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GOVERNMENT MUST NOT AID RAILROAD THUGS

DISARMAMENT FARCE HEADED BY LAME DUEL RENEGADES

Traitors To Workingclass Mix With Plutocrats In War Plots

By LAURENCE TODD
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent.)

Washington. — A permanent governing board of 21 persons, with an executive committee of five of these, residing in or near the national capital, became receiver for the conflicting resolutions, suggestions and ideas of the 35 members of Samuel Gompers' Advisory Committee on Disarmament on the second and final day of its sessions here.

The organization changed its name to General Committee on Limitation of Armaments, after an hour's discussion had shown that it was unwilling—

1. To demand that the Conference on Limitation of Armaments conduct its business in the open.

2. To make any specific demands or suggestions as to the action to be taken by the conference, before the conference shall begin to determine the fate of the world for the next generation.

It did adopt an eloquent declaration against war and in favor of peace, coupled with the declaration that disarmament must come through international agreement only.

It also adopted a resolution by Father MacGowan, that this organization make a study and give publicity to its findings on the Asiatic problem, as the first step in its publicity campaign. The author of the resolution explained that monopolistic concessions in China were at the root of the Far Eastern problem, on which disarmament of the world is declared to depend.

Arthur Bullard, former assistant to George Creel in international pro-war propaganda, agreed with Charles Edward Russell that the anti-war statement read by Miss Thomas, president of Bryn Mawr College, on behalf of the resolutions committee, lacked “punch.” The committee must have a program of action if it was to arouse public opinion. Yet he agreed with

Frank Bohn that Russell's resolution calling for open diplomacy in the conference should be referred to the governing board for consideration. Bohn added to the deliberations by opposing any proposal of a program, even the international arbitration court which Russell advocated.

The spectacle of Russell, Bohn, Bullard and other former Socialists arguing in the midst of spokesmen of the National Civic Federation, bankers, manufacturers, civic reformers and A. F. of L. executives was rendered the more interesting when Bohn accidentally referred to Russell as “Comrade.” He quickly corrected the mistake.

“Nobody has anything to conceal that is on the level,” said Russell, defending his open diplomacy demand. “Those who have something to conceal are crooked. If the conference does not realize that this is a democratic world, someone should prod them awake to recognize it.”

Dr. E. O. Watson of the Federal Council of Churches, John Frey of the Molders' Journal, and others, contended that the conference would break up if it were restricted to public sessions. Bullard added the suggestion that “it is not the function of our body to give advice to the conference at all.”

Over the chairman's head hung big flags of the United States, Great Britain and France. At the opposite end of the room hung smaller editions of the same flags. Between them, on either side of the room, were small flags of other allied powers. But the flags of Ireland, Korea, India, South China and Russia were absent.

A check of \$1,000 was announced by W. P. Bloodgood of the Wisconsin Security League, acting chairman on ways and means. A retired Boston capitalist had given it. Blood good predicted the collection of all funds required to carry out a program of public meetings and printed matter and the creation of a \$25,000 exhibit to be maintained in the national capital during the conference.

GOVERNMENT TO HELP BOSSES IN RAILROAD STRIKE CENTERS

San Francisco. — It has become known here, in spite of an attempt to maintain secrecy, that preparations are being made to call out the 91st Division of the organized reserves of the army for “strike duty” in the event of a railroad strike.

Not only are the army aeroplanes being prepared to carry the mails, and army trucks to aid in transportation, but the reserves are to be ready for action and the members of the army engineer corps who did railroad work during the war are being listed for service. The intelligence and operations divisions of the Ninth Army Corps, with headquarters here, has just completed a survey of all railroad and wagon road bridges in its territory. “If the local authorities are un-

able to handle the situation,” says Major General William E. Wright, commanding the Ninth Corps, “the National Guard will be called upon; if it gets away from them, the army will be the last resort.” The War Department is quite evidently considering the forthcoming strike simply as a “situation” to be suppressed.

Meanwhile E. E. Evans, business manager of the California State Federation of Railroad Clerks voices the workers' side of the controversy when he says: “If the public will leave us alone for ten days; if they will utilize water transportation, trucks and auto service for transportation purposes during this period; if the Government will make use of aeroplanes for delivery of mail; then the fight which Wall

RAILROAD STRIKE MUST BE WON BY WORKERS

By J. O. BENTALL.

I want to talk to you about this big strike. It is one of the important events in this country at the present time. There are several parties to this affair. I want a word with you.

1. THE COMPANIES.

You have the matter in your own hands. You know that the workers are not getting what they ought to get even now. And you want to cut their wages and take away from them the only condition that saves them from becoming slaves. You want to take away from them the extra pay for over time and for Sundays and hang them up long periods of time away from their wives and babies.

You know this is wrong. If you have any sense of justice you know you are not acting right.

If you have no sense of justice there is a good reason for teaching you where there is power. The workers have the power and they are learning to use it. If you have not the good sense to allow the workers to live they will demand that right.

You can settle this strike before it is called. You can tell the workers that they shall have justice at your hands. That is all they ask. But when you give them the raw deal and try to put them into slavery they will rise up and in the long run they will defeat you.

2. THE GOVERNMENT.

You always step in when there is a fight between the workers and the masters. You are stepping in now. You always step in to help the masters and always put your foot on the neck of the workers. The workers have no guns in their hands. Your troops and thugs have guns. You think it is fair to fight unarmed men with your guns. You think it is fair to aid the tyrant companies in their efforts to enslave the workers. You forget that it is your duty to protect the rights of the people. The workers are the people. The few who are in possession of the railroads should not be considered above the great population of the country.

You have given the railroads much aid. You took them during the war and poured huge sums of money into their treasuries. You repaired the rolling stock and built up the roadbed. You gave them increased freight and passenger rates. You appropriated billions in money and granted them every opportunity to skin the public. You gave them a guarantee on their investment and secured them against chance.

You have done everything for them. In return they have robbed you. By robbing you they have robbed the people.

You asked the railroad workers to be loyal during the war and be faithful to the railroads. The workers did all you asked. They obeyed and served loyally.

Now the companies come with cuts and worse than cuts. They want to reduce the American workers to the level of the Asiatics. They want them to live on a mere pittance and work unreasonable hours.

And, you step in and help the tyrannical companies to oppress the workers. You help the robbers instead of helping the masses of the workers and the rest of the nation.

In the name of decency, stand aside. The workers use no weapon except to refrain from work. They have a right to use that weapon. You have no right to step in and help the thugs and the strikebreakers. You have no right to become a part of the scab tribe. You should not lower yourself to the level of the scab.

Your business is to leave the workers alone. If you cannot stand aside as you should, then join hands with the strikers and help them. That would look much better and be more worthy of a government of the people.

3. THE LEADERS.

It is hard to talk to you and be cool. You have not acted the part of true men in the past. You have always compromised the rank and file. You have led them like lambs to the slaughter.

There are exceptions. Debs was an exception. You manned the train that took him to prison. Howat was an exception. You cast him out of the union and into the dungeon. There are some notable exceptions of true men among the leaders. But they have been set aside. The leaders at present are not the servants of the workers. They serve the master class. They are true to the exploiters.

I know where you stand in this fight. I know how you are plotting with the masters to bungle up this strike. I have no faith in you and I am doing all in my power to expose you to the rank and file. The boys that support you get nothing but notice to pay their dues. You get the money. You get huge salaries. They get small wages. You get up to \$25,000 a year. They get \$2.60 a day. When it comes to a crisis you sell out the men who feed you.

I am sorry I have to talk like this to you. But I have a mission and that is to enlighten the workers and help them to get rid of their greatest enemies. You the false labor leaders are the greatest enemies of labor. Labor must get rid of all false leaders.

You will not take exception to this if you are on the square with the rank and file. If you get mad about it you condemn yourself.

You know well enough that if you stuck together all you leaders, and stood pat and asked the railroads to do justice to the workers that it would not take ten hours to win the strike. There would be no strike. The companies would not let it come to that. They would be licked before the fight started.

But the companies depend on you the leaders to fumble the strike. You have always betrayed the workers. You betrayed the miners in England. You betrayed the factory workers in Italy. Every strike that has been lost has been lost thru the leaders. You have not stood by the rank and file. You have betrayed them.

Now we are getting next to you and the workers are going to kick you out. If you fumble this strike you have probably fumbled for the last time.

If you want to please me a great deal you can do so by proving that I am wrong. It would be a great thing in this country to find that it is wrong to condemn the labor leaders. You have a chance now to make good. You have the power in your hands to win this strike. If it is lost it is your fault and we shall hold you responsible.

4. THE WORKERS.

You have two enemies to deal with in this coming strike — your own leaders and the capitalist government.

Your leaders will get you all mixed up and make the situation hard to understand after they have fumbled it for a while. Then you will get discouraged and go back like whipped dogs. Then you will work at starvation wages and get nothing for overtime. You will stand there with mouths open and wonder how it all happened.

Get wise to your leaders. If you find them true be true to them. If you find them crooked kick them out. Get wise. They have fooled you many times. This should be the last time.

The government is on the side of the companies. You have elected every official of the government. Now you get your reward. Your reward comes in the shape of bullets for your shots. It is just as bad to elect government officials who betray you as to have leaders who betray you.

You cannot do it now, but you can do it next time if you want to — kick out the capitalist snobs in the government and choose your own class. You should have a government to serve you and not one to shoot you.

If you make your leaders and your government serve you in the right way you will win this strike.

Make the demand and stick together. Compel your leaders to stick to your demands.

Stick and win, and the whole world will honor you and respect you.

RAILWAY STRIKE FORCED BY CRIMINAL WAGE CUTS

Living Impossible For Workers On Meagre Income Allowed By Rail Kings.

By HERBERT E. GASTON.
(For The Federated Press)

Chicago. — The center of public attention should now shift from the “Big Five” chiefs of the railroad brotherhoods and other union officials to the executives of the American railways.

The question whether there is to be a strike which will pull every organized worker off the railroads from the Atlantic to the Pacific and from Canada to Mexico is now up to the management of the roads.

This, I am told by persons whose information seems to be authentic, is the result of the conferences here Thursday between the chiefs of the “Big Five,” the unions of employees of the operating departments, and the prior conferences which have been going on unofficially with representatives of the other unions of railroad employees.

Newspapers here are saying that Thursday's conference ended in failure and one of them carries a streamer line saying “Big Five Spurn U. S. Rail Peace.” To one who has attempted to follow the negotiations here and to apply a little reason to the situation this does not make sense at all. The brotherhood chiefs were not here either to “spurn” or to accept a proposition from the Railroad Labor Board. Instead they were here to explain their own position in an informal conference, to learn the views of the board, and then to go back to await certain other events.

The chief of these other events to be awaited as I have them from my informant's, are these:

Pressure is to be brought to bear on the executives of the railways by some agency of the Government to cause them to make a definite declaration of policy. This declaration must contain a promise of immediate reduction of railroad rates as already outlined by Ben W. Hooper of the public section of the Railroad Labor Board, to correspond with the cut in wages which was ordered into effect July 1 by the Labor Board, and it must also contain definite concessions to the men. These concessions must take the form of an assurance, first, that there will be no further reductions in rail wages for the present and for some time to come, and, second, that the orders of the Railway Board with respect to working rules will be obeyed, and, further, that there will be no fresh attempt by the railroads to disturb the working rules.

under which most of the American railways have operated for years but which the railroad executives lately have been attacking in their war on the unions.

All of this will take time, and if there is delay in getting action from the railroads along the lines to be proposed, the Government may take the step of attempting to restrain the strike by court injunction from going into effect October 30, the date set by the brotherhoods.

It is understood that in the session Thursday the Rail Labor Board first asked the brotherhood chiefs for confirmation of the press reports that a strike had been ordered and then demanded the reasons for it. The board was informed that while the strike vote of the unions was based on the board's order cutting rail wages 12 per cent, the definite order setting a date for the strike was the result of the announcement by the railroads that they were going to ask a further cut and were going to demand further disturbance and revision of working conditions.

In other words, the strike order of the brotherhoods is directed against the same state of affairs as has caused protest and strike deliberations by other unions, which is the manifest determination of the railroads to strip the workers of everything they have gained by collective bargaining both in wages and working conditions, treating labor strictly as a commodity to be bought at the lowest market price and the apparent failure of the Labor Board up to date to do anything to prevent this.

Just before his departure for Cleveland in company with President W. G. Lee of the Trainmen remarked to a friend that “the next move is up to Washington.” This seems to be in part confirmation of the program outlined above.

The effort to put this settlement into effect is expected to test finally the power of the Rail Labor Board under the Transportation Act to make itself an effective power in the adjustment of wages and working conditions, relying as it must apparently, solely on its “moral power” and public sentiment to make its decisions effective.

Whether it has any further powers than these will be tested in court if restraining orders are sought either against the Pennsylvania Railroad or the brotherhoods as a result of violation in the former case and threatened violation in the latter of one of the board's orders.

EUROPE GOING TO PIECES UNDER BURDEN OF WAR DEBTS

New York. — “European civilization is slowly going to pieces,” said John F. Sinclair, a Minneapolis banker, just landed here after two months' abroad. “There are no forces at work strong enough to arrest the disintegration. Europe is heading straight for a smash.” Sinclair declared that “mob orators” during the last seven years have been using their powers to “fan the base passions of fear and hate.” “Nothing but bold measures under the leadership of determined men,” he asserted, “will enable its

civilization to survive, or even linger.”

The measures he suggests were:

1. A vigorous policy to stop currency inflation.
2. Cancellation of all German indemnity payments, or at least their suspension for a period of years.
3. Immediate resumption of trade relations with Russia. Europe needs and must have the raw materials of Russia.
4. A ruthless cutting down of armies and navies.

DEFECTIVE PAGE

KERENSKY RULER OF RUSSIA IS RULING OF U. S. JUDGES

New York. — Kerensky still rules Russia and Bakhmeteff is his ambassador when the Russian Government is seeking its legitimate rights and property here, but the actual Russian Government really does exist when it comes to demand made upon it in American courts, according to two judicial rulings made here within the last few days.

The different way in which the Moscow government is regarded by the courts here when it seeks justice and when someone seeks to prosecute claims against it are startlingly made plain in these two decisions. In the first instance Charles Recht, counsel in the United States for L. C. Martens, former trade representative here and attorney-in-fact for the Russian Soviet Republic, sought to recover two ships belonging to the Russian Government and which had been seized and sold by Bakhmeteff. The court threw out the petition on the ground that Bakhmeteff was the

officially recognized representative of Russia in America.

In the second instance, when M. Wulfsohn & Co., furriers of this city, asked for an attachment of funds of the Russian Soviet Republic now in this city, alleging the wrongful conversion of furs valued at \$4,000,000 and demanding \$516,785, the attachment was issued by Justice Davis right away. The funds are alleged to be in possession of the National City Bank, which is said on its part to claim it sustained damages of \$1,000,000 by the seizure of its property in Moscow by the Russian Government.

The Wulfsohn firm alleges the Russian Government seized furs it had purchased for importation into this country. The American courts got action. As a defendant the Russian Government has legal status here.

The Russian Government alleges its ships were stolen. The American courts say they don't know anything about such a government. As a plaintiff it hasn't legal status here.

THE TEST

By Gallina Gallio.

The great majority of the railroad workers are in favor of a strike. They can not accept the unreasonable wage cut which is being forced on them by the railroad companies. Consequently they have voted to lay down the tools on October 30th.

The news of the strike has caused great worry, and unending anxiety for all the kings or owners of the big industries of the country. They are now busily planning how to stop or corrupt the strike. In the meantime their press is doing its best to poison the minds of the people and to demoralize the strike. They know that if the workers are successful and get what they are justly entitled to, that they will

want all that belongs to them. It is of the greatest importance to the masters of our industries that they suppress the strike.

Already, over six hundred workers of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen in Texas have walked out, whose places are being slowly filled by the poor brainless tools of capitalism, the strikebreakers. A number of gunmen have been secured by the company, who are very likely, of the Baldwin-Felts thugs who were hired to shoot down the miners in the West Virginia coal strike. Those fellows may be placed on par with the strikebreakers and also the traitorous union leaders. In view of this complex situation, it is up to the workers to watch, not only their leaders but also the men within the ranks of labor unions.

Should the strike become national as the case may come to be, it will mark the beginning of a great struggle between Labor and Capital. It will show how well the workers can stick together and how well Labor is organized.

The test of the time is at hand to prove which is more strongly organized in this country, Labor or Capital.

Speakin' of short skirts, Todd Jones says he saw some that came down to the ground the other day. They were hung on a line to air an' the line broke.

Another Victim

Milwaukee. — Guests smelling gas in a rooming house found the body of Henry McCloskey, 45, in his bedroom. A gas tube from an open jet showed the route to death.

A short note said: "I am broke. No money, no job no hopes."

DINNER PAID EPICS

By Bill Lloyd
(Federated Press Staff Writer)

Of all the fools with which we're cursed, I think perhaps the very worst is some poor duf in a white collar who simply know enough to holler, and always sings the rich man's song and says the workers sure are wrong.

I mean the poor pen-pushing guy whose office wages hardly buy his eats and room, then leave enough to keep him clear above the cuff. You'd think he wuz a capitalist to hear him talk and shake his fist, and say that labor must come down, that labor leaders are some clown, that every union must be bust, and skilled mechanics eat the dust, that railway men are paid too high, and every striker otta die.

Says one of them there guys to me: "I'll tell you how things otta be; we gotta get back to the days before the workers got a raise. Now me, I got a education, but foreign dubs in this here nation has drawn good pay a-shoveling dirt, and gone and bought a good silk shirt, while my pay it ain't kept the pace in this here wage-and-living race. So I tell you, the facts is these: the workers must get on their knees."

Sez I to him: I "think you're nutty, and have a mind as soft as putty, to think that you can hope to rise by swallowing the kept-press lies. I think if you were very wise you and your sort would organize."

Postscript: I always have a real good laugh each time they print I'm on the "staff." The editor would be sore if he knew that I was just a "stiff."

Disarmament Should Begin At Home

(By The Federated Press)

WASHINGTON. — When Samuel Gompers' letter to central labor bodies, asking them to hold parades and meetings November 11 in favor of disarmament, was read to the Baltimore Central Labor Assembly, one of the Socialist delegates moved as an amendment that the State of Maryland be first requested to disarm its Cossacks. He argued that disarmament, like charity, should begin at home, where the workers would get the benefit.

Although the president of the council opposed it, this amendment prevailed, and organized labor in Baltimore will devote its efforts first of all to ridding Maryland of its State Constabulary.

BRIBED WITNESSES CONFESS BEING HIRED BY GOVERNMENT

By Miriam Allen De Ford,
Oakland, Cal. — Albert Coutts,

one of the "Gold Dust twins," Coutts and Diamond, who are getting rich from railroadmen to jail on their testimony as spies and agents provocateurs in the I. W. W., was put through a hard grilling by the six defendants, acting as their own attorneys in the I. W. W. trial here, and came out considerably worse for wear.

Under cross-examination Coutts admitted that he received pay for testifying in radical trials throughout the State. He stated that he received \$200 for the Sacramento cases.

"How much did you get for testifying at the James McHugo trial?" asked Howard Welton. (Coutts' testimony concerning the I. W. W. at this trial sent McHugo to San Quentin for 14 years.)

"I don't remember," answered Coutts, "but the District Attorney can tell you."

Under cross-examination by the defendants, Coutts admitted that he personally had fired wheat stacks, hay fields and barns, and that he was acting under no instructions from the I. W. W. in so doing. "Their philosophy led me to it," he added, weakly.

There was a snicker from the courtroom at this. "Doesn't your conscience ever bother you?" asked one of his questioners. Coutts stated that it didn't.

Coutts also was forced to admit that he had evaded the draft and had not received any punishment

as a "slacker." Diamond is expected to be the next to be put through his paces.

John H. Vail, who was recognized and denounced as a police spy recently by the I. W. W., has been a star witness for the prosecution. Without shame Vail acknowledged that he had joined the labor organization to spy upon the members. He told of being appointed an organizer, and of trips he had made ostensibly to organize the agricultural workers. The six defendants, who are acting as their own attorneys, then forced him to acknowledge that the I. W. W. members had fought fires in the wheat fields and saved them from destruction.

Vail then dropped his prize bomb. Nonchalantly he announced that the recent sinking of the S. S. "Alaska" with the loss of many lives, was the fault, not of its green "scab" crew and its hugging the shore to make money and save time—but of the terrible I. W. W. The defendants were unable to pin Vail to definite facts as to this charge, and he naturally fell down completely when it came to substantiating his accusation.

Rudolph Gates, an Oakland painter, has been arrested on a charge of contempt of court for having made an encouraging remark at the end of one of the sessions of the trial. Persons not connected with the police department have, however, been allowed with impunity to question and threaten spectators supposed to be friendly to the defense.

"If you please, sir, it be twins." "Oh dear," said the parson. "That's hard lines, still the Lord never sends children without sending the food to keep them." "Yes, parson," said Giles, "but where the Lord makes the mistake is he sends all the grub to your house and all the kids to mine."

WAR VETERANS WILL NOT SCAB

Oklahoma City. — Ex-service men are requested not to take railroad strikers' places, in the event of a strike, in an appeal just issued by the State Executive Committee of the Oklahoma World War Veterans.

"We resent the assumption that ex-service men will be relied upon to act as strikebreakers for the railroads," declared Ernest R. Chamberlain, State Chairman of the World War Veterans.

Providence

A parson meeting one of his flock in the country said, "Well Giles, how's the missus?" "Oh, she be alright sir, considering." "Well," said the parson, "what is

America Chains Them

Yuma, Ariz. — A chain gang is to be established to handle the hordes of hoboes taken from passing freight trains. The police are raiding trains and arresting as many as forty men at a time. These jobless men are to be put to work improving local streets.

NEXT SUNDAY

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J. O. BENTALL

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Plans for the work of securing relief for the sufferers will be made and important business transacted.

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By J. G. Schwalm.

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What shrieks and O what screaming,
Comes so painful, so distressing;
Are they night-mares—am I dreaming?
No! I see—I hear and truth confessing—
'Tis the piercing shriek of want,
And the awful shriek of shame—
Shrieks of woe from home and haunt!
Shrieks from dumb and blind and lame!
Shrieks from red man, white and black!
Shrieks from artist, tradesman, jack!
Shrieks from infant, youth and maiden
Faint with burdens overlaid;
Sprouts and budlets, slaves of greed—
Men of valor in the street.

Law and learning, labor, science,
At the beck of frenzied finance;
Manhood, virtue, honor deed—
Hands besmeared with crimson red;
Skulls and crossbones—great millstones,
Images of money men
Whose motto is the tiger's den.
Fagin, Shylock, Morgan, Gould,
Whose heartstrings are by riches ruled—
Whose shadow causes groans!
Whose steps wake sighs and moans!
Whose smiles are screams and shrieks!
Whose thoughts are frightful freaks!
Whose words are burns and plagues!
Whose acts are cells and stakes!
Whose meat is flesh and blood!
Whose pastime, fire and flood!
O wretches most Satanish!
O monsters most unmannish—
Hoarding and pilling your gold
In the face of hunger and cold.

Masters, why stare you at these words;
Are they not your just deserts?
Nay! The words and the phrases,
With which to frame the curses,
Of which your greed is the seed,
Have never yet been spoken,
And language has no token

To express and describe
The villainy of your tribe.
Look over historic pages,
Throughout the length of ages,
And find if you can,
In the annals of man,
A story or tale,
In mountain or vale
Denying to hunger and cold
A niche in the fold—
A share from the larder
But for money or barter?
E'en the worst and wildest savages—
Will you ponder and confess,
How they often took the sufferer in
And nursed and led him back
To health and home and kin?
In heathen lore, and pagan fame,
In lands of every clime and name,
SWEET HOSPITALITY AND GIFT
FOR THE DISTRESSED AND ADRIPT,
Is the fruitage of the story;
And this ALONE, in the dismal and black,
Shrieking and screaming confines,
Of the woeful and fearful designs,
In terrestrial time and space—
In the life of all the races
Is the SHINING TREAT OF GLORY.

But Masters, I beg your pardon,
You are the victims of your warden—
Because you worship HIM,
Before whose face the smoke ascends,
Of shrieking victims in torments—
You are hard and grim.

Fit image this, to turn men into fiends,
And drug the world with hell's ingredients!
Fit image this, to crush and choke
Amid the shrieks and smoke
Of burning souls, the finer sense and season,
Of intelligence and reason.
Fit image this, to fill a world with woe—
Hardhearted monster on the throne—
Brutality the stamp of all his own!
We reap but what we sow.

Masters, you have placed the seal,
Of a frightful ideal
On civilization
And crushed every manly inclination.
You flaunt your ill-gotten gain,
And set on Misfortunes pain

A brand of scorn!
You flaunt your dress and dollars,
And forge the iron collars
Of servitude and toil
And revel in the spoil—
From this you doom is born.
The measure of your dollars,
Betrays your trade in collars,
And like the snake that rattles
Disloses its nature,
So, the man that prattles,
Of money and lands
Discovers his stature—
A forger of bands,
Which will inspire
The ire
That crushes and breaks
The heads of all kinds of snakes.

This is the lesson that should be known—
The man who calls his own,
Or who commands the means
To feed the hungry and clothe the poor
And refuses to act the part of a man—
Who sees the sad scenes
From his hoard, guarded and walled—
Who will not help where he can,
But will grasp his dollars
And force the collars—
He is a snake, a reptile as sure
As any that ever rattled or crawled—
To be despised and hated,
Scorned and degraded,
By all men of reason,
In every state and season.

This is the just desert
And adequate reward
Of the fiend inhuman
Denying to man or woman
In want or distress
A share from his excess.

The captain goes down with his ship,
The pilot remains at his post—
The good men, the brave and the true,
Risk life and all for the lost.
But the hoarder—the man with the dollars
The meanest, uncleanest slip
Of the devil's progeny—
The nerviest and scurviest pirate crew—
The forgers of slavery's collars,
Will not risk a penny.

AMERICA'S CONSCIENCE

Comments on the Sacco-Vanzetti Verdict.

Editorial in The NEW REPUBLIC, September 7:

The Sacco-Vanzetti case, like the Mooney case, and like Dreyfus case, is one which challenges public opinion. It is to the eternal honor of France that the appeal to the great final court of the people resulted in the righting of a signal injustice. It is the shame of California and of America that Mooney lies in prison when the evidence on which he was convicted has been proved to be perjury. In view of these contrary results due to an aroused and enlightened public opinion on one hand, and an apathetic, prejudiced one the other, we regard as most untimely the action of the Police Commissioner of Boston in revoking a permit from the Mayor's office for a parade and mass meeting in aid of the Sacco-Vanzetti defense fund.

Editorial in The BOSTON AMERICAN, August 15:

This calls to mind the trial and the verdict in the Sacco and Vanzetti case, and leads us to say again that we earnestly hope that those who believe a great injustice was done in this case will leave nothing undone to see that these men get the benefit of every right which the laws of the country and the Constitution and the principles of humanity and justice provide.

The evidence as it appears from the stenographer's notes is most unconvincing to us and we are informed that nearly all the newspaper reporters from the Boston papers, who covered this trial, agree that the verdict of guilty was not justified. None are better qualified by experience and intelligence and education to pass judgment on such a question than these gentlemen of the press who attended the trial.

Editorial in The WORLD TOMORROW, August:

The conviction of Sacco and Vanzetti on the flimsiest kind of circumstantial evidence is disheartening. There can be no manner of doubt to anyone who followed the case that the conviction was not because evidence of specific crime was strong against them but because the jury, whose passion and fears were, artfully aroused by the prosecutor, were moved by the fact that these men were foreigners, radicals and draft evaders. The Sacco-Vanzetti case unless it is reversed in higher court will rank with Mooney's conviction as a travesty on American justice.

Prof. Clarence R. Skinner, who reported the trial for the New York Evening Post, concludes an article in The SURVEY of August 16 with these words:

"The impression which the writer has gathered from the trial is that the evidence of the defense was stronger than that of the prosecution. But prejudice against the foreigner and the radical is strong and cannot easily be overcome, and it probably was of influence during the entire trial."

J. A. Hopkins, National Chairman of the Committee of 48, in a letter to the press:

"The conviction of the labor organizers Sacco and Vanzetti of the murder of the paymaster and guard employed by the Slater and Morrill Shoe Company at South Braintree, Mass., on April 15, brings before the public in striking form the danger of circumstantial evidence and the brutality of our capital punishment laws. No one, of course, except Sacco and Vanzetti themselves know whether they are guilty or not. They have both protested their innocence earnestly and apparently sincerely. The evidence against them is entirely of a circumstantial nature, and in many respects of the flimsiest character.

"The public prosecutor, in his charge to the jury, was several times called to account for misstatements of facts, which he was forced to admit. The character of the prisoners was attacked on various grounds entirely foreign to the crime with which they were charged. The fact that they were labor organizers, their alleged war record, their foreign birth, and other extraneous matters were stressed very forcibly, and while Judge Thayer properly charged the jury to disregard any evidence in relation to these matters it is impossible to imagine, human nature being as it is, that the jury was not influenced perhaps unconsciously by these references."

Rev. Charles F. Dole, prominent writer on religious and sociological subjects, in a letter to the Boston Herald, August 3:

"... The Herald of July 15 reported these words from Judge Thayer's charge to the Sacco-Vanzetti jury: 'If a person is willing to use a deadly weapon such as a revolver upon an arresting officer in order to gain his liberty, what would you naturally expect would be the gravity of the crime of which such person must be consciously guilty?'

"I believe this illustrates perfectly the working of the mind of the reputable and well-meaning American in the place of a hunted Italian Socialist, keenly aware of what few as yet seem to know, that for several years men like him have not been safe from unwarrantable arrest and severe punishment in our free America not for crime but for their opinions.

"I should suppose that this passage in the judge's charge might have sounded to the jury much like a death sentence."

Mrs. Hannah Teresa Rowley, in a letter to the Boston Herald, August 25:

"... To many, neither socialists nor pacifists, who followed closely the evidence as reported in the Herald, the verdict of 'guilty' must have been entirely unexpected. The alibis presented by these men seemed trustworthy; the witnesses who testified that they were not the bandits seemed at least as truthful and reliable as those who testified against them; the evidence of the bullet, which may have influenced the jury, was refuted in the defense. If this summary is fair, have we a basis for a verdict carrying the death penalty?"

Alexander Doyle, in letter to the Boston Herald, August 4, 1921:

"... Certainly it was widely published that at least two of three reputable witnesses, among others the Italian consul or vice-consul, testified that one of the condemned men was seen in Boston at or near the hour of the murder; and if that testimony was true, how could the guilt of that prisoner be established beyond a reasonable doubt in the minds of any jury? Especially in view of the fact that so far as published, there was no positive identification by any witness to the contrary."

Excerpt from a news story in The Boston Herald of August 21:

The next speaker, Prof. John L. Hurley of the Suffolk Law School, said that he had become interested in the case through several persons directly concerned in it. He stated that he had followed the various stages of the case and is convinced that the verdict reported against Sacco and Vanzetti was an unfair one and that in all probability it was the result of an "atmosphere" which had been created by the authorities.

Alexander Howat, President, District 14, United Mine Workers of America, Kansas, in a letter to the Sacco-Vanzetti Defense Committee August 5:

"As I have said on more than one occasion, after hearing different statements in connection with the case of Brothers Sacco and Vanzetti, I am fully convinced beyond any question of doubt that they are absolutely innocent of the crime which they are charged with, and I want them to know that I believe in them, and my good wishes are with them."

Dr. Samuel Eliot Morison, Lecturer on History, Harvard University, in a letter to Elizabeth Glendower Evans, July 20:

"I am astounded and grieved at the verdict in the Sacco-Vanzetti case. These men are certainly innocent of the crime for which they were tried. I hear from a journalist friend that almost all the reporters who attended the trial so believe, and that the judge's charge was even more unfair than it seemed in print. Even so, I cannot understand how the jury, especially the wage-earning members, could have been so ignorant, cowardly and cruel as to vote guilty in the face of the evidence.

"I did not contribute to the defense fund, because, having faith in Massachusetts justice, I did not think it necessary. Please accept the enclosed toward the expense of the appeal. Everyone who believes in the principles of liberty and justice on which this republic was founded should do his utmost to save these innocent men from judicial murder."

WRIGGLES LIKE SNAKES IN FAKE PROMISES TO DEBS

By NORMAN HAPGOOD, in the National Daily.

Anybody who tries to keep up with the shifting reasons for keeping Eugene Debs and similar prisoners in jail will be in the same predicament as the snake who broke his back trying to follow the principles of Senator Lodge.

The story about the unhappy reptile was invented down here a year or more ago, and the political tactics to which it owes its birth were sweeping and colorful. But not even they compared in political elasticity to the variety of attitudes assumed on the subject of these political prisoners.

The latest group is a return in full force to the Wilson position. It is found in Mr. Daugherty's pronouncement that there is no such animal, except in international law, as a political prisoner.

The statement as made is not true, for there are countries, France for example, where crimes are divided into real crimes, political crimes, and mixed crimes.

It is true, however, that the term "political prisoner," as used in this country, is not a legal term. It is that lowly object, a term which everybody uses and which everybody understands.

Let me give an example: A certain man, whom we will call, for example, Morse, obtains money in ways forbidden by the law, to-wit, by fraud. His crime, according to the attorney general's speech at Cincinnati, is not particularly dangerous, because it has no theory back of it. Morse simply needed money.

The trouble with Debs, then, is not that his crime is worse than that of Morse or than the German spies in this country who have been pardoned, or than the murderers and white slavers who are pardoned, but that he had a theory. His theory was that it was permissible for him to believe all killing wrong and to state his belief.

Heaven forbid that I should defend such an ungodly theory! It is no doubt wicked beyond my powers of expression. But I am interested in logic.

I am interested in the fact that after forty-seven announcements that the case was about to be acted on and forty-seven reasons for postponing action, the administration would at last float calmly and safely back into the harbor of reality.

Mollie Steimer to be Deported to Russia

Washington. — Orders were issued by the Bureau of Immigration for the immediate transfer to New York City for deportation to Russia of Mollie Steimer, Jacob Abrams, Hyman Lachowsky and Samuel Lipman, the young Russians convicted of having violated the Espionage Act during the war by scattering a leaflet protesting against the American invasion of Russia.

According to Harry Weinberg, their attorney who made the final arrangements here, the prisoners

The Language Of Business

By Scot Nearing

"This country does not want to think of making any agreement to disarmament until we have a merchant marine which tops the world, for in times of war the vessels of peace become ships of war," Hudson Maxim told members of the Dayton Chamber of Commerce on October 5. He continued:

"I believe in disarmament. It would be a wonderful thing. However, it should not be attempted until we have built our merchant marine to the size that makes it the greatest in the world."

The Dayton News, after reporting these remarks, notes that Mr. Maxim has invented smokeless powder, the silencer for small arms and other "improvements" along the same line. Mr. Maxim "holds the position of research engineer with the DuPont Powder Company."

There is still money in war-making and the warmakers are still busy.

fuge that served the preceding administration from November, 1918, when these imprisonments began to be despotically down to the 4th of March, 1921.

Of course, the reasons are all what the plain citizen, looking through his unabridged dictionary for the right expression, would describe as bunk. The truth is that the long series of promises, postponements and new pretenses is brought about entirely by the shifting breezes of popular opinion, as they are reported, accurately or inaccurately, by the official weather bureau.

It is not a question of law at all or law enforcement. The crime of having a mistaken opinion about certain Bible texts has been punished. It has been punished more severely than in any other country.

The actual nature of the question was recognized by the president before he came into office and immediately after. In those days we were told that action would be taken as soon as in the press of new business the cases could be reached.

Then came the talk of picketing, and the administration induced the abandonment of that plan by another estimate of the short time that would elapse, provided only the picketing was given up. There were various futile imaginary researches, all of which could not occupy ten hours of a good lawyer's time.

The resolution declaring peace with Germany was camped on for a good, long rest as a delay. After that delay was safely achieved, the most reliance was put on the peace treaty with Germany.

That came, whereupon the date was shifted ahead to the ratification. No sooner has the new date been promulgated than we find this sudden return to the preceding administration's irrelevant talk about the law, which is not in question and hasn't been.

It is no more a question of law than it was when Lincoln set his will against similar movements. It is a question of political wisdom. We are approaching a fall and winter full of industrial hardships.

To many of the men who may be hesitating between patience and revolt the spectacle of wavering cruelty in a line of cases which interests them will have a discouraging effect. That spectacle does not help to convince the disinclined that what we are pleased to call justice is indeed just.

are released by the Department of Justice from further service of their prison sentences, on condition that they submit to immediate deportation at their own expense. Mollie Steimer is imprisoned at Jefferson City, Mo., while the three boys are in Atlanta Penitentiary. The girl will reach New York by way of Chicago, where she is to arrive on the 26th. The three boys will reach New York on the 24th. Funds with which to provide their passage and clothing and other necessities are solicited by the Political Prisoners' Defense and Relief Committee at 857 Broadway, New York.

Deportation is to take place on or before November 1.

It is reported here that some of the I. W. W. prisoners in Leavenworth are likely soon to be released for deportation or under parole.

"Inasmuch as the President will probably declare technical peace with Germany within a day or two," said Weinberger "it seems about time that he should declare an amnesty and release all of the political prisoners, from Eugene V. Debs down to the last I. W. W."

The Telegraph

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The negotiation between "Det Store Nordisk Telegrafelskap" (The Great Northern Telegraph Agency) and the Soviet government have been successfully concluded. The telegraph company has received a renewal for its old lines Petrograd-Irkutsk and Irkutsk-Kiakta and has also been entrusted with the operation of a line between Irkutsk and Vladivostok. Telegrams will go from Petrograd direct to Irkutsk and will there be forwarded to Vladivostok or Peking. The various stations will be manned by Danish technicians.

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KANSAS MINERS SPURNS LEWIS

Pittsburg, Kan. — Mine owners affiliated with the Southwestern Interstate Coal Operators' Association have pledged themselves not to employ Kansas miners who refuse to recognize the authority of John L. Lewis and return to work, according to Ira Clemens, president of the association.

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THE RIGHT TO STRIKE

The capitalist papers are ranting overtime about the right to strike. They give in to the fact that the supreme court has decided that workers have a right to quit work when they are not able to exist under the conditions the masters allow.

But they are raising their voice in holy indignation over the fact that workers strike before they have exhausted all other methods? Will these ungentlemen please tell us what other method might give relief? It would be interesting to hear of some method that might be used before the strike is determined upon. Let the wise boneheads among the plute press fraternity slip this to a very anxious country.

Of course the workers might go to Sundayschool and pray for just treatment at the hands of the rail kings. Or they might buy candy for said kings and jolly them into the sweet spirit of loosening the strings to their stingy hearts. Or they might take their hat in hand and say "please, master." Or they might kiss the mother-in-law of the rail kings.

But would any of these "methods" give relief? Would not all these innocent "methods" be just as objectionable as a strike—if the rail kings were compelled by them to fork over a decent wage to the railroad workers?

In other words, is it really the method that hurts? Is it not the fact that the strike means success that hurts?

Moreover, let us ask why the rail kings are so stubborn as to allow a strike before they give decent treatment to the strikers. Why not blame the rail kings for being so stubborn? It would take the rail kings only five minutes to settle the strike. All they have to do is to grant the workers their request. It should not take long to do that.

But if the rail kings are stubborn that they will let the whole railroad system degenerate rather than give the workers justice then the strike seems to be one of the unavoidable measures.

Why ask the workers to settle the strike when the rail kings can settle it without so much as getting out of bed? Give a little honor to the rail kings and let them show that they are real sports by giving the workers a square deal and thereby avert this awful strike.

As the thing appears to us the rail kings alone are responsible for the threatened strike. Hit the rail kings with a good shingle in the region where they wore their pants out when they slid down the hayloft when they were young and send them to bed early without supper and tell them to get up in the morning ready to be decent to the workers. That is one of the methods that might be used to avert the strike.

But when all these methods have been exhausted we do not see any harm in a fullgrown strike.

THE RESURRECTION OF THE BOMB

It is not hard to remember the bomb plots that the capitalist press worked up during and immediately after the war. In fact, the bomb stunt has been used for many decades to intimidate the people and fire their opposition to the efforts of labor to improve its condition.

But the thing was so overworked, that the whole force of the repeated scares was largely lost upon the masses. Only a very few of the dullest among the idiots put any credence in the outrages attributed to the workers.

So for several years there has been little or nothing said about bombs. Not one worker or one working-class organization could be located that had used such clumsy means as bombs to effect a change in economic and social conditions.

Rather it was quite clear that the plots were from the same source as the thugs and holdup men. Some of them originated in the editorial sanctums of such sheets as the Duluth Tribune. Many of the bombs exploded only in the vacant eranium of editorial tools of the plute class.

Now it seems that after a short rest the satanic liars of the capitalist press are trying to resurrect the bomb scares and excite the public to red heat against the workers who have sense enuf to protest against the wholesale robbery of the master pirates.

Of course it must be said in justice to many of the more decent papers that they do not fall so low as to have a share in the nasty bomb plots. They leave such dirty work to scavengers like the Duluth Tribune. They know that it is hard on a paper's reputation to resort to such idiotic and raw methods and get by with them. It is hard on the circulation and degenerates the working force that has to set the type and run the presses and handle the business. These workers are aware of the fact that the whole business is a fraud and as a consequence their consciences are seared and there arise unexplained slips in the business as well as mechanical departments of these Annanias institutions.

The bombing in Paris appears now to have been a pure fabrication of the jackrabbits that run their legs off to find something against the communists.

It is well known that not a bomb has ever been so much as talked of except in discounting the notion as absurd. Was ever a bomb hurled by the communists in Russia? Can one word be found in support of using bombs?

It is necessary to lay the origin of bombs where it belongs. It belongs to the lying pirate press that is too weak to stand on any decent legs of fact.

So remember that when you see the black headlines in the plute press about bombs and bomb plots that it is only the concoction of empty heads cheaply paid for by the rotten rulers of the decaying system.

The American Embassy in France has not been attacked by bombing Communists. The demonstrators against the proposed legal murder of Sacco and Vanzetti did not need bombs. They had a goodly supplies of noble ideas and ideals which is the only potent thing in cases like this. And those ideals are creeping into the workers in America and will so permeate their hearts and minds that they will make it impossible for the raw and ignorant ruling class to kill our fellow workers thru trumped up charges such as have been used in the case of Sacco and Vanzetti.

When you see bomb plots in the Tribune remember they are naked lies.

THE PUBLIC

It is amusing to note what mutts the capitalist press considers the people to be. But if the people did not believe the idiotic stuff the press runs out there would soon be a stop to it. That the reading public as a whole is dense and stupid is fully proven by the fact that it swallows the rant now dished out about the rail strike.

One of the old standby stunts played always and consistently is the poor public.

If there is to be a strike the "public" should be taken into confidence and asked about it. It is the "public" that the plutes are so worried about. The strike and the whole attempt on the part of the rail workers to get justice would be fine and the president and congress and Knut Nelson and the kaiser would be happy if it were not for the dear "public."

The "public" is that handy curtain to hide behind. It flatters the people to be told that they amount to something. It makes us proud to think that we are recognized in this great calamity that is threatening the rail kings.

There is only one thing that gets our brain cell into a whirr. Why is not the "public" pitied except when the caps are trying to put it over on the workers?

For instance, why didn't they consult the feelings of the public when they cut out the taxes of the profiteers on excess profit tax and when they exempted the billionaires from paying the surtax on huge incomes?

Why wasn't the "public" considered when they appropriated the billions to the construction of the big navy and the other killing machinery?

Why didn't they ask the "public" about the raising of the freight rates and the passenger rates?

Where was the "public" when the plutes pulled the big war over on this country?

Why didn't they shed a tear for the "public" when the profiteers looted the treasury of the country and stuck their fists into the pay envelope of every worker in the country for liberty bonds and war stamps?

What was the matter with the "public" when they took our boys and sent them to die in the trenches for the gratification of the international pirates?

Those are the times when the "public" should have been considered. But there was no howl about the interest of the "public" when the caps were at their loot game. The "public" is not needed except when the workers ask for a chance to live. Then the "public" is called upon to help the pirates to kill labor and defeat their efforts.

Will the strike be a very great calamity to the "public"? Who will be hit?

The farmers are a part of the "public" and they are not going to worry a great deal. They have not taken a trip to the beaches for years and are not apt to hanker for a Pullman right now when corn is 12 cents a bushel.

The workers—and they constitute a considerable part of the "public" have not the big wads required to take long journeys. So they cannot be the ones particularly effected.

The hoboes will suffer some. That is true; for if there are no freights moving on from the water tanks the joyrides on the rods will be less frequent. There is a drawback there, and it may be that the plute press has that in mind when it sheds tears over the "public."

Aside from that it does not appear that the "public" is going to suffer so much. It has suffered enuf from the other tyrannies of the oppressors to make little inconveniences like a railroad strike seem insignificant.

Anyhow, if the plutes are so tenderhearted about the "public" why do they not keep the service in trim and the traffic going? Why worry the workers about running the rail roads? Why not run them themselves for a while. Let the rail kings leave the golf links and crawl into the cab and shovel coal and run the locomotive. Give them the union scale of wages and inform them that there is a cut coming. Let them live on the wages of the trainmen and the freight-handlers. They will soon learn something.

Then let them call upon the "public" to keep them from striking and seeking a chance to live.

TOWNLEY AND TAFT

The case of A. C. Townley of the Nonpartisan league came up before Chief Justice Taft of the United States Supreme Court the other day. Taft looked at it and frowned. Then he threw his head back and shoved the document aside.

Taft refused to look into the matter. This case was not for the supreme court to handle according to Taft.

You all remember the "crime" for which Townley was tried in the Jackson County court. You all remember the farce enacted by the clownish judge who sat in the case.

But you have forgotten the charge. You do not remember the awful "crime" Townley was supposed to have committed. So we have to tell you. We followed the case and read all the hair raising details of the "crime."

Townley said right openly before a public gathering that if the boys went to war to give their lives for our country it was not more than right that the profiteers who profited by the war should pay the bill.

To make it more plain, so that Chief Justice Taft himself might understand it, Townley said: "The boys are giving their lives, let the fellows who make money out of the war use part of their war profits to pay the expenses of the war."

Townley never denied that he said those words. He had the childish notion that this might be entirely safe. He had no idea that it was a crime to ask the war-profiteers to help pay for the thing that gave them those huge profits.

But Taft is a fullgrown man and abhors childish notions of that kind. He says he will not stoop to take the case up before the Supreme court. It might be embarrassing to him and the whole master class. It might come to seem a trifle raw to people reading the records of the supreme court in the future and find that this the highest court of a dignified nation had sent a man to the pen for merely suggesting that war profiteers be asked to help pay for the war with money when the boys had to pay for it with their lives.

We are glad Townley has to go to jail for this "crime." We believe he can do more good in jail in this case than outside. The thing will not pass unnoticed before the people. It may have a great influence upon the masses. It should.

It will seem to people that Townley in jail will be bigger than Taft on the Supreme Court bench.

It will also seem that it is important to get rid of that kind of justice that works in this mysterious way.

DULUTH'S DIRTY RAG

That the Duluth News Tribune is degenerating to the level of the thug and assassin combined with the champion liar and the old time village bloke is quite evident to all intelligent readers.

To mention only one of the samples of downright misrepresentation we refer to the account of a meeting held in Paris by the workers to protest against the proposed legal murder of Sacco and Vanzetti in Boston.

The Tribune properly reports that there was a mass meeting of over ten thousand people gathered in a large hall and as many were kept outside for lack of room. Some fanatic or some tool of the capitalist class hurled a bomb, it is alleged. It must have been a very serious affair, for six men were arrested and held on a charge of "disorderly conduct."

They must have funny laws in Paris if the throwing of bombs is considered "disorderly conduct."

But in its editorial the Tribune calls it an attempt on the lives of the American embassy and tries to lead the readers to think it was aimed at the American government. Then the editorial goes on:

If either French Communists or Italian Reds desire to feel aggrieved because Massachusetts elects to elect-rocute two murderers, that is their privilege, perhaps but if they carry their grievance to the point of a general conspiracy to murder United States officials in France, and perhaps Italy, too, they are undertaking something that will bring a finish not at all to their liking. France, and Italy, too, would go to extraordinary lengths to aid this country in running down members of organized groups of slayers. The American public would quickly approve any expense by the Harding Administration which would bring to the bar of justice miscreants who had assassinated United States officials or who had attempted to blow up United States embassies or consulates.

It is desirable that there be a show-down (if it is possible to obtain it) between the foreigners who are friends of the two Massachusetts murderers and the governments of the United States, France and Italy. If these governments will be persistent in hunting down the conspirators (as persistent in criminal hunting for instance, as Scotland Yard) much good will result. The group or the individual that will attempt to assassinate Myron T. Herrick by an infernal machine will go farther — they will keep up their efforts until they are blocked.

Massachusetts with Channing H. Cox as its governor will go right ahead with the execution of the two murderers unless estopped by court order. If the friends of the condemned pair wish to go ahead with their program of terrorism they must expect to take the consequences. In France at least, the guillotine is in commission.

Of course according to the Tribune the two men held for execution in Boston are guilty as hell. All labor leaders of the real kind are guilty. Mooney is guilty in the eyes of the Tribune. He was to be hung and the Tribune depended on Governor Stephens of California to do the dirty work, as it depends on Governor Cox to electrocute Sacco and Vanzetti.

We do not argue with a vicious dog like the Tribune, but we want to remind our readers of the fact that it was the activity of Europe and especially of Russia that saved Mooney from the noose. It was not safe for America to murder an innocent man even during the war. The workers of Europe gave the warning and it was a mighty lucky thing for this country that heed was taken.

It may not be a miss for the governor of Massachusetts to listen to the warning of the workers of Europe this time too. There is too much evidence against the state of Massachusetts in killing the two men now under sentence of death. Even the dictum of the Tribune may not be final in this case. In fact we know it is not.

No government has a right to execute innocent men at the behest of ranting, rotten rags like the Duluth Tribune. The dirty thing is a disgrace to Duluth and all this country, and the people are getting mighty tired of its foul assault on decency and common rights.

There will be a lot of demonstrations before Sacco and Vanzetti go to the electric chair. No scare of bombs hurled by the agents of the capitalist class or the tools of the Tribune will deter the workers from showing their determination to protect their innocent brothers from the foul deeds of half crazy tyrants.

THE PINKS AGAINST RUSSIA

All over the capitalist world the blood-thirsty and reactionary upholders of capitalist imperialism, who attempt to crush out Communism by the most barbarous methods ever used in history, are known as the Whites. Behind the Whites are the sentimental leaders of moderate Socialism who are equally ferocious in their hatred against Soviet Russia. Their part in the general attack upon Russia and Communism is to supply poison gas in the shape of using their press to circulate lies against Sovietism—these people are known as the "Yellows," or the Pinks. In reality there is little to differentiate the Whites from the Pinks so far as tactics are concerned. The Whites are frankly brutal, but the Pinks are generally pacifists whose brutality is the more insidious in so far as they claim that they speak on behalf of Labour. The Whites are people drawn from the propertied interests, and many of them have lost their lives and money fighting Soviet Russia. The Pinks, however, make money and careers as a result of their attacks upon the Russian proletariat. The I. L. P. of England is typically a Pink Party. In its lying campaign against Russia it uses language identical with that of the out and out reactionaries. In the election address of the capitalist candidate for Caerphilly it refers to:—

"Sovietism, which has produced such tragic results in ruined, unhappy Russia."

In the same election, and dealing with the same theme, it was left for the I. L. P. to use similar language by stating:—

"But even in the Russian experiment had been as successful for Russia as it has been, in the main, disastrous, it could not be attempted in this country." — Labour Leader, August 18th, 1921.

The part which we have italicised shows that there is no difference whatever in the attitude of the I. L. P. and the Coalition Party. And yet the I. L. P. whined during the whole election at Caerphilly because they claimed that the Communist Party candidate would split their vote. Wm. Gallagher told them, during the election, that the I. L. P. and the Coalition would split the capitalist reform vote between them.

—Communist Review, England.

THAT BAD STRIKE

The Duluth Herald comes along and smashes the whole moral code in one fell blow. To quote:

"—it is clear that a paralysis of transportation would be as disastrous as a plague or a war."

This is very logical. Who hollered loudest for war when the steel trust saw great profits in it? Wasn't it the Herald? And now it classifies war with plague.

Who cried for the blood of the workers when the profiteers were ready to stick their fists into the pockets of the people under the mantle of war? Answer that, you ranting hypocritical Herald.

Is it only now that war is a bad thing — as bad as a strike? Or rather a strike is as bad as a war.

Well, as you hollered to have war to fill the coffers of the billionaires, why do you not advocate a strike to help the workers get a small crumb for their labor? The Herald is right there with its snoot to grunt in favor of a calamity like war so long as it gives the profit hogs a belly full.

But a calamity like that which will result from a strike when that calamity is calculated to bring a mere existence to the slaves seems a very unwise thing to the Herald.

Some people may have respect for such reasoning as the Herald uses, but we have not.

INVITATIONS TO MARSHAL FOCH

Isn't it funny that just now when the armament conference is to be held Marshal Foch should be besieged with bushels of invitations from highbrows in this country.

The capitalist press is now busy writing editorials showing what a great general Foch was. He is also a great advocate of war. He believes in big guns and plenty of them and feels that he should be the fellow to say who shall get the bullets that come from them.

If you want to limit the church you do not go to the bishop and ask him if he is in favor of such a move. If you want to limit the useless political offices you do not go to the politician to put the job over. If you want to curb the whiskey business you do not go to the moonshiners.

You might almost expect a republican to be intelligent enuf to understand that.

Now when there is a farce to be pulled off at Washington with the ostensible intention to "limit armament" the fat fellows who thrive on war invite the great war defender of France to come and tell the peace people about the best method of making guns and battleships and fan the fires of war in the most expert way possible.

His stack of invitations is now two feet deep. It is still growing. Which shows that there are a lot of murder enthusiasts left in this country.

If the workers have any sense left they will let those fellows who are so nimble in writing invitations to Foch be the first to be drafted for the next killing game.

THE ARMLESS ARMS

It is so funny to watch the capitalist press. Not because it has any particular fun itself, but because it takes itself so seriously — just like the chairman of a republican caucus.

You have read for about two months fine headlines and godly articles on the disarmament conference to be held at Washington November 11.

Don't forget that it was a disarmament conference. Disarmament. Hang on to that. Look up your files and read carefully.

Then look closely at the spelling of that word and you will find the little "dis" missing just like the dancing partner of the Prince of Wales. For some time it has bobbed up occasionally, but in about another week this "dis" will be gone for good and you will have your old and faithful friend Armament without bangs or nuthin'.

So it will be an honest to goodness armament conference, just as it was intended to be. Only the gang wanted to fool the public as usual. It would not have been fair to the unsuspecting masses to have told them the truth right off the bat. You have not sounded their heart for some time and there might have been fatalities from the bump if the merciful press had not provided shock absorbers.

But now you can come out without much fear and believe the whole naked fact. The conference is for the purposes of getting armed, devising ways and means whereby there will be quarrels and many quarrels, excuses for war and many excuses.

So the armament conference will one great and beautiful success.

SURVIVAL OF THE FITTEST

In northern climes, the polar bear
Protects himself with fat and hair,
Where snow is deep and ice is stark,
And half the year is cold and dark;
He still survives a clime like that
By growing fur, by growing fat.
These traits, O bear, which thou transmittest
Prove the survival of the fittest.

To polar regions waste and wan
Comes the encroaching race of man,
A puny, feeble, little bubber,
He has no fur, he has no blubber.
The scornful bear sat down at ease
To see the stranger starve and freeze;
But, lo! the stranger slew the bear,
And ate his fat and wore his hair;
These deeds, O Man, which thou committest
Prove the survival of the fittest.

In modern times the millionaire
Protects himself as did the bear;
Where poverty and hunger are
He counts his bullion by the car;
Where thousands perish still he thrives—
The wealth, O Croesus, thou transmittest
Proves the survival of the fittest.

But, lo, some people odd and funny,
Some men without a cent of money—
The simple common human race
Chose to improve their dwelling place;
They had no use for millionaires,
They calmly said the world was theirs,
They were so wise, so strong, so many,
The millionaires?—there wasn't any.
These deeds, O Man, which thou committest
Proves the survival of the fittest.

—Charlotte Perkins Gillman.