

RIGHT TO ORGANIZE IN AMERICA IS DESTROYED

The hand of the ruling class in America has finally been shown in a definite manner. Judge A. B. Anderson of the federal court at Indianapolis has issued an order forbidding the United Mine Workers from carrying on any organization efforts in the coalfields of West Virginia.

This order if allowed to stand will be the entering wedge to a nation-wide destruction of all right to organize the workers. It is like taking away the right to live. If this laborhating judge can get by with this infamous onslaught on the unions in his district there will be no place in this country safe from a ruling of the same kind.

The policy of the master class has been to do away with all means of protection that the workers have adopted and leave them stranded in a helpless condition before the increasing tyranny of the oppressors.

Why an illegal injunction should be obeyed by the unions is not yet made clear. But the day is coming closer when the workers will look upon orders like those of Judge Anderson as so much baby twaddle and instead. Of giving heed to such bunk will go forth in their daily task to strengthen their union and be ready to defy any outlaw order that may come from a sychophantic magistrate of the pirate tyrants.

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SOVIET GOVERNMENT THE STRONGEST IN THE WORLD

After four years of soviet rule in Russia the workers have established themselves as the strongest government in the world. Outside forces have attacked it. Armies of the allied nations have attempted to invade the territory of the workers and destroy the first workingclass republic. Famine has hit the country by reason of the unprecedented drought. Lack of medical facilities has caused death of thousands. Industry broken down before the revolution has handicapped production in a large measure. The struggle has been hard and often discouraging.

But the workers government has handled the situation in such a manner that it is now conceded that no other government in the world could have recuperated so fast and saved so much of life under so adverse circumstances. Far beyond the expectations of all friends and foes together the Soviet Government has stood the test and is today one of the undeniable proofs of the ability of the workers to govern themselves and to build up a system of industry that shall be the model of all the civilized world.

While all the other nations are rent with strife and fumbling with class interests, their finances wrecked and their governments bankrupt, Soviet Russia is united in one struggle and that is to build up a civilization that shall baffle the tyrants and secure freedom and justice to all the people.

The fourth anniversary of the Russian Revolution brings hope and inspiration to the whole world. Long live the workers Republic of Russia! Long live the New Hope of the World!

GOVERNOR CALLS DOWN THUG MAYOR FOR BREAKING LAW

SPRINGFIELD, Ill. — Governor Len Small has asked Ed Ferrell, Mayor of Rosiclare, Ill., to respect law and order. Ferrell, who was a gunman for the Fluor Spar mine interests in the 1916 strike and is reputed to be in the pay of the company at present, refused to allow a committee of union officials to unload a carload of foodstuffs sent to feed striking miners and their families.

On Fox, president of District 9 of the United Mine Workers of America, with headquarters in West Frankfort, advised Governor Small in a telegram that many families at Rosiclare are on the verge of starvation and urged the executive to take immediate steps to relieve conditions there. Representatives of the Mine Workers were driven from town and told not to return, it is said, when they attempted to distribute the supplies.

Miners in Illinois and adjoining

States are contributing largely to the support of the striking Fluor Spar miners who have been out more than a year. The company, which controls the town of Rosiclare, has used gunmen to intimidate the strikers.

A letter from Rosiclare miners to Local 52, U. M. W. of A., at Centralia, acknowledging receipt of \$358 sent to aid the strikers, says: "Anyone arriving in Rosiclare who is a union man or sympathizer is not permitted to remain overnight. This week Thomas Grady and George Thornton, two members of the executive board in charge of the strike, were ordered to leave a few minutes after arriving in the town. They were taken out of the county by gunmen headed by Ed Ferrell, Mayor of Rosiclare.

"In spite of these tactics of the gunmen the strikers are more determined than ever to stand firm and win their battle."

WORK STIFFS DEFEND SELVES AGAINST STATE SUPPRESSION

Toilers Without Training Courageously Face Slick Prosecutors in Case Brought to Destroy the Organization in Town Hardest on Radicals in West

San Francisco, Cal.—One of the most significant trials in the history of the I. W. W. is now on in Oakland, California. Six members of the organization are defending themselves absolutely without any legal advice against the university-bred legal machinery of one of the most reactionary towns in the West. And they are honest-to-god stiff, too, not an intellectual among them—rank and file members, if you please, sick and tired of having the defense pour out money for shysters, damn them!

The outfit is five-sixths Irish—five out of the six reading as follows: Mickey Dunn, (Michael Jeremiah Dunn, as the judge loves to call out)—Pat Casey, George Ryan, John Hannan and Jim McLoughlin, and the others one-sixth being Howard Welton.

They know no law, these men, straight off the point of production,

but they have every advantage of native and primal right on their side. No one knows what the jury will decide—no one has ever known; they look rather more hopeful than some, but it is hard to see how any twelve men and women with a spark of unspoiled manhood in them can convict these men.

The only witnesses so far have been professional ones, bulls, finks and stoops. The "star" witness—and he is a star and also a bird!—is one who belonged to I. U. No. 310 in San Francisco and hung around the hall all last winter. He goes by the name of Vail, but his real name is Judas, and a very stupid Judas at that.

After the defendants had gotten through examining him and after he had been obliged to admit over and over again that he had never heard them advocate violence or sabotage and had never witnessed

COAL STRIKE LOOMS AS PROTEST AGAINST LAWLESS ACTS OF JUDGE

INDIANAPOLIS, Nov. 2.—A nationwide strike of the coal miners seems to be inevitable because of the injunction issued by Judge A. B. Anderson restraining the unions from keeping in force the check-off system of union dues.

That this would mean a blow at organized labor and the final collapse of the organization was predicted by the miners. It would make it possible for the companies to force men to work without the union regulation effecting dues and thus demoralize the organization.

Union officials declared that if this injunction goes into effect the contracts would be broken and the miners free to take such course as they might deem wise.

Nothing short of a strike would result and this would mean that the whole industry would be affected.

Primarily the trouble arose over the fight in West Virginia, but the bitterness engendered by the bosses has made the problem nationwide.

(Federated Press)
WASHINGTON.—Growing irritation on the part of Chairman Kenyon toward the organized mine operators of southern West Virginia for their arrogant and cynical attitude toward the rights of their employees and toward democratic methods of government marked Thursday's sessions of the hearings before Kenyon's committee. It became evident that the chairman, at least, would insist upon the intervention of the Federal authorities to protect the miners of Mingo, Logan, McDowell and Mercer Counties. It became equally evident that the operators, backed by United States Steel and Wall Street banks, would snap their fingers at any such proposal and would balk its enforcement.

any such things in the organization, then George Ryan ended the cross-examination. This is how he did it: "With deadly quiet he said: 'That is all, Vail. You've earned your twenty pieces of silver.' Those who trot around after thrills and kicks in the movies would have gone far to have experienced a more dramatic moment. All the tragedy of the present crisis was there. The Laborer challenging the Stool, who

Frank P. Walsh, at the beginning of the session, formally proposed a settlement of the trouble on the basis of the principles laid down on Monday by Philip Murray, vice-president of the United Mine Workers of America—a plan calling for an agreement to be signed by both sides, safeguarding the fundamental rights of the workers and operators and to be administered by an impartial arbitrator to be named by Chief Justice Taft of the United States Supreme Court. He asked that the committee hold the operators' representatives in Washington and try to get an agreement with them.

Attorney Vinson for the operators replied immediately that "We will not have anything whatever to do under any circumstances with the United Mine Workers of America. Our position is absolutely unchangeable. We will not under any circumstances meet them in consultation about the difficulty down there. Now with that absolute policy I see no reason to go on and keep on insisting that we shall recognize their union when we have so positively stated that under no circumstances will we do it, either through this honorable committee, through the president of the United States, or any other tribunal."

Don Chafin, sheriff of Logan County, chief terrorist in that field, was on the stand under subpoena from the committee. He testified that he inherited \$15,000 in property, had been 12 years a county official, is now 34 years old, and is worth \$350,000, of which \$70,000 is stock in coal companies and a tract of coal land leased to operators. He is indebted to banks, of one of which he is vice-president, for the money with which he bought much of this coal stock.

is backed by Capitalism, which, in turn, is backed by the Government. Man to man, the six men—laborers straight from the soil—questioned this Judas who for two thousand years has been employed by the authorities to thwart new manifestations of Truth.

The deputy district attorneys, young upstarts, picked out parts of the literature that contained the word "revolution" with no regard for the context. The results were unexpected. In many cases they

He has a large force of deputies, some of whom get \$200 a month and one \$300 a month, whose salaries are paid by the coal operators' association. It was when he asserted that the operators never controlled the actions of his deputies that Kenyon and Walsh brought out his own status as a coal magnate, banker and local real estate operator.

Chafin admitted that a man accused by his chief deputy of having "criticized county officials" on the street was arrested, locked up and shot fatally in his jail next morning by the son of his jailer. His defense was the prisoner had struck the assistant jailer with his fist. The killing of a negro by one of his henchmen at the last election he described as merely the resenting of an insult by the white man.

William H. Coolidge, a red-faced Boston mining lawyer, chairman of the board of directors of the Island Creek Coal Company, the biggest concern in Logan County, was the witness who chiefly aroused Kenyon by his sneering attitude. Coolidge spoke as though with direct authority from the organized banking power of America. He denounced the United Mine Workers, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers and the Plumb Plan as schemes to destroy property values in fundamental industries for the purpose of permitting the workers to seize and run the industries for themselves. He observed that "even the American Federation of Labor, two years ago, passed resolutions demanding the full value of its product for labor."

These demands he described as "all that Lenin and Trotsky demanded," and as an attempt by the leaders of the United Mine Workers "to establish a Soviet government."

stole a march on the defense and read passages which the latter had planned to use. When the prosecution with much elocution had read the closing argument of the Red Dawn, the words, "the peaceful methods of the I. W. W.," the judge called a recess.

Often the prosecution read with strong emphasis the word "revolution" in sentences of this kind: "Complete revolution in the mental

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PARIS BOMB THROWERS ARE TOOLS OF RAVING CAPITALISTS

New York. — The American Civil Liberties Union has issued the following statement in regard to the European demonstrations for Sacco and Vanzetti, the two Italian syndicalists awaiting sentence in Massachusetts for murder. The statement was signed by Prof. Harry F. Ward, chairman, and Albert DeSilver and Roger N. Baldwin, directors:

"None of us who have been aiding the Sacco-Vanzetti defense work for months has the slightest sympathy with the dastardly outrage on the American Ambassador at Paris. None of us believe that it was the act of any sympathizer with Sacco and Vanzetti. That is not method followed by radicals here or abroad despite the persistent efforts of the police to attach such acts to them. The history of such outrages makes it far more likely that it is one of those provocative deeds of the police themselves intended to so compromise the radicals that any police brutality could be justified. At best it was the act of an insane man. Our close contact of several years in legal defense work with radicals of all degrees and varieties, Americans and aliens, prompts us to assert that they are not so lacking in sense as to commit a futile and cowardly deed which could only defeat their objects.

"The demonstrations in Europe in behalf of Sacco and Vanzetti are the natural consequence of a case which has aroused widespread work-

ing class indignation. Similar demonstrations against prosecutions of American workers have occurred before in Europe notably in 1918 on behalf of the I. W. W. and Tom Mooney, and in 1913 in behalf of Ettor and Giovannitti, leaders of the Lawrence textile strike. Such demonstrations reflect the disillusionment of European workers who discover that now in the land of the free workers are tried and condemned merely for exercising their civil rights in an industrial conflict.

"Sacco and Vanzetti are undoubtedly the victims of a frame-up. They are Italians, syndicalists, pacifists during the war, and active organizers among the Italian radicals. What more is needed to convict them? The charge of murder was apparently a means of railroad-ing them in a trial replete with errors, circumstantial or contradictory evidence, and sucharged with prejudice and vindictiveness.

"Those of us who have supported the defense work as involving issues of civil rights are of one mind in condemning the outrage in Paris and in welcoming the peaceful demonstrations in France and elsewhere. They may serve to arouse Americans to the injustice and folly of our increasing persecution of radical opinions and the legitimate activities of labor. We shall continue our efforts to carry the case of Sacco and Vanzetti to the highest courts, and to marshal behind their defense the liberal sentiment of the country."

NEW FAMILY RELATION

San Francisco. — The Oil Producers' Association is issuing a series of instructions to members of their attitude toward their employees when the oil strike is over. One significant statement is as follows: "While no definite declaration of policy has been made by the executive committee of the association, it might be stated that a man's affiliation with a labor union, as a factor incident to his employment, depends entirely upon the interpretation he places upon his obligation to the union—first, should it be opposed to his SUPERIOR obligation requiring as a personal duty that he do a fair day's work for a fair day's pay; second, how far his obligation to the union embarrasses the existence of that intimate family relationship that should exist between employer and employee under free conferences without outside interference."

In other words, "We don't mind his belonging to a union as long as it doesn't mean anything." The picture of the happy family of boss and worker, with the union as the wicked "vamp" creating the eternal triangle, is considered particularly affecting by the strikers.

Who GOT Us Into The War, And How Did They Do It?

The monstrous treason perpetrated upon this nation by the master class and the profiteering brigands is coming to light more and more as the days go by.

Last May the question came up in Congress and Representative M. A. Michaelson of Illinois introduced a resolution calling for an investigation and providing for the punishment of the guilty.

Of course the resolution was turned down and instead the persecution of the men and women who told the truth about the war was intensified. It is important that the workers read these facts and become informed so that they may not be led by the nose the next time.

We produce from the Congressional Record the speech of Michaelson made in Congress May 26, 1921. Read it and tell us what you think of your government for getting into this war game:

"Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, I desire to use the time allotted to me at this time in discussing House resolution 95, which I introduced May 20, asking for information from the Secretary of State and the Secretary of War relative to the spread of foreign propaganda in the United States prior to the declaration of war by the United States against Germany and asking investigation of charges made in public records and public prints and calling the attention of Congress first to a statement made by former Congressman Callaway, February 9, 1917, appearing upon pages 2947 and 2948 of the Congressional Record, in which he made the charge that—

"In March, 1915, the J. M. Morgan interests, the steel, shipbuilding, and powder interests, and their subsidiary organizations got together 12 men high up in the newspaper world and employed them to select the most influential newspapers in the United States and a sufficient number of them to control generally the policy of the daily press of the United States."

"These 12 men worked the problem out by selecting 179 newspapers, and then began by an elimination process to retain those necessary for the purpose of controlling the general policy of the daily press throughout the country. They found it was only necessary to purchase the control of 25 of the greatest papers. The 25 papers were agreed upon; emissaries were sent to purchase the policy, national and international, of these papers; an agreement was reached; the policy of the papers was bought, to be paid for by the month; an editor was furnished for each paper to properly supervise and edit information regarding the question of preparedness, militarism, financial policies, and other things of national and international nature considered vital to the interests of the purchasers.

"This contract is in existence at the present time, and it accounts for the news columns of the daily press of the country being filled with all sorts of preparedness arguments and misrepresentations as to the present condition of the United States Army and Navy, and the possibility and probability of the United States being attacked by foreign foes.

"This policy also included the suppression of everything in opposition to the wishes of the interests served. The effectiveness of this scheme has been conclusively demonstrated by the character of stuff carried in the daily press throughout the country since March, 1915. They have resorted to anything necessary to commercialize public sentiment and sandbag the National Congress into making extravagant and wasteful appropriations for the Army and Navy under the false pretense that it was necessary. Their stock argument is that it is "patriotism." They are playing on every prejudice and passion of the American people.

"If the information and charges contained in Mr. Callaway's statement are true and can be proven, then the most heinous crime in the world's history was perpetrated upon the peace-loving American people, and while hostilities have ceased and peace is sought by nations heretofore at war, the destruction and desolation, the sorrow and suffering, and the debt imposed by the that war are more crushing than ever to the hopes, aspirations, progress, prosperity, and contentment of our people; and, if it be true and can be proven that this Nation's participation and other nations' continuance in the war was founded upon fraud, intrigue, falsity, conspiracy, or manipulation, as charged, then that truth should be published to the world, in order to make it impossible to repeat that crime in the future and that the blessings of peace may be more confidently assured to afflicted humanity everywhere.

"In addition to the information and charges filed by Congressman Callaway in the foregoing statement, M. Gabriel Hanoteaux, formerly minister of foreign affairs of the Republic of France, in his *Historie de la Guerre*, 1914, book No. 107, page 54, states, in effect, that France was ready to make peace in the latter part of the year 1914, but was dissuaded from doing so by three Americans, namely, Robert Bacon, of the financial house of J. P. Morgan & Co., fiscal agents for the British Government; Myron T. Herrick; and William G. Sharp, and that these men represented to French officials that if France would continue the war that these three men would organize a propaganda to put the United States into the war on the side of the Allies, and M. Hanoteaux further stated that the sum of money which was provided to goad the United States into the war was too large even for American comprehension.

"In this connection the following memorable statement was made by one of these Americans to the author:

"There are in America 50,000 persons who realize that it is inevitable for the United States to enter the war without delay on your side. But there are 100,000,000 Americans to whom the thought is strange. Our object is to reverse these figures and to turn the 50,000 into 100,000,000. We shall succeed.

"The charges filed by Congressman Callaway and the statement made by M. Gabriel Hanoteaux would indicate, if true, that there was a definite and widespread conspiracy operating in the United States to plunge the people of the United States into war, and I believe it to be the duty of Congress to make this investigation forthwith in the interest of the welfare and education of the American people, that present and future generations may have insight into the operations of governments, money powers, and commercial combines, whose intrigues and corruptions foster and perpetuate war.

"In addition to the charges filed by Congressman Callaway and the statement made by M. Gabriel Hanoteaux, Sir Gilbert Parker, a well-known English writer, says in an article on 'The United States and the War,' in *Harper's Magazine*, March, 1918:

"From August 1914 there, was considerable percentage of the public who believed that the United States should, in the name of civilization, have officially resented the invasion of Belgium. Personally, I believe that it would have been extremely difficult for the United States to enter the war six months before she did. I was in the United States for some months on this trip. I have been from New York to San Francisco. I was at Washington when President Wilson dismissed Count Bernstorff, and heard him do so, and I am firmly convinced of this, that President Wilson committed his country to this war at the right moment, neither too soon nor too late. He had stopped up every avenue of attack by the pacifists, and jurists, and the pedants, and the pettifoggers.

"Perhaps here I may be permitted to say a few words concerning my own work since the beginning of the war. * * * Practically since the day war broke out between England and the Central Powers I became responsible for American publicity. I need hardly say that the scope of my department was very extensive and its activities widely ranged. Among the activities was a weekly report to the British cabinet on the state of American opinion, and constant touch with the permanent correspondents of American newspapers in England. I also frequently arranged for important public men in England to act for us by interviews in American newspapers; and among these distinguished people were M. Lloyd George (the present prime minister), Viscount Grey, Mr. Balfour, Mr. Bonar Law, the Archbishop of Canterbury, Sir Edward Carson, Lord Robert Cecil, Mr. Walter Runciman (the lord chancellor) Mr.

Austen Chamberlain, Lord Cromer, Will Crooks, Lord Curzon, Lord Gladstone, Lord Haldane, Mr. Henry James, Mr. John Redmond, Mr. Selfridge, Mr. Zangwill, Mrs. Humphrey Ward, and fully a hundred others.

"Among other things, we supplied 360 newspapers in the smaller States of the United States with an English newspaper, which gives a weekly review and comment of the affairs of the war. We established connection with the man in the street through cinema pictures of the Army and Navy as well as through interviews, articles, pamphlets, etc., and by letters in reply to individual American critics, which were printed in the chief newspaper of the State in which they lived, and were copied in newspapers of other and neighboring states. We advised and stimulated many people to write articles; we utilized the friendly services and assistance of confidential friends; we had reports from important Americans constantly, and established association, by personal correspondence, with influential and eminent people of every profession in the United States, beginning with university and college presidents, professors, and scientific men and running through all the ranges of the population. We asked our friends and correspondents to arrange for speeches, debates, and lectures by American citizens. * * * Besides an immense private correspondence with individuals, we had our documents and literature sent to great numbers of public libraries, Y. M. C. A. societies, universities, colleges, historical societies, clubs, and newspapers."

"No formal investigation of these grave charges has ever been undertaken by the Congress of the United States to determine their truth or falsity. To allow them to go unchallenged is to cause serious reflection on the purpose of the United States in entering the war, as a result of which this Nation is bowed in grief over the death, maiming, and ruined health of hundreds of thousands of its young manhood, and the people of our country are burdened with an unprecedented national debt, with resulting high taxes and living costs unprecedented in magnitude and oppression.

"If it is true and can be proven that it was possible to end the war soon after it started and before much damage was done to the world and its people, and if that chance was blocked by selfish financial interests with a slush fund beyond comprehension to buy manufactured propaganda to be used and spread to excite the minds of the American people and to put hate in their hearts, resulting finally in plunging this Nation into the war, with such awful consequences, not only the people of this country but the whole world should know it. If the charges are not true, then the people should know that.

"If these charges are not true, is it not strange that virtually from the day war was declared in 1914, backed by the British Government, a British subject, Sir Gilbert Parker, on his own statement, seemingly all unbeknownst to our government officials and our President, conducted this gigantic propaganda in our country to scientifically inculcate into the hearts of the American people a hate that would finally plunge them into the World War, particularly, when we are still mindful of the fact that in the early spring of 1916 Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, while making a tour of the Middle States and the great upper Mississippi Valley to deliver his message to the American people and to enunciate the policies upon which they should stand at that hour, in statements and in numerous speeches repeatedly insisted that the American people and the American Nation should remain neutral not only in deed but in thought. In every one of these speeches the President again and again reiterated that good Americans would remain neutral and do nothing that might involve this great liberty-loving, peace-loving American people in this terrible conflagration. And yet, Mr. Chairman and Members of this House, Sir Gilbert Parker states to the world under his signature that at the very moment the President of the United States, speaking for the American people, in behalf of the American people, and as the mouthpiece of the American people, was urging them to remain neutral, he—Parker—was spending British gold from one end of this Nation to the other for the purpose of driving this Republic into the quarrels of European monarchies.

"If these charges are true, Mr. Chairman and gentlemen, and in view of the warfare still going on in Europe at this very hour, then the American lives lost were sacrificed not on the altar of universal democracy and freedom but upon the blood-stained, sacrificial stone of inhuman avarice and greed, and if these charges be true we must come to the conclusion that the American people were duped by an unscrupulous combination of wealth that, through its kept literary harlots, seduced the noble patriotism of the American citizenry in order to enrich themselves. Let us not shrink from facing and demanding the truth, the whole truth, and nothing but the truth."

MEN READY TO DIE SPEAK TO SLAVES THAT MUST LIVE

Sacco And Vanzetti Make Statement From Death Chamber To Their Comrades in The Struggle Against Wrong On The Outside.

Dedham Jail, September 20th, 1921.

We have been wrongly convicted of an atrocious murder committed by persons other than ourselves. The crime was one entirely independent of the struggle of the workers to better their conditions.

WE ARE NOT AFRAID TO DIE. Every worker in the performance of his tasks as an industrial serf faces death a thousand times. Death—we do not fear. We do revolt against having our heart-beats stopped for a crime that we did not commit, indeed, for a crime that possesses no industrial or social significance.

From the earliest years of our young manhood up to the time of our arrest, we gave unsparingly of our time, our labor and the money we earned by hard labor to the EDUCATION of the workers, preparatory to the day when the workers might EMANCIPATE THEMSELVES. We are not the type of men who steal and murder. No man who is in a normal mental condition ever commits murder. Crimes of force prove conclusively that there is some diseased social condition existing in society. It is a symptom of individual and social maladjustment.

There is no need here for us to re-tell the story upon which conviction was built. A fine network of lies was built and innocent acts of ours were contorted by the vicious minds of those who saw in the champions of labor only "enemies of the people." American capitalism cannot understand that a man can be an unafraid fighter against exploitation and at the same time have a mind and a heart that revolt against crimes of violence. The "FRAME-UP" was finished off by showing that we believed that to the workers belonged the products of their toil. This was reason enough for our conviction.

If we go to the electric chair, we go not because we were "PROVEN" guilty of the crime charged against us but because of our ideals. If we go, we shall go loyal and unswerving in our devotion to the principles that, unpopular and frowned upon today, SHALL DOMINATE TOMORROW. If we die, we die knowing that members of the advance guard must always die. We ask only—that our death shall not be useless and that you, the workers in the mines of America, who make possible the industrial life of America, shall make more eloquent our death, than we were able to make our lives. WE DO NOT WANT TO DIE USELESSLY. Let our death—if we must die—usher in a world where there will be no master class to still the voices of those who would be free.

—Fraternally Yours,
NICOLA SACCO, BARTOLOMEO VANZETTI.

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Send in your sub to-day. Tomorrow we might have other important matters to attend to.

Birth Control From Labor's View Point

NEW YORK.—"Birth Control from Labor's Point of View" will be the subject of an address by James Maurer, president of the Pennsylvania Federation of Labor, at the first American Birth Control Conference to be held here on November 11, 12 and 13.

The coming conference will be the first open and public discussion of the problem of birth control in the history of the country. The advocates of repeal of the laws prohibiting the dissemination of birth control information have long set forth as one of their strongest arguments that information enabling parenthood to be voluntary would prevent over-population among the very poor and those who are victims of poverty resulting from industrial exploitation and low wages.

The principal speaker at the conference will be Harold Cox, former member of the British Parliament, editor of the *Edinburgh Review* and a noted economist. His talk will deal with the problem of over-population and birth control as a solution. Another topic to be discussed will be that of birth control as a means of reducing the number of inmates in institutions dependent on the public for support.

The conference will take up the consideration of means of securing legislation to permit the opening of clinics in the various States to spread the knowledge required to prevent undesired offspring among the wives of the country.

Mrs. Margaret Sanger, the leader in America in the birth control movement, and herself the mother of two children, will be chairman of the conference.

DINNER PAID EPICS

By BILL LLOYD.
I see as how the Prince of Wales has started out with all full sails, to leave the country of his birth and circumnavigate the earth. It makes a fellow almost sob to think how hard is that there job. This being heir to England's throne is sure a job to make one groan.

Yet right this time in England's lands there are a million more of hands who haven't any jobs at all, and haven't had since 'long last fall. And they go traveling down the street with weary legs and with sore feet, a-hunting for the jobs that ain't until they are most like to faint.

And we have unemployment here, and will have more; I greatly fear. Meanwhile we cannot trade with Russia, and cannot sell to bankrupt Prussia, and are still out with Mexico, and can't see where our trade will go.

Of course, we might use what we got, of which there is an awful lot, but folks a-working by the day can't always see how they can pay; and folks what ain't no work at all, can't listen to the market's call. So while the times is hard as horn, the farmer has to burn his corn, and lots of folks go without shoes they've made to sell, but not to use.

I hope we weather all these gales—we workers and the Prince of Wales.

OLD STUFF

"I see Marconi has invented a machine that will send 500 words a minute."
"That's nothing; I married one."
—Life.

Noted editor says send old men to Congress and keep 'em there. That's all right—make an old people's home of it—we might as well get some benefit from it long's we've got it.

NEXT SUNDAY

One of the most significant events in this country has taken place during the last ten days. It is the recall election in North Dakota. For five years the farmers have had their own government in that state and had enacted several good measures into law. The farmers had a majority in the courts and in the legislature. They had their own governor. Now all is lost. Russia has been beset as viciously as any country ever was. She still stands. Why?

J. O. BENTALL

Will speak on this question and analyse the causes underlying these two striking situations. His subject will be

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UNION MEN SLAP NELSON ON WRIST WITH KEEN LETTER

Fossil Senator Presented With Pertinent Questions On Wiping Out Unions.

Following is a letter which has been signed by seventy-eight organized railroad workers, employed by the D. W. & P. Ry., West Duluth, and was mailed to Senator Nelson, in reply to his attack on the American people:

"Local newspaper reports you to have declared yourself from the senate floor as follows:

"I'm getting tired of these threats. I do not know but that it would be a good thing for the country if these railroad men should start a strike. Let the people realize that they will be deprived of their food and fuel. If the employees embark on such a strike, I venture the prediction that the American people will rise in their might and wipe them from the face of the earth."

"We the undersigned, appreciate your customary frankness, but are unable to see why you should get so 'tired' because the railroad employees insist on a small fraction in wages compared to even the 'underpaid' senators to say nothing about the enormous profit to the employer. We wonder why you did not 'tire' of the 2,000 per cent profit of the \$11 per ton steel the coal corporation took from the public during the war and is yet continuing to take. Why did you not 'tire' at the shipbuilding swindle, steel robbery, packing house holdup and every other holdup of the American people during the war and after which has been revealed by senatorial investigations. Why do you not 'tire' of all the useless investigations that are sucking the marrow out of the people? Why do you not 'tire' of a sitting congress? If the railroad men should 'soldier' on the job as congress does, we would indeed starve. Why did you not 'tire' when James Hill, after living a splendid life and giving millions of dollars away to different institutions while living, yet when his final account was made his personal wealth was estimated at \$250,000,000? This he had made from a bankrupt railroad in the short time of thirty or forty years.

(All railroads are bankrupt when it comes to pay wages to workers).

"Now there are all kinds of capitalistic corruptions to make every one of us 'tired', but the most amazing utterance is that you contend 'low wages will restore industry.' We wish to call your attention to the fact that it was high wage during the war that made industry boom and according to Republican papers, made 50,000 millionaires. If low wages make industry boom, then China should be the most prosperous country. Why not go there and do business. 'If organized labor should be wiped off the earth for doing anything, it should be for making millionaires and billionaires, because high wages make them as nothing else will."

"Do you and the rest of the unionbustlers want to go back to the time of your youth? Was that prosperous times when we had no pay-day but an order on the grocery store for our board? Do you want to go back to pre-union days when wages were 25 cents per day and flour \$17 per barrel? When children, 5 and 6 years of age, worked twelve to fifteen hours in the coal mines along side of stark naked men and women?

"We wish to state most emphatically that the 'threatened strike' is not so much for maintaining the wage as against the reduction of the Sunday to an equal level of the six working days by taking off the fine of one-half time for work on holidays. This desecration of all holidays is indeed putting the American people back to the time before Moses."

"We 'tire' of calling your attention to more of these historic facts of preunion days. Briefly, we wish to say that if it had not been for organized labor of one kind or another, we should not have had either school or church. Organized labor claims everything and all things we call civilization. Wipe it out if you will."

JOHN KOBI AND OTHERS.
Duluth, Oct. 15.

FRENCH PRISONER IS ELECTED ON THE COMMUNIST TICKET

PARIS.—Andre Marty, now serving a 15-year term in the Clairvaux prison, has been elected by the twentieth district of the Paris, Charonne, as councillor for Charonne. The election is a gesture for amnesty for political prisoners.

The day after the election the conservative paper Le Matin, stated that the workers of Charonne had chosen to elect a man serving a term for treason, court martialled for refusing to fight against the Bolsheviks and for surrendering to the Bolsheviks a French warship in the Black Sea. The workers of Paris call Marty the 'hero of the Black Sea.'

Andre Marty refused to fight against Soviet Russia on the ground that it was illegal to do so, France having omitted the little formality of declaring war against Russia. He therefore persuaded as many marines on his ship as he could to mutiny with him. These marines are now all serving prison terms in Clairvaux prison.

The night of the election The Federated Press correspondent went down to the twentieth district. At the Place de Gambetta, a huge square in the workers' district, an immense throng of workers surged around the municipal headquarters waiting in vain for the government to flash the returns as it usually does in election contests. The pain of recording votes in favor of Marty was apparently too much for the officials. A procession formed at the head of which was the red flag.

The police were well represented in the crowd but did not interfere with the procession.

The parade and cheering for Marty, Communism and Moscow continued until far into the night when it was learned that their candidate had won 4000 to 1000.

The next day the conservative papers sourly admitted Marty's election but hastened to point out that it would be immediately declared illegal by the prefecture of police or somebody else.

MR. DU PONT NEARLY RUINED

Do munition makers want war? "No, no; never, never," says Pierre D. du Pont, chairman of the E. I. du Pont de Nemours company, greatest American munition makers. He writes his big "No" in an article, entitled "War Doesn't Pay," published in the October Nation's Business.

Let's see. In March, 1919, the annual report of Mr. Du Pont's company sets forth that during the four years of the war the gross business of the company amounted to \$1,490,000,000. The gross capital bulged from \$83,423,000 to \$308,846,000. The stockholders split up \$140,983,000. Total dividends soared to 458 per cent of the capital stock. The increase in the value of the original securities winged upward by 374 per cent.

Not so bad. Certainly one can pardon the refined licking of the chops with which the report states: "It is difficult to imagine a more satisfactory financial report."

Just so. War doesn't pay for munition makers. Mr. Du Pont was nearly ruined. As he says, "Even for a company as strong and as firmly established as our own, it is a gamble whether it can successfully weather the storm."

Really, we are moved almost to tears by the cheerfulness the fortitude, the faith with which munition makers face ruin in the name of patriotism.—Minnesota Daily Star.

FARCES MULTIPLY TO FOOL THE PUBLIC

The unemployment conference was a farce as expected. Now comes the disarmament conference, a greater farce than ever. Perhaps that is why the burlesque show business is falling off. Short skirts furnish the legs for the looking while the various pretentious conferences furnish the kick of humor to make any burlesque devotees applaud.

The unemployment conference met respectfully enough and accomplished nothing. Then a committee, respectful enough also, was drafted to carry out this program of Nothingness, which granted nothing to the unemployed, and to those with dependents twice as much as nothing. Nothing seems to be its name. Now the disarmament conference comes to further this noble work of doing nothing. The following news item seem to show something, or nothing: "Members of the British, Chinese and Japanese delegations left London today to attend the Washington Conference. Numerous secretaries accompanied the delegates and there were ten tons of baggage, the most noticeable feature of which were numerous golf bags. It is evident that the links around Washington are going to be well worked."

It also appears that a lot of people who believe and take such farces seriously are going to be well worked.—Rostan Quillan.

ALDERMEN IN JAIL WIFE IN ANOTHER

LONDON.—The tax war between the borough of Poplar and the London county council, resulting in the arrest and jailing of the aldermen of the Poplar council, has not only separated husbands and wives from their families and from each other, but in three cases has compelled the imprisoning of the husband in one jail and the wife in another.

Three aldermen of Poplar have their wives as alderwoman colleagues. When the arrests were made John Schurr, Edgar Lansbury and G. J. Cressall were confined in Brixton prison, while Julia Schurr, Minnie Lansbury and Nellie F. Cressall were locked up in Holloway.

ISADORA DUNCAN LAUDS SOVIET RULE

Isadora Duncan has sent the Daily Herald (London) the following message from Moscow:

"My first impressions," she writes in a note to the editor, "may interest your readers."

"This coming to Russia is a tremendous experience, and I would not have missed it for anything. Here at last is a frame mighty enough to work in, and for the first time in my life I feel I can stretch out my arms and breathe. 'Here one feels that perhaps for the second time in the world's history a great force has arisen to give Capitalism, which stands for monstrous greed and villainy, one great blow."

"The dragon, man-eating, labor-exploiting, has here received his death stroke. What matters it that if in his final throes he has cast destruction about him?"

"The valiant hero who smote him still lives, though enfeebled from the deadly struggle, and from him will be born a new world."

THE BAZAAR

Read the announcement of the great Bazaar to be held at Workers Hall, 19 Ave. W. and 1st St., November 9, 10, 11 and 12. This will be a feature of the fun season to all both young and old.

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WORK STIFFS DEFEND SELVES AGAINST STATE SUPPRESSION

(Continued from page 1)

process of the worker." Again he stumbled on this—"the efficient, bloodless weapon of intelligence," and again he yelled at the jury, "He (the laborer) has lost faith in politics."

But when it came to the song-book and the boos chose first that beautiful hymn of labor, "Workers of the World, Awaken!" and read it exactly as his elocution professor had taught him to read, he was greeted with the profound admiration of the stiff-crowded courtroom. Some of them had never heard it read so well. Then the "International," and with much feeling, "All Hell can't stop us!"

But the best was to come. With tremendous pomp and ceremony the young fellow told the jury that here was a song to the tune of "Sweet Bye and Bye." There was an old-timer of a Wobblly with a poker face sitting near me, but I felt him quiver with suppressed joy. Very clearly the lawyer read how "long-haired preachers come out every night"—amusement in the jury and evidently no reverence for preachers. Comes the chorus—

You will eat bye and bye
In that glorious land above the sky.
Work and pray, live on hay—
You'll get pie in the sky when you die.

and the judge pounds with the gavel with one hand and covers his face with the other. By the time

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"The future love will be not 'my family,' but 'all humanity,' and not 'my children,' but 'all children,' not 'my country,' but 'all peoples.' 'I salute the birth of the future community of international love.'"

STREET CARS CALLED MOVING HIGHWAY

SEATTLE.—"Some day street car service will be as free to the public as are the streets and sidewalks now."

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This sums up Peter Witt's vision of the future of street car transportation. Co-worker with former Mayor Tom Johnson in instituting municipal ownership of street railways in Cleveland, Witt is now surveying Seattle's car system at a salary of \$1000 a week with an eye to achieving economies which will make the five-cent fare possible again.

FIFTY JOBLESS TAKE OWN LIFE IN CHICAGO

By ROSTAN QUILLAN.

"For a drifting ship in midocean scarcely ever withstands the storm." Thus wrote Edward Warwick, a mere youth of twenty, who died by his own hand on the bridal path of Lincoln Park, Chicago. Another suicide. The coroner's jury rendered a verdict that is becoming common fade-out to so many tragedies—"Despondent over unemployment." The scenarios of life had fifty such ending and fade-outs in the last month of September. Twenty-eight of the fifty were over thirty-five years of age, which indicates that while there is youth there is hope—hope that if one lives long enough there will sometime be a job. Yet even youth desponds, as is shown above. Three school boys have been found dangling at a rope's end here recently, but these incidents have in no way been connected with unemployment. They are merely a bit of the daily news.

Chief of police, Fitzmorris, has shifted his men like a 'foot ball line' to counteract the expected

the serious young man reads the last chorus the court, including the judge, is in an uproar. After that came Casey Jones, and the court was adjourned until Monday. God only knows how the thing will end.

There is something different about this trial. They can only get deputies to do the prosecuting. Harris, who prosecuted so many, will have nothing to do with it. Pontius Pilate again washes his hands and refuses to have anything to do with "this just man."

In San Francisco last week District Attorney Brady expressed his disapproval of the mess and twenty cases were thrown out or court. There is a tension in the air and the superior court holds off from rendering a decision that will make the criminal synicalism law either legal or illegal. A prosecuting attorney up-state told a Wobblly only yesterday that he did not know what in hell to do.

In the Oakland case there was an accident in choosing the jury. Unexpectedly the defendants accepted the jury, waiving their right to further challenges, and that automatically killed the right of the prosecution to further challenge, and now, too late, everyone has a suspicion that there may have gotten onto the jury some who are not absolutely prejudiced against labor. Still, no one knows. Juries have looked hopeful before and succumbed to the machinery of capitalism.

—Industrial Worker.

crime wave this winter. In this connection census of the unemployed is conducted by the police department to determine what districts have the greatest amount of unemployed. The police will be shifted accordingly, it is anticipated. This act of the police is taken to mean that every member of the unemployed army is a potential criminal, and also seem to bear out the contentions of socialists that poverty, want and fear of want is responsible for the majority of crimes.

Labor Temple to Be In Charge of Preacher

San Diego, Cal. — A "labour church" may be established in San Diego. The local Federated Trades Council has directed its organizing committee to establish Sunday meetings at Labor Temple, in charge of H. C. Ledyard, Secretary of the Council, who for thirteen years was a minister in the Congregational Church.

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NORTH DAKOTA

North Dakota has gone to the swill barrel of capitalist domination.

We are not crying over it.

If the farmers think that the exploiters and grain gamblers and the Wall Street bankers can run the state and the affairs of the farmers better than they can themselves no one should interfere with their pleasure in having that done.

It is certain that Wall Street and the grain gamblers would not ask the farmers to come and take their business from them. They feel that it would be the height of impudence for the farmers to ask that they be allowed to govern New York and the board of trade and the stock exchanges.

But now that the farmers have voted for the gamblers and the robbers to take over the power of government in North Dakota no one should find fault with them.

Just now we want to say only kind things to the leaders of the Nonpartisan league and to Governor Frazier who is about to step out.

These words intended in all kindness would be about as follows:

The nonpartisan league was a protest against the oppression of the robbing interests that lived on the backs of the hardworking farmers of North Dakota. The league grew to be a power on the basis of resentment against abuse. It rested on feeling. The feeling that wrong was being done became general. But the basis of that wrong was never comprehended. The farmers never understood the root of the wrongs they suffered under. The league leaders would not tell the farmers that the capitalist system was at the bottom of those wrongs wrought against the people. The league leaders were not willing to admit that the fight was a class fight and that there was no permanent way out except the destruction of the capitalist system itself.

The league leaders were not teachers. They were afraid to teach where they knew how to teach. In most cases they were as ignorant of the underlying causes of exploitation as the farmers themselves.

Had the leaders been wise enuf to put facts of a fundamental nature into the hands of the farmers there would have been no falling off of votes.

It would be impossible for a farmer who knew the facts to vote for the enemies of the farmers themselves. Had the farmers been informed they would have been able to see that the heart of Wall Street would not turn into bleeding for the farmers now since it had not felt any pangs for them during the half century of systematic robbery that the farmers had been subjected to thru Wall street itself.

Instead of going to fundamentals the leaders tried to explain incidentals. That was all that the capitalist press and the politicians wanted. All they wanted was a wrangle and a lot of argument. They have always won by muddling the people with incidentals. They are always afraid of fundamentals.

The opposition had millions of dollars to muddle the farmers with. The league had a few thousand to reply with. Since there was nothing to reply to the league should have used its money to educate the farmers. If the farmers had been educated in fundamentals they would have laughed at the capitalist arguments. The capitalists never argue on facts. They always argue on opinion.

It should have seemed very simple to the farmers that hawks flying around a chicken coop never draw near for the purpose of helping the chickens but for the purpose of helping themselves. When a hawk tells the chickens that they cannot get along by scratching for themselves but that the hawk must help them or they will starve to death the chickens have sense enuf to know that the hawk is on the verge of fibbing. At least the chickens have never yet voted to have the hawk run the coop.

A farmer can appreciate the good sense of the chickens but he cannot get as much sense into his own head.

No. We are not sorry for the farmers of North Dakota. They have chosen their masters and invited the robbers and the best thing for them now is to get another taste of what the nice gamblers and the Wall Street crew will dish out to them.

And next time the farmers of North Dakota and all other farmers and workers will now better than to spend time and energy in explaining the capitalist lies, but will devote themselves to fundamentals.

To these fundamentals:

There are two classes: the working class and the exploiting class.

A constant war must go on between these two classes till the working class has done away with the exploiting class and established a system where all shall be workers and no one shall be exploiter.

This can be done only by an intelligent understanding by the workers, and an organization adequate to accomplish this end.

With the workers in power and no interference by any exploiters it will be possible to create a society free from injustice and wrong, and have peace and comfort and joy for all the people.

LEAD OR FOLLOW

The one big problem that now confronts the nation is for us to believe the press, and we always do that, is whether the president should lead or follow public sentiment in the coming armament confab.

In order to make it easy on the taxpayers and the rest of the beasts of burden in the world we give the advice free of charge, and it is this:

If public opinion, which means capitalist newspaper opinion, is in favor of more arms and mere war than the duty of the president is clearly to follow like Mary's little lamb.

But if in spite of the sheets that cry for blood the people should definitely express themselves against more killing tools, then it is very apparently the Christian duty of the president to take the lead and show the people that they are wrong and guide them into the path of righteousness and murder.

Any goose can see that.

HELP! POLICE!

We dreamed the other night, which, of course, is foolish, that a man had lost his senses and packed a Bible under his arm and set out for Washington, D. C., determined to arrive at that Gomorrah of Hypocrisy by the eleventh day of this month.

That he was bent on crime was evident from his fumbings with his book. He thumbed and thumbed at the opening chapters of the book of Isaiah and seemed to make sure that he would not blunder at the critical moment.

In spite of the suspicions aroused over him he was given a stool at table of the armament crew. But he was not allowed to speak for himself. He was directed to place his message in the hands of the clerk flunky. Carefully the old man instructed the clerk what and how to read. It was very plain. The passage was marked and the verse was pointed to with the first finger of the right hand.

It was the second chapter of Isaiah. The clerk started at the 3rd verse:

"And many people shall go and say, Come ye, and let us go up to the mountains and play golf and have one sprawl of a time while the war lords decide on how much we shall add to the murder equipment of the world, and then enter the house of the Lord and give thanks for the wonderful congress that has provided so much booze for the upstarts from the gilded palaces of the nations."

It was evident that the clerk had forgotten to cover the intent of the conference and blurted right out the very truth about it as he had learned it from being in constant touch with the spirits of the inside.

The thing seemed so grotesque to the old man who was of the simple kind and knew nothing of diplomacy and international hypocrisy that he flew up in dignified manhood and firmly took the book out of the hands of the clerk and read in clear tones the words as written in the chapter before him. Astonishment gripped the envoys and crowned majesties at the armament table. But they listened and writhed in their soft deep chairs. However they had set their teeth and were determined to hold their peace till the old man got thru. On and on he read. It was about "mountains" and "paths" and "laws" and "Jerusalem" and did not seem to strike at the vitals of the war advocates. He had reached the 4th verse:

"And he shall judge among the nations," came the ringing words. The potentates watched each other to see which one would accept to be this judge. Every eye was on Lloyd George, including his own. "And I shall rebuke many people." That was he. Applause broke out and great joy spread over the dull baldheads of the delegates.

Shouts went up and the noise drowned the voice of the old man. Klinking of wine glasses to the health of the guest added to the merriment of the delegates. He had become the man of the hour. He was acclaimed a genius among the hypocritical diplomats. The jubilation grew and then subsided and the old man continued, "and they shall beat their swords into plowshares, and their spears into pruninghooks; nation shall not lift up sword against nation, neither shall they learn to war any more," when Briand grabbed a bowl and struck the old man on the head. He was carried out half dead and the order was given to place him in the darkest dungeon and teach him not to interrupt a great assembly with such blasphemy.

THE LAMB'S HOOF

If you have your eyes open you will be able to see a lot of things you never would believe existed in this blessed country of equality where no classes can be found.

For instance in a butcher shop.

Comes a shabby woman with a shawl drawn over her head and shoulders asking for a leg of sheep. Sure, missis. Here is one with hoof and all just as it grew on the dear sheep since it was a lamb.

But the woman does not need the long bone leading to the foot and she can certainly get along without the hoof. At least that is what she feels convinced of. For so far as food is concerned there isn't enuf to feed a dead Indian with even if every scrap for eight inches beginning with the hoof and up were scraped as you scrape the skeleton of a bony chicken after company is gone.

Besides, she isn't flushed with money and does not care to pay for either a lot of meatless bone or the thick and weighty thumb of the butcher, which she generally has to do.

Protest is, however, in bad repairs and useless. The woman pays for the full weight of both bone, of the sheep leg and the thick thumb of the butcher.

And meets a nifty lady in fine furs and sparkling diamonds as she passes out thru the door.

Said nifty lady had just stepped out of her limousine and caused all the retired smiles of the butcher to sally forth from their hiding.

And as God lives and there are still prayers said for the poor the nifty lady asks for a leg of mutton. If that isn't interesting you have no sense of the excitement of coincidences.

Whereupon the butcher pulls out choice samples of his goods, chops off the leg with hoof and all way up as high as skirts go in Paris, and presents the trimmed chunk to the nifty lady. It suited her to a tip on a horse race and the butcher weighed it while his thick thumb followed the thick fingers on a journey of obedience, even as is made by a buck private when he meets a tin sergeant.

Thus the nifty lady paid for only the meatiest of meat, while the woman in the ragged shawl paid for little of meat but much of bone and hoof and much of the thick thumb of the butcher.

SCHOOLS AND WAR

A comrade sends us a double column advertisement of a "Catholic High School with Military Training." This school is "conducted by the Christian Brothers," and communications should be sent to "Brother J. Elzeur."

A Baptist academy is conducted at Owatonna of this state with full military equipment.

In fact there is no difference between the Catholics and the protestants when it comes to serving the master class in the spilling of blood. Both sprinkling and immersion go as twins then.

Almost every school of any consequence is a military camp and the first thing the children have to learn is to honor the heroes who have killed the most people and have respect for the uniform that signifies bloodshed.

It will be a hard task to change the minds of the men and women who grow into manhood and womanhood with this awful blight upon them. One of the most harmful teachings in our country is that of respect for the brutalities of war.

Some day we will do away with the vicious wrongs of teaching children the glory of murder, legal and otherwise.

SHOULD WOMEN QUIT WORK?

From coast to coast there is now going on a hot discussion on the question whether women who are married or otherwise supported by men should work.

The old idea is still prevalent that a man should pay a woman for the use of her sex. If she is married this is legal and in strict conformity with present institutions and social custom.

So all old fossils from Knut Nelson to Julia Wheelock stand on high stumps and cry aloud to women who are married to quit work and let their hubbies support them.

Now if the housework were the basis for this contention there would be no difference of opinion on the subject. But present society does not give a woman credit for any labor unless it is performed outside of the home.

No one ever thinks of a woman as working unless she has a job and is paid a wage. Hence you hear the neighbor say about a housewife when she has gone down town to scrub office buildings or work in a laundry, "She is working."

While a man is "single" he is considered a pretty good manager if he is able to earn his own living. He gets the same wage as he gets after he is married. The woman he marries has also been working and earning her living. She has had an income approximately the same as his.

Now the two get married. A home must be furnished. Rent must be paid. Food must be supplied for two. Clothing must be bought for two. Doctor bills must be paid for two. Children come along and there must be food for three and four and six and ten. Clothing must be gotten for three, for four, for six, for ten. Doctors must be paid to look after four and six and ten sick. Then comes school and church and movies and playthings and car fare and all sorts of extras.

The woman quits work when she marries and all the income available now is what the man gets.

We are not worrying so much about the man. He works about the same as he did before he is married. His job is not any harder and his wages are in the same proportion as before.

But the woman must make the ends meet. The man is laid off. He gets hurt or the shop closes. Then where is the support to come from? No one is foolish enuf to think that he has been able to lay up anything from the wages he has been getting. No one unless it be Knut Nelson.

So there he is.

Society says that the wife shall be paid for being a wife, not for the housework she is doing. She is to be supported for returning the favors of her sex. When she ceases to do so the law says he no longer needs to support her. The law does not give the man any hearing if he merely tells the court that she refuses to wash the dishes and make up the beds and keep the children clean. This is not a legal obligation imposed on the wife. For such services she is entitled to no consideration.

Real women are chafing under this yoke. They want to earn something for two reasons: they want to supplement the income of the man and get more comforts about the home. They also want to be free to give of their body because of love and not because of "a home."

The day is at hand when a woman will demand pay for her work and not for her love. She is tired of being a prostitute whether married or unmarried. The woman who marries merely for "a home" and not for love alone is as truly a prostitute as the outcast who sells herself on the street.

Now the advocates of the idea that married women quit work are trying to take away the little element of self-respect that married women are endeavoring to retake. They will be slow in giving it up.

Either pay the married woman for her housework or let her get a job that will pay her. Any woman who does not earn her living by useful work whether in home or in shop, but merely depends on a man for her support because she gives him the use of her body is a prostitute whether married or unmarried.

TRUST ACROBATICS

Ever see a fellow turning and twisting in ropes and on rods to show how greatly out of ordinary shape he may put his body? We call his stunts acrobatics.

You may have followed the twists of the press in dealing with the approaching armament conference.

First it was a disarmament conference. The world was going to throw aside the heathen notion of making killing tools and go to work to make useful and good things.

Then there was a slight modification of the purpose of the conference. "Limitation of armaments." There you have it. The war machines were bad, but should, of course, not be done away with. There should be a parley about the size of the murder tools. Just as we generally consider smallpox or the black plague rather bothersome so have we looked upon the slaughter business. But it would be very radical to stamp out smallpox and the black plague. Limit them a bit, me friends. Or words to that effect.

But even limitation seems too cruel at the present stage of development.

Why bother about disarmament? There is a much better way. Keep up the military preparations and build more battleships and bigger guns and make stronger poison gas. For there is a better way to fix things up. The Duluth Herald lets us in on the secret: "What the world needs is not so much physical disarmament as spiritual disarmament." "Why not, for a change, try a spirit of trustfulness?"

Doesn't this give you a grand and glorious feeling? So the Herald goes on and tells us in a long column of serious faced editorial preaching that trust is the cure for all ills. And it mentions the peace that passes understanding among the livestock commission firms if they adopt trust as the leading element in their gambling business.

Also the Herald points to the wonderful tranquility that would come to the railroad situation if there arose a fine big trust between the workers and the rail pirates. As much as to say that when the wages are cut this could be made up by a slice of trust thrust in to the pay envelope of the victim who gets \$2.23 a day. This piece of trust would give much comfort to the wife of the trustful slave and go a long way toward feeding the babies and buying shoes for the children.

While the fat rascals who beat you at every turn will not trust you for a peck of potatoes or a pair of canvas gloves.

So now it is plain after all that the business of the armament conference is not to disarm, but to concoct some trust.

Our guess is that it will be a war profiteering trust.

LABOR TRAITORS THANK GOD

Together with the capitalist press and the railroad owners, the labor leaders went down on their knees and thanked God for the wonderful victory they had won in calling off the strike.

Thus the Duluth Herald editorializes and quotes W. G. Lee, president of the brotherhood of railway trainmen, "whose stand thruout has been logical and bravely wise," as saying, "after the strike danger had passed":

I shall get down on my knees and thank God that the catastrophe has been averted. I have on my desk thousands of letters from wives and children of railroad employees asking me to do everything possible to prevent a strike. When I think of the suffering a strike would have caused these people, and of the disaster it might have brought to this country, I say again that I thank God we took the action we did tonight.

Now, few of us could find words strong enuf to condemn Judas for betraying Jesus. And yet Judas never went so far as to get down on his knees and thank God for having sold Jesus for thirty pieces of silver. In face of what some of the labor traitors do now days Judas was a white man.

But then he got no \$25,000 a year salary. He got only thirty pieces of silver, and he also had the good sense to go and hang himself. Judas was a white man.

After saying this we have not yet heard how many of the rank and file of the railroad workers went down on their knees and thanked Lee and Stone for what they did.

Nor have we any evidence that there were a lot of requests from men and women to call the strike off. The only evidence is Lee's own statement for it and his word does not go very far these days. We are not even sure that his prayer reached the throne of God.

For that strike would not have been called off unless the "brotherhood" traitors had promised the rail kings what was asked for. If the "brotherhood" heads had been assured that there would be no more cut and that the working conditions would not be changed why should there have been such rejoicing among the lords?

In such an event there would have been great joy among the workers.

Of course no one knows what was done. All we know is that the lords of the roads were pleased and that the workers are up in the air. They will know more about it in the future by degrees. They will not be given a chance to protest or to protect themselves. It is fixed so that what the workers would have gained by a successful strike will be taken away from them by inches and they will not have a chance to say a word.

And the Godly traitors did the job.

THE NEW SLAVERY OF THE OLD SOUTH

A reader of TRUTH sends us the editorial page of the Tampa, Florida, Morning Tribune. The first column of this editorial page is headed by a boxed inspirational reading:

"Bible thoughts for today. Do good to all men: Let us not be weary in well doing; for in due season we shall reap if we faint not."

Then it flits into some low remark about naked knees of women, slaps union labor, makes a dig at rail workers for wanting decent conditions, and then proceeds with the following:

The Times-Union says ten thousand unemployed hoboes have been assigned to Florida for the winter's keep. If that be true Florida road work and drainage work should make a record of accomplishment seldom seen in the space of a few months.

Ten thousand able bodied men capable of working on the roads, in the swamps, and on the farms of the state, will mean a great deal to Florida this winter when we are hurrying work on our roads and in our swamps. But before we can use the labor that is coming freely to us, we will have to catch it and convert the raw material into real labor. Therefore, we look to the officers of the law and to the courts for the assistance that is needed.

Let every man who cannot prove a lawful sufficient means of support in this state from now on be taken up and sent to the county convict camps and put to work on the roads, or else leased to the development companies for work in their drainage schemes. Thirty, sixty, or ninety days, without the option of a fine, will effect a wonderful change in the personnel of the gentry that is headed South for the winter.

When it comes to stirring up a revolution the reds and Bolsheviks are dull amateurs compared with the lusty editors of the capitalist press.

We do not want to spoil the above editorial by adding any weak and soft remarks.

GERMAN SPY WELCOMED

The complete lack of sincerity on the part of the government in the treatment of war objectors by the use of the notorious espionage act is leaking out more clearly every day.

In the morning Tribune we find another fine sample of the love of the spy who is in no way dangerous to this country so long as he is in harmony with the robber class.

The Tribune heads the news item, "Former German spy asks permit to Come to U. S." The articles follows:

Washington, Oct. 30. — The state department has asked the department of justice to rule upon the question of permitting the return to this country of Capt. Hans Taucher, late of the imperial German army, who left for Germany in February, 1917, with former Ambassador von Bernstorff, while under indictment in San Francisco for violation of American neutrality.

According to official advices from Berlin, Taucher wishes to become an American citizen as an example to his countrymen of the proper solution of Germany's future through cultivation of good relations with this country. He is reported to have suggested that the government drop the indictment still pending in San Francisco in order that he may transfer his allegiance.

Despite Taucher's record of alleged connection with the activities of von Bernstorff, von Papen and other German agents during the days immediately preceding America's entry into the war, the war and navy departments are understood to see no objection to his return. It is intimated that Taucher is in possession of information which would be of value to the government and American industries.

In view of repeated cases of a similar nature one is compelled to conclude that it was not the real spy that was sought by the government, but the advocate of justice for the workers.

Compare the treatment of this spy and that of Debs by this government.

It must not be wondered at that the government is so affrighted that the people might rise up to overthrow it.