general public does not know where this food is. The general public does not know because the facts are carefully concealed. If you are curious to test this statement just ask the authorities, whose business it is to keep a record of food supplies, where the warehouses are. Try the Bureau of Foods and Markets in New York City for instance, as the writer did, and you will be blandly told that though there are four hundred meat storage places in New York City, not to mention the warehouses storing other foods, the Bureau does not know where these places are. Of course, you will be showered with a lot of general statistical information, but they cannot or will not tell you what you want to know, that is, where the food is.

Where is the food? That is the practical question the workers need answer for, and it is the thing they will have to find out for themselves. "Government statistics" will not do them any good in this case.

Where is the food? It is something that starving men must know, and know before they can eat. And, fortunately, it is something that they can find out by a food survey of the cities in which they find themselves. And it will not be such a difficult job if undertaken in organized fashion. A well known scientist in New York City declared that a comparatively small organization could make a good survey of the food resources of that city in one month. In this work there is needed the cooperation of all branches of foodstuffs workers, warehouse workers, teamsters, shipping clerks, and one or two industrial engineers who can interpret the data which has been gathered.

It is also evident that this food survey must include the bringing of the food into the city as well as the storage. Milk trains, etc. and terminals are of vital importance. No organized movement in this coming crisis will be satisfied to eat up the food in the warehouses and then go back to starvation.

Food Surveys in New York.

The necessity of undertaking an immediate food survey of New York City was laid before the delegates to the Unemployment Conference there last spring, and since then they have made a start on the work and latest information is that they are beginning to tackle the problem more earnestly. It is safe to say that the more closely the specter of starvation stalks into the workers' faces throughout the country the more quickly will the progressive ones investigate their food supplies.

There is no time to lose. These food surveys must be made without delay. When the starvation crisis forces action this winter or later, then the organization which has that information which the moment needs, which knows where the food is and how the supplies will be kept up that organization will lead the desperate, unorganized masses. Such an organization will get united backing and generate far more vigorous action than comes from unorganized rioters who don't know where they are going.

The same principle applies with equal truth to the whole industrial problem. The time is coming when the idle workers must man the idle industrial equipment on their own initiative or perish: When that time comes the organization which knows what to do, the organization which has a coordinated plan for the operation of industry, can put its case before the workers and say, "Let's Go!"

Organization based on knowledge wins just as surely as unorganized mob action, moving in the darkness of its own ignorance, loses.

INDUSTRIALIST.

What a Political Prisoner Thinks About

Sir: The following portions of a letter which has just come to me from Harrison George, one of the members of the I. W. W. at Leavenworth prison, will be of interest to your readers.

Mr. George is one of the 103 I. W. W.'s serving long sentences as a result of the three Federal prosecutions during the war. He was an editor of various labor papers, the author of a number of pamphlets — one of those strong, tempered revolutionary minds so characteristic of the I. W. W. leadership in the West.

New York City, August 24

Roger Baldwin

Friend Roger: Someone ought to run a funny strip entitled What a Political Prisoner Thinks About. While squatting here on an upper bunk this fine August evening I feel fatigued, physically and mentally. This Lord's Day I have worshiped, in my own way by cleaning my cell. Failing to impress the Gold Dust Twin to do my work, Signor Sapolo and I have busied ourselves all day scrubbing walls, floor, and ceiling — yes, and the bars at the front as well, until all shine as the well-known pin in this four by nine mausoleum of a whilom idealist.

For what purpose does the Omnipotent afflict one with a social vision when it serves but to lead one to manacles and a felon's cell, and fails to inspire so much as one-tenth of one per cent of one's fellow beings? This question requires an answer from American opinion — if there be such a thing, which one may legitimately doubt. There is neither cohesion nor the desire for it in respect to ending a condition which is making cynics of thinkers. The ultra-Reds are busy postulating impossible upheavals, the common or garden variety occupied with internecine contention for organization offices. The liberals go on liberating — which means that, after forgiving each other for being asses in 1916 and 1917, they blithely trip from past asinities to new ones. And those who were turned from conservatives by the last four full years are yet dumb with their discovery. True, the I. W. W. membership has contributed generously to our defense and relief. But little appears in its press concerning us and our fate. They may say all efforts are centered on organization. All too true. True again, the Socialist Party has prominently voiced cries for amnesty. Also true it is that the liberals — bless their saccharine souls — deign to mention us now and again. But they do so only in a manner of seeking to prove a point in argument, and apparently regard our incarceration as among the natural phenomena. They seem too priggish to acknowledge that the proletarian saw the trend of events clearer than they — or were more courageous in opinion. And they usually preface a five-line plea for our release with twenty lines making clear that they do not under any circumstance believe in violence. Thus they sound like intellectual poltroons absolving themselves from an imaginary crime — for where and when has aggressive violence been proved against us? These are contemporary Peters who thrice deny the Master — the proletarian — whose lashes fall upon the money-changers in the temple of bourgeois society. Cannot honesty and culture give birth to a more healthy protesting echo?

These things, my friend, demand an answer. I will indulge in no collectiverodomontades. The stoics among us grow fewer with the years. The few outside who really work for us are all too few. We feel our misery capitalized by some and ignored by others. Rumors of amnesty are received with mirthless laughter, the prison laugh, the laugh without a smile. Many who came singing to prison now sneer at old ideals. And it is not their fault — but yours of the indifferent outside! One, Fred Esmond, is insane — an Oxford man. Others ask release to bury themselves in the herd or gain the shores of kinder lands. I see this tragedy of ruined youth and faith about me and wonder if this is the best heritage my American sires could grant. What do I hear from beyond these walls? Your friend,

Leavenworth, Kansas, August 7

Harrison George.

— From The Nation.

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"JAIL CURES RADICAL"

This is the headline over articles now running in the capitalist press about Linn A. E. Gale, who has posed as a champion of the workers.

Gale may have been a stool for all we know. He may be simply a coward. In either case we are glad to let the capitalists have him. Just now he is rather useless to them. He cannot be used as a stool and he does not carry much weight with him as a coward.

In his "cured" state he is something like a defective rubber tire. It cannot be worked over and the material in it is worth only its weight as junk.

So if you capitalists used him as a stool or if you jailed him and found him soft we feel that he can better enjoy his remaining days with you than anywhere else. We certainly do not want him. We want better stuff. We have better stuff and he would not feel comfortable among us.

You have several fellows like him in the dull pages of your history. There is that stalwart knight of the revolution, Benedict Arnold, and his earlier brother, Judas Ischariot. Are you not proud of them? Gale is too small to go down in history, unless the "cure" that "cured" him becomes infamous enuf to be recorded.

To cure people with jails has been tried for many centuries. The peculiar part of it is that those cured are very few. And when they are cured they are worse than useless. It is a waste of time and money to try to cure people in that way. Almost as foolish as to build wooden battle ships.

The only ones who amount to anything are those who come thru the jails without being cured. We have several examples of that kind.

You tried to cure Daniel by putting him in jail—with lions.

You tried to cure Galileo by putting him in jail, jail. You tried it on Peter, his fellow apostle.

You tried to cure John Bunyan by putting him in jail. You kept him there for 20 years and all you got out of it was his "Pilgrim's Progress."

You tried to cure Galileo by butting him in jail, but you had to burn him at the stake before he was "cured".

You are trying to cure Jim Larkin and Ben Gitlow and Charles A. Lehigh and Ralph Chaplin and Eugene Debs, but your cure does not seem to take.

Mebbe your cure is getting old and mebbe it has lost its curative powers. Wouldn't it be a good stunt for you to submit it to some chemist and have it examined.

So, to be honest about it, we do not feel that we have lost much by your "curing" of Linn A. E. Gale. And it does not seem that you have gained a great deal. We hardly think you have gotten your money's worth. And to spill good ink over good paper bragging about your cure also appears to our humble judgment a wasteful waste.

You say you are going to give Gale his freedom in exchange for his services as "state's evidence against other radicals." That's what we thought. You could not get any better "evidence." It is year kind. You "cure" a fellow with your jail in order to get timber to bolster up your case against radicals. Fine timber. Great "evidence."

And therefore you shall be called the quack doctors of the 20th century.

HARD TO NAME

The diplomats are having some time to name their contraption that they are hoping to wreck the world with.

At first it was the "League of Nations" and then it was the "Society of Nations", and now it is the "Association of Nations."

Which name shall the little baby have? How shall it be settled? Can it be settled without war? Will it be possible to decide without bloodshed?

That seems rather difficult to agree upon.

But the tendency seems to be toward war. It is not likely that a big question like that can be solved by simply talking and reasoning. For where is the diplomat who can reason? There is no such animal. To reason requires brains.

So it is as well as decided that to clear up this matter of whether it shall be a "League of Nations" or an "Association of Nations" or a "Society of Nations" there must be a first class war, a big one, bigger than the World War.

But in order to have this war the diplomats have to diplomat a bit. There must be a bee of wool pulling to get the cannon fodder, alias the workers, ready to obey the commands of the superiors. There must be a lot of deceit and hypocrisy.

How can that be put across?

Pst!

A disarmament conference! There you have it. The "disarmament" conference is nothing but the forerunner to the big slaughter fest that the capitalists are slipping in on us.

Teddy Roosevelt, the young upstart who is to imitate his illustrious father, has been made to get some of the stuff out of his system so as to have something to fall back on in the future, and he points out that the word "disarmament" does not occur in the call for the conference to be held at Washington Nov. 11. All the papers seem to smile as they herald this thing as a "disarmament" gathering. The people as a whole believe that the call is for disarmament.

It is no such a thing. It is a conference to determine how the nations stand and how much each nation may need to prepare in order to have the big war bazar. It is simply to line up so the war may be a success.

You think this is idle talk and a joke.

Good and well. It will be no joke when the call comes to you to leave home and loved ones to "fight for your country." That will be a horse of another color.

If you still have faith in the masters of your destiny and think that they are going "to keep you out of war" you are too innocent to talk to. Ask your nanna for the bottle and try to feed so you can grow a little.

THE FAG END

The Duluth Herald starts a very foolish editorial by calling the famine in Russia "the fag end of a disastrous experiment."

We shall quote quite a bit from this silly exposition of a tired editor who seems to be laboring under the difficulties of a chronic brain fog.

For a little lucid spell the hired writer proceeds quite intelligently, with the exception of his childish dig at Russia. See what a capitalist white collar slave is compelled to admit:

The news of the world continues to make unpleasant reading. It is not alone that Russia, with its swarming millions, is facing dreadful famine in the fag end of a disastrous experiment; that much of Europe is in a state of unrest complicated by hate and plague and hunger; that in some of the most distressingly afflicted sections the direst distress is paralleled by profligate dissipation; that the crude ostentations of the war-enriched profiteer are inflaming the discontents of disinherited millions; that the world, in the face of the tragic lessons of 1914-1918, still nourishes war and the machinery of war, though another great war may well mean the complete breakdown of civilization; that the problem of control of industry and the division of its fruits is setting brother against brother.

In this country, least touched by the war of all that took part in it, on the face of the news it is not much better. Crime is extraordinarily rampant. Calamities abound. Even nature seems to be sharing the demoralization of all things that the war brought in its bloody train, and contributing its part to the depressing and appalling events that fill the news.

Did you see that?

Does not this look like the "fag end" of disastrous capitalism? Who is or what is the cause of "the complete breakdown of civilization? Has not capitalism been in charge? Is it not in charge today? Are not the present rulers and the present system responsible for the conditions we have? Who else is?

The Herald asks the very sensible question as to what the matter is, and then replies like a calf:

What is the matter with the world, anyway, that after centuries of culture and progress it finds itself today about as badly off as though it had missed both progress and culture?

There is no doubt whatever about what the trouble is. It is that mankind leaving God out of its calculations, has wrought of its own will and strength, and so has made a sad muddle of it.

To bolster up its position the Herald quotes the Catholic Standard and Times in part:

Here lies the fundamental trouble: Our age has severed life from its religious base. It has tried to build civilization upon a merely natural foundation. It now realizes that it has been rearing a tower of Babel which is beginning to totter and come down about its ears.

The divorce from religion has brought the world misery and woe. Humanity can get along without religion no more than it can do without air and light. The artificial atmosphere of godlessness in which the man of today lives is unfit for human beings to breathe. It starves all the nobler instincts and stifles the soul.

This is new news. Since when did the capitalists get a divorce from their religion? Have not the churches grown during the last six years? Do not the records show that there has been a large increase in membership in both catholic and protestant churches? Has not Billy Sunday kept a stream of converts patterning into the church over the "sawdust trail"? Did not the kaiser and God agree upon the war? Did not every regiment have a chaplain and did not the Salvation Army and the Y. M. C. A. care for the souls of the soldiers and read the Word of God to them so they might be better fit to shoot their brothers? Did not every priest and preacher in the world, with exceptions so few that they are not worth mentioning, call for blood and exhort the soldiers to shoot to kill? Has not the church earned her trophies in the tar and feather ceremonies and did not a preacher furnish the rope that was used to hang Wesley Everest?

For the life of us we cannot see any decline in capitalist religion. The Catholic Standard and Times must have given the Herald lamb a bum steer. But the idea seems to have stuck in the noodle of the editor, for lookit:

The Jew, if he knows his Books of the Law and the Prophets knows that every time his people went astray from God, they got into trouble; and that they got out of it only as they went humbly and penitently back to give themselves again into His leading. That has been civilization's history ever since civilization knew God; and that history is repeating itself today.

After the thieves of the profiteering class has stolen every crumb from the common people, this naive freshman tries to doctor up the syndicated stuff into an editorial blaming the people for leaving God. The trouble with the unsuspecting man who is picked by a footpad is that he left shop to go home. If he had not ventured out he would not have been robbed. It was his own fault.

So it is the people's own fault that the pirate class has robbed them. Why didn't the people stick to God while the profiteers stuck them up? Why have the unemployed lost faith in God? They should stick to God and not blame the masters of industry. And look at the soldiers they are auctioning off at 25 cents a day. They have the foolish notion of wanting jobs, and in seeking jobs they forget God. Are they not the sinners?

How thankful we should be for the great prophet of the Herald that is rising up on Mount Zion to lead the transgressors who ask for jobs back to God!

As a closing admonition this Lamb of the Steel Trust pours out his soul thuswise:

Mankind needs above all to give less thought to "world might," "preparedness," "a place in the sun," and more to the philosophy of living and hope and assurance and salvation that dwells in such widely known and little practiced sayings as these: "Thou shalt love the Lord thy God with all thy heart . . . and thy neighbor as thyself!" "Do unto others," "take no thought;" "seek ye first the kingdom of God and His righteousness, and all these things shall be added unto you."

We recommend this to Julius Barnes and the Chamber of Commerce. We lay it before Charlie Schwab and Elbert Gary. We hope that J. P. Morgan and the thieving bankers of Wall Street may fall upon their knees when they read this exhortation. And there are the packers and the ship building board and the billion-aire tax Dodgers and the attorney general and Congress and Knute Nelson and the Duluth street car company.

Let these gents listen to this prophet of God and quit destroying civilization.

A NIFTY SUGGESTION

Gompers, that faithful watchdog of our liberties, got a brand new idea into his noodle the other day and had to get it out of his system before he could go home and eat supper with his new wife in the seab hotel.

The idea popped up and formed itself into some kind of a notion that "labor should be represented at the coming disarmament conference."

For once we must give the hero of the world of labor credit for having gotten busy at something that no other mortal could possibly have thought of.

Labor at a table that is surrounded by war lords! Labor at a conference that deals with the question of how labor might be most efficiently and promptly shoved into the maws of war! Labor in a confab of plotters to slam labor into the trenches and shoot it in the international sport of the profiteers!

This was naive.

President Harding admits it himself. He was so struck with surprise at this miraculous inspiration delivered to Gompers by the gods that for a moment he could not speak. But gasping for breath he finally recovered and poured out of his heart this wonderful reply:

The White House, Washington.

July 28, 1921.

My dear Mr. Gompers: I am belated in making due acknowledgment of your communication of July 19th in which you not only pledge to me the support of the American Federation of Labor in the disarmament conference but in which you also made the very practical suggestion that it would be well to have labor represented upon the respective delegations. It is within my province to give this recommendation consideration so far as it concerns the American delegation, but I can not do more than that. It is gratifying to know of your good will and support.

(Signed) Warren G. Harding.

By George, the man promises to give "this recommendation consideration." Isn't it great! The very president himself says he will consider whether labor might be that of in the deliberations that deal with the very life of labor.

No wonder Gompers took this reply of Harding with him to bed. It was like a new doll to a peasant girl. Sweet and comforting.

Yes, dearest, President Harding is going to "give this recommendation consideration."

What more can American labor that elected Harding expect? Is not this a full reward for all the votes labor labored to shovel into the ballot hopper for their devoted union brother?

WAS WEBB A MEMBER OF THE G. O. P.

A horrible crime was committed in Hibbing recently when a crazed man by the name of Webb shot and killed three police officers who came to his house to arrest him.

Of course the papers got as crazy as Webb ever was and aroused the people to a heated passion as wild as that of the Duluth mob that the papers got to lynch three negroes — innocent or guilty, no one knows.

Webb hid himself and it was some time before he was found. He had been dead several days when he was discovered in a cabin out in the woods. Before his death he had scribbled some notes which have since been translated under a magnifying glass. Pieced together they read:

"I shot Hays.

"He and three others, seven or eight years ago, beat me up. Thomas Killorin knows all about it. I have been arrested and my house searched for nothing.

"I hope this shooting will learn the officers of Hibbing not to go into a house without a warrant. They must knock at door and have a warrant with them.

"Gene Cassidy (second officer killed) have been at my poor kids, going through their pockets on the street. I suppose I did not have trouble enough without people making trouble for me.

"Cort (William Kohrt, third officer slain) was no good to the people. He was after easy money. I hope it will learn officers of the U. S. A. to have papers before going to a man's house."

After the heat of passion the stern facts crop out that Webb that he had a right to be arrested according to law. It is well known that thousands of cases are found in this country when officers have violated the law in making arrests. This does not excuse Webb, but it might be a warning to the lawlessness of the rulers.

The Duluth Tribune was able to find I. W. W. signed to one of his notes. The expert with the microscope was not able to see those significant letters. We venture to say that Webb was a firm and loyal Republican. We have as much right to slander the hundred percents with the crime of Webb as the slimy sheets of the G. O. P. have to slander the I. W. W.

If Webb had committed the crime in the name of the I. W. W. as an organization it would have been different. Now there seems to be no excuse whatever for the lying press to credit this organization with this deed.

Why not imagine the initials G. O. P. signed to Webb's note? The only reason we do not suggest that is that we do not believe a crime like that is instigated by any organization.

The capitalist press is pretty hard up for lies when it connects a crime like that of Webb with the I. W. W. Such lies make the liars a party to the crime.

PREACHER SAYS NO

The auctioneer who auctions off ex-service men at 25 cents a day or less, is threatening to go to New York City and there try to see if he cannot get rid of a few more things that the profiteers were very glad to use in the war. Boston but only a few, so the auctioneer is hunting for wider markets.

But he is running up against a snag in form of a preacher.

While in New York on previous visits Charles Ledoux, the auctioneer, has made the headquarters of the unemployed soldiers in the chapel of St. Mark's church. The preacher claims that it is all right to use his church for the unemployed if they keep their mouth shut, but if they begin to tell of the reason for the tight plight in which these soldiers find themselves they better get out.

The city authorities are joining the preacher in the denunciation of the jobless soldiers and their attempt to auction themselves off for a chance to work. It does not look good to the preacher or to Tammany. The two have about the same notion about the hung-

New York knows it has slaves but does not want others to know about it and the preacher helps the town to cover up the unpleasant situation.

THE ARMAMENT CONFERENCE

One more of those huge monuments to hypocrisy is to be reared at our capital in the near future. It has been pictured as a shaft of peace, but the people might as well make up their minds that they are to be fooled once more by our buffoons of the master class.

Of course you remember some of the plays staged during the last six years.

There we had the preparedness business. That was for the purpose of getting ready so the other nations might become scared stiff and thus make it unnecessary for us to go to war. It was a measure to prevent war, was it not?

Then came the campaign to elect a man who "kept us out of war." He was to be the chosen one of God to see to it that the grim spectre of Mars be laid and that we be permitted to live in peaceful love with all the world. Sure.

Later we had the war which of course was to aid along the same lines. It was not a war of the usual kind. No, no, no. It was a war to put an end to all war. It was the peaceablest war we ever had and ordained of God for the good of mankind. You betcha.

After the war came the siege of the peace conference at Paris. That was to put the finishing touch on the peace business. The best dressed gents of Europe were there and our own swallow tailed peace dancer was there. He went there twice and joined with the rest of the carousers to the tune of several million dollars that we had to pay after the hotel brawls with women and drunks that make the orgies of "Fatty" Arbuckle look like childish amateurishness of the Sunday school kind in comparison.

You must remember that all these big events put across were for "peace." Preparedness was for peace. The election of the worlds greatest war instigator was for peace. The biggest wholesale butcher carnival of history was for the purpose of peace.

So we have been told. That has been the promise. Not once have the masters been on the square with us. They have lied to us privately and publicly and officially and religiously. They have lied to us in schools. They have lied to us in pulpits. They have lied to us in the sacred councils of legislatures and congress. The presidents and the preachers have lied to us. Our midwives and nurses have lied to us. Our Red Cross and Y. M. C. A. have lied to us. They have lied to us wholesale and retail.

Now they come along and tell us they are going to have a "disarmament" conference.

When we believed them before it was their fault. If we believe them now it is our fault.

CALLS THEM SHEEP AND CATTLE

What do you call the working people as a whole? The politician calls them "the most intelligent audience it has been my privilege to address since last time I looked into your bright and happy faces."

We print herewith a letter that is worth reading twice. It is quite pessimistic, and worse than that it expresses a lot of truth. The we must say that while the workers are dull and sleepy and stupid in many ways, they are the hope of the present and coming generations. You certainly cannot expect anything from the breed that now runs the world, can you? You are not looking to Gary and Julius Barnes and J. P. Morgan and Lloyd George and the Prince of Wales, are you? You are not expecting the patrioters and the profiteers and the hundred percenters and the brood that controls the life of the masses to fix up the rotten world and make it blossom forth in righteousness and happiness, are you?

Read this letter and then think twice and act three times:

"Editor TRUTH:

"You have to stop TRUTH coming to me. I don't know when I will have the two dollars to renew. I am an old rebel but I never saw such misery since 1892 to 1895, and still the sheep and cattle are satisfied.

"The last 25 years I have done my best and have given every spare dollar to help enlighten these cattle, but it looks to me it is all wasted. When our rotten outfit went to war I had \$700 starved out of my body and I have given every cent to our fellowworkers and comrades who were persecuted. Today I am here without a cent to my name, and still our best members are locked up under this rotten system. We have not power enuf to release them and the great mass of sheep and cattle has no brains. To me it looks very dark.

"Yours for Industrial Freedom, John Perz. Ferndale, Wash."

When we look at the dark side we agree with the writer, but when we see what the workers are doing in many parts of the world we cannot get discouraged.

The old system is falling and the workers are getting ready to take hold and build up a workers republic that will have no drones and no robbers to destroy the life of the workers. We expect to fight for that workers' republic till it is established. We are closer to it now than ever before. This is no time to get discouraged. This is the time to work and organize and preach freedom and power to the working class and teach our fellows that we can do anything we please if we unite.

WHITE TERROR IN ESTHONIA

In February last, two men were accused of being Communists and sentenced to death by court martial, while several other received long prison terms.

The Russian Government demanded the surrender of the two condemned men. The Esthonian government refused and executed them on June 8. There are 29 men and 21 women in Esthonian prisons awaiting trial for "espionage and incitement to revolt." Death will probably be their fate. And to cap it all, there are 200 victims of the April terror in prison charged with being Communists. "High treason" will probably be the official charge.

Thus the White Terror operates, seeking for victims and fresh blood!

If you dont like TRUTH, buy the capitalist sheets.

How many mistakes did Moses make? Come to Workers' Hall next Sunday night and find out.

Democracy seems to have developed into crazy mockery.

Look at the number on your address label. If it is below 221 you are behind. Catch up and cheer us up.

"See how yond Justice rails upon yond simple thief. Hark, in thine ear; change places; and, handy-dandy, which is the Justice, which is the thief?" — Shakespeare in "King Lear."