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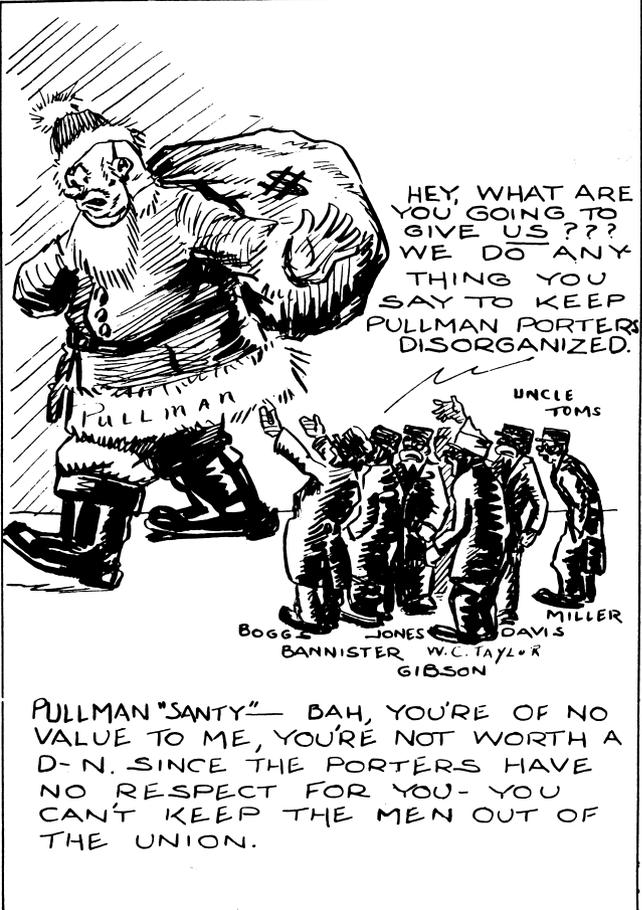
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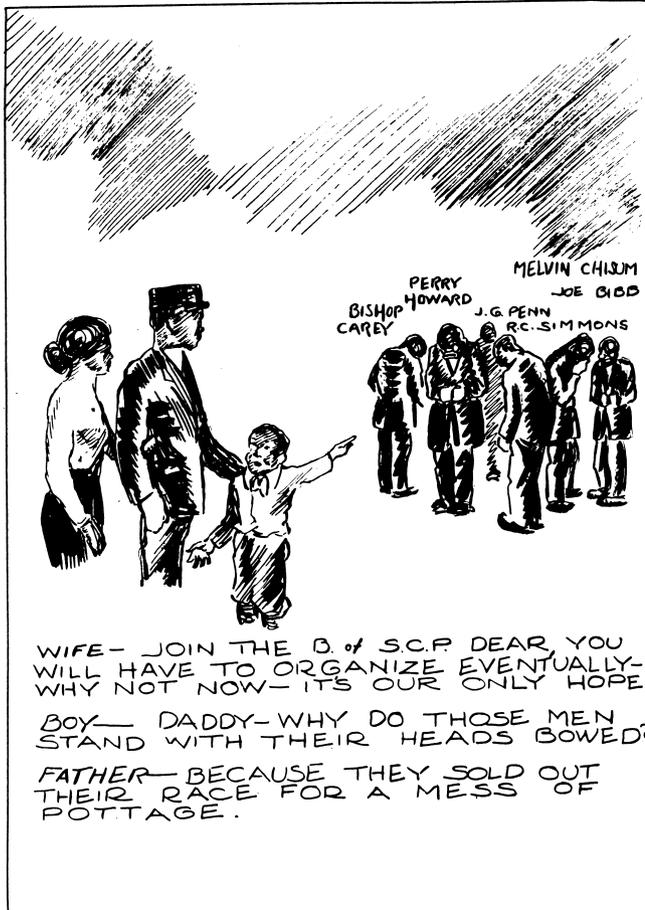
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PULLMAN "SANTY"— BAH, YOU'RE OF NO VALUE TO ME, YOU'RE NOT WORTH A D-N. SINCE THE PORTERS HAVE NO RESPECT FOR YOU- YOU CAN'T KEEP THE MEN OUT OF THE UNION.





WIFE— JOIN THE D. of S.C.P DEAR, YOU WILL HAVE TO ORGANIZE EVENTUALLY— WHY NOT NOW— ITS OUR ONLY HOPE

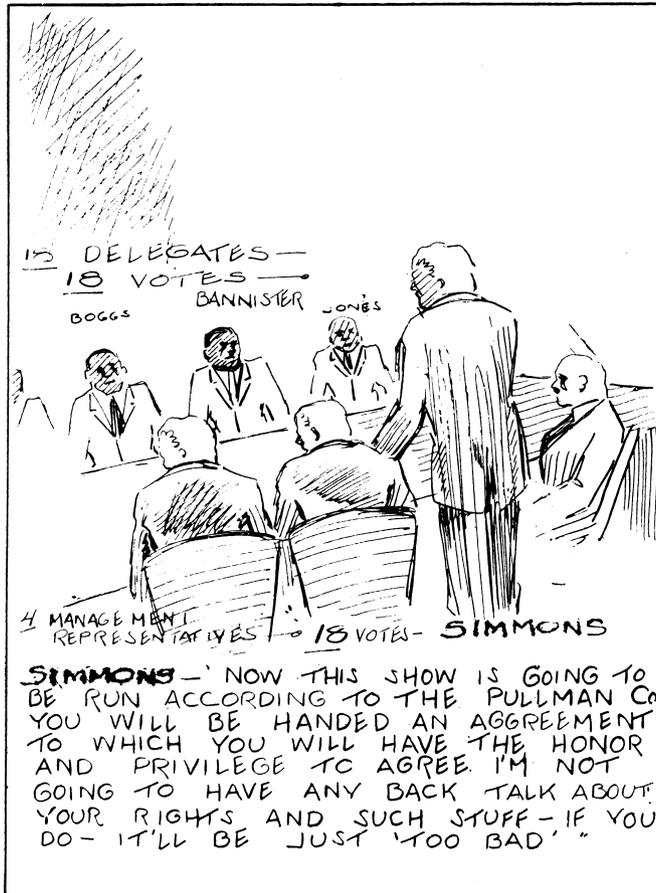
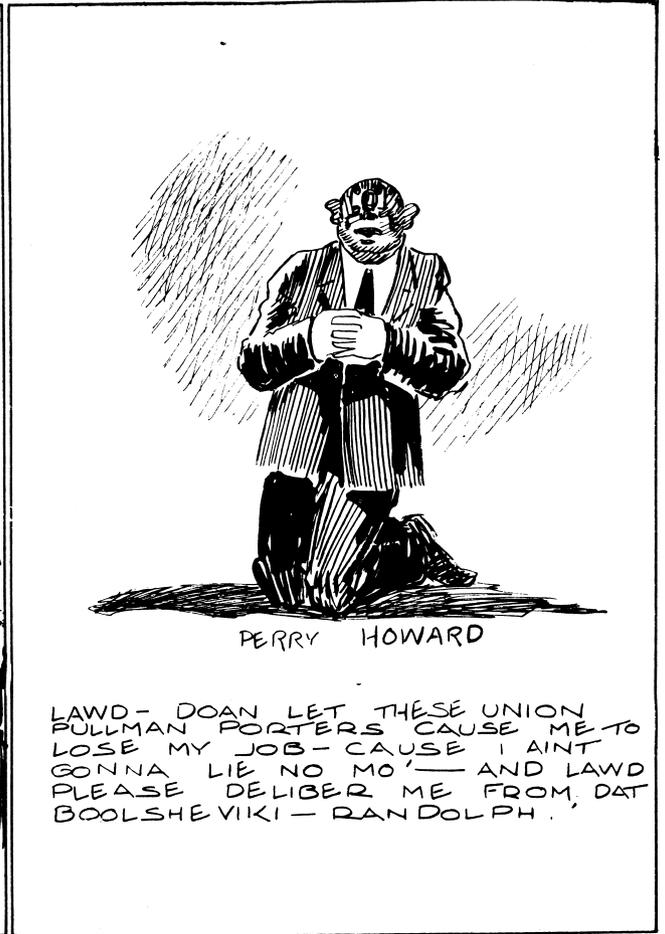
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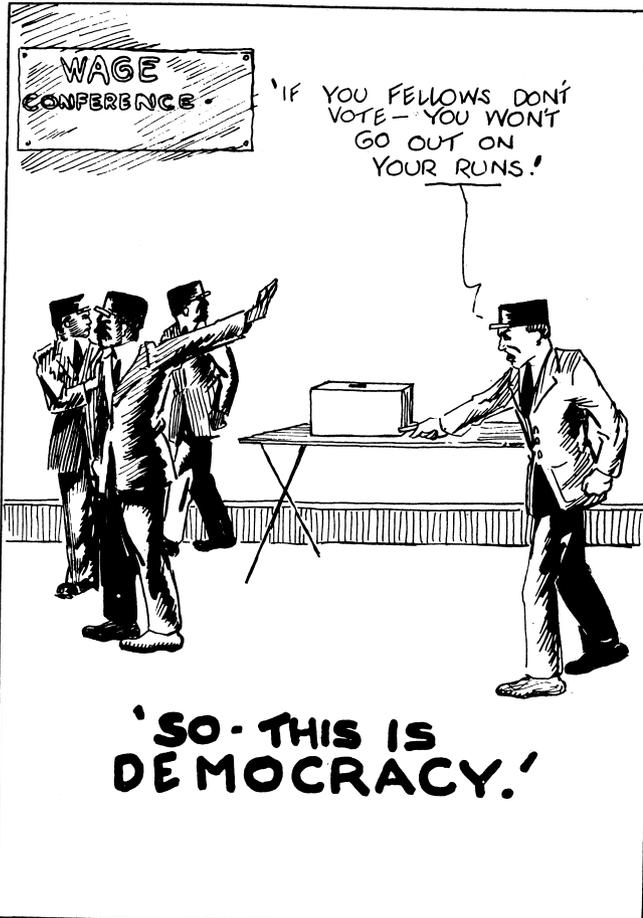
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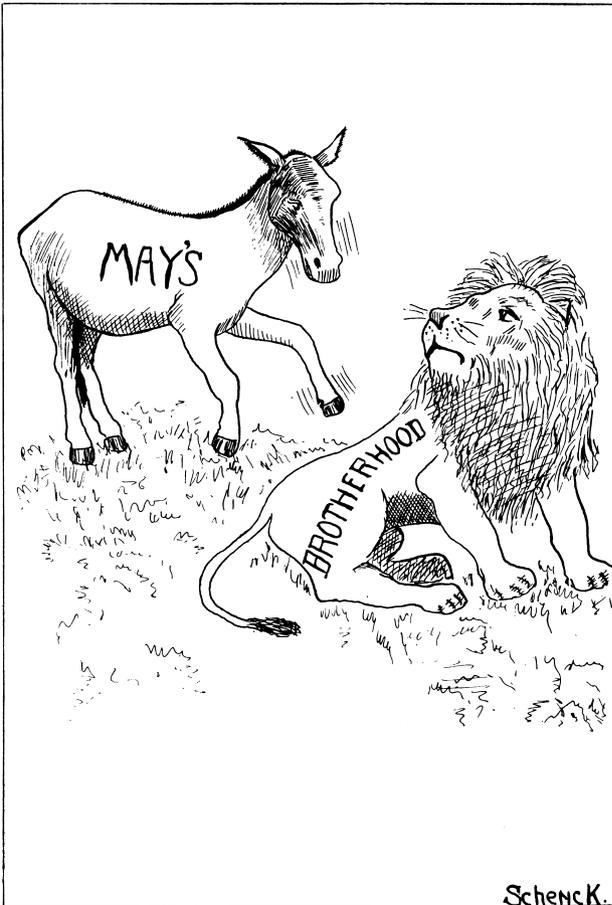
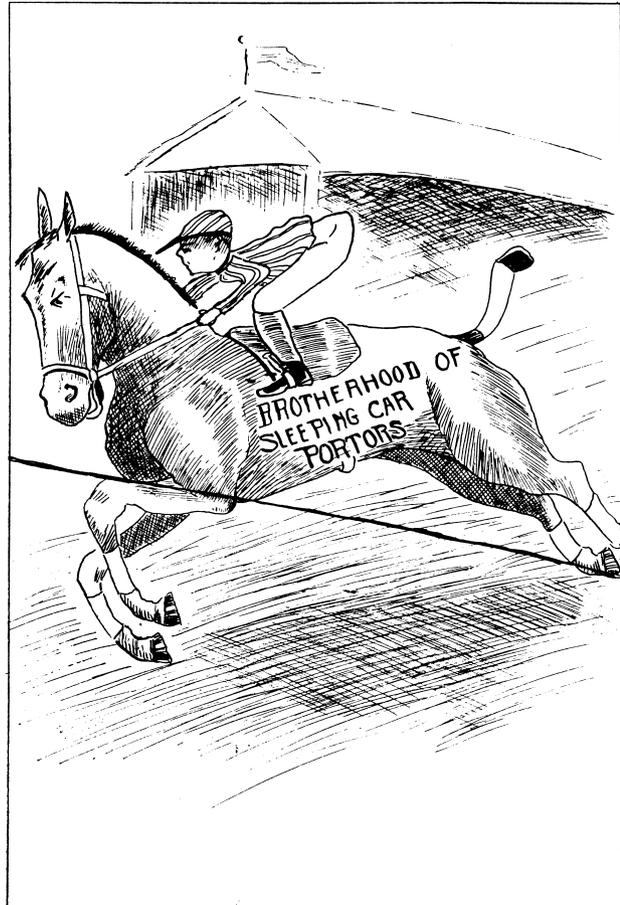


THE PUBLIC — ORGANIZE, BOYS! I AM BEHIND YOU — YOU ARE ENTITLED TO A LIVING WAGE

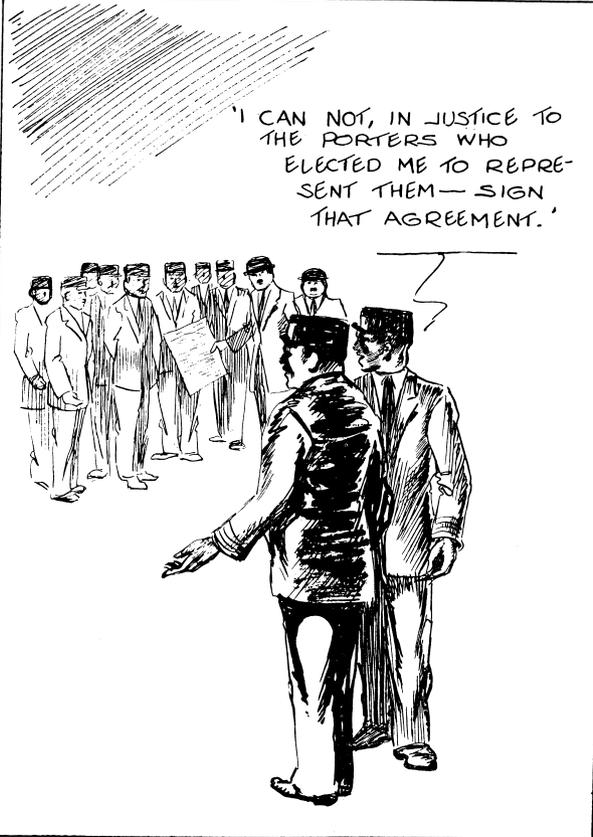


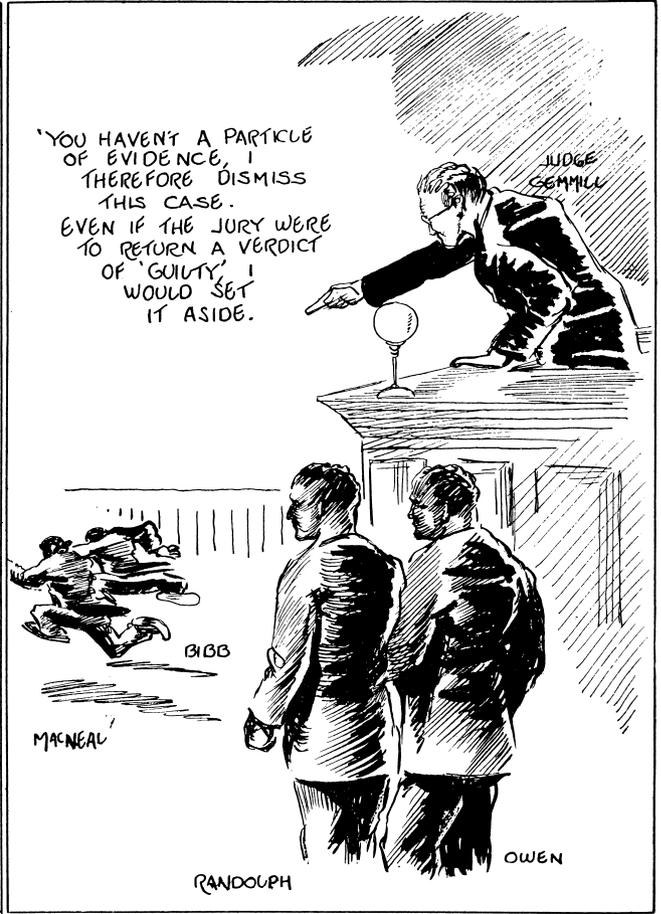


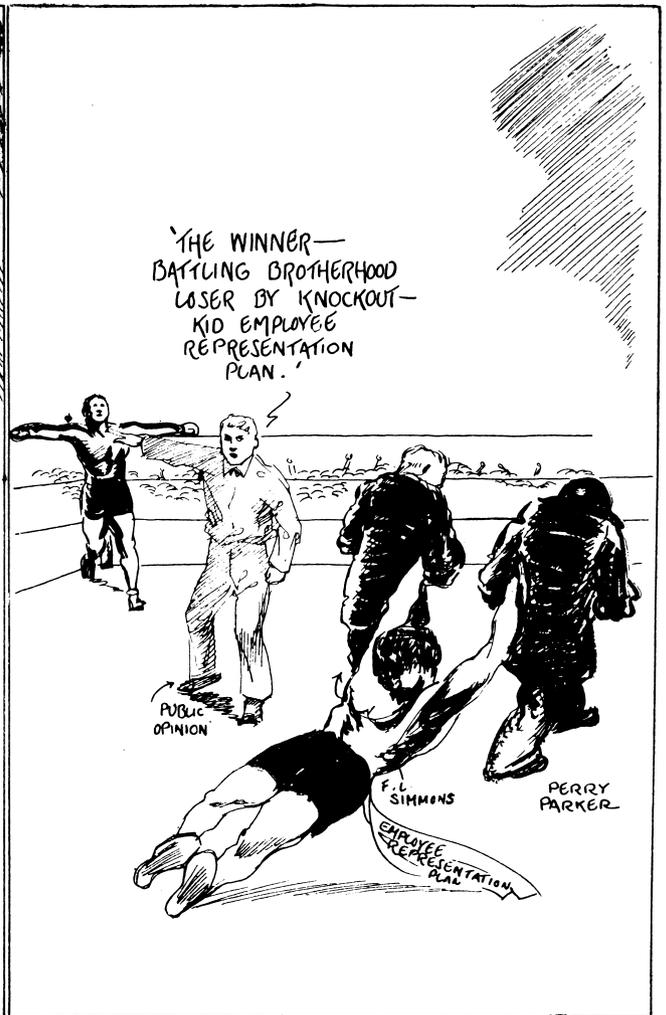
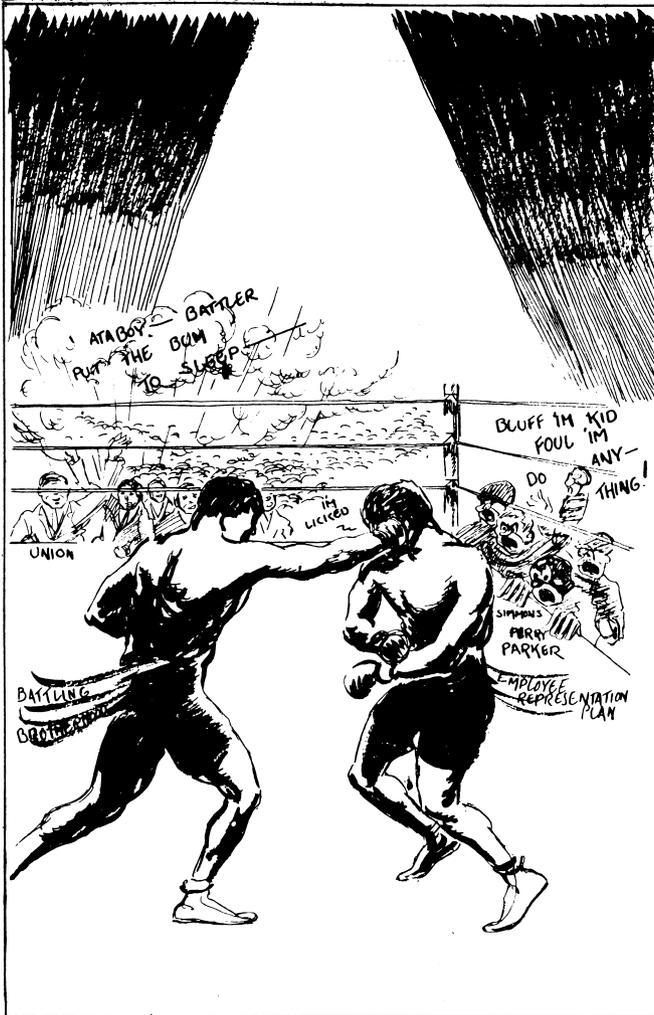


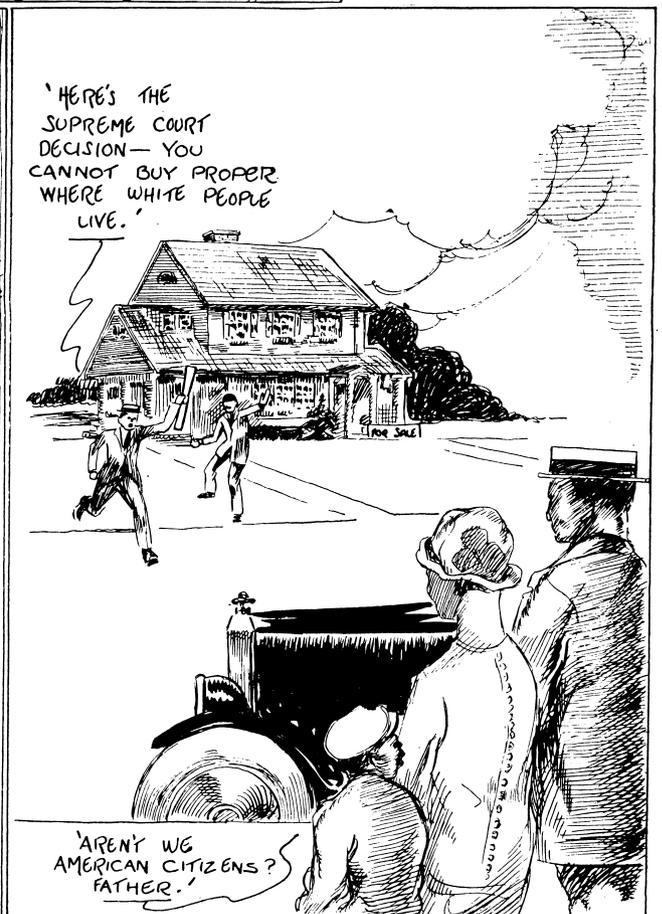
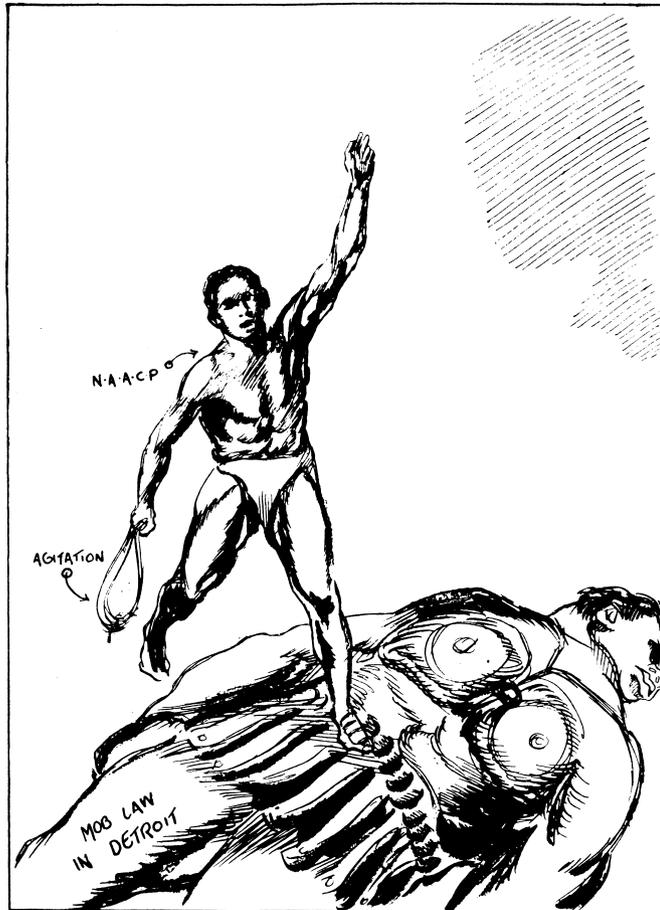
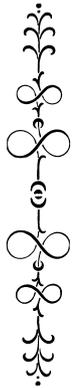
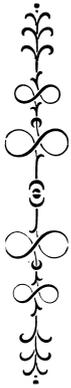


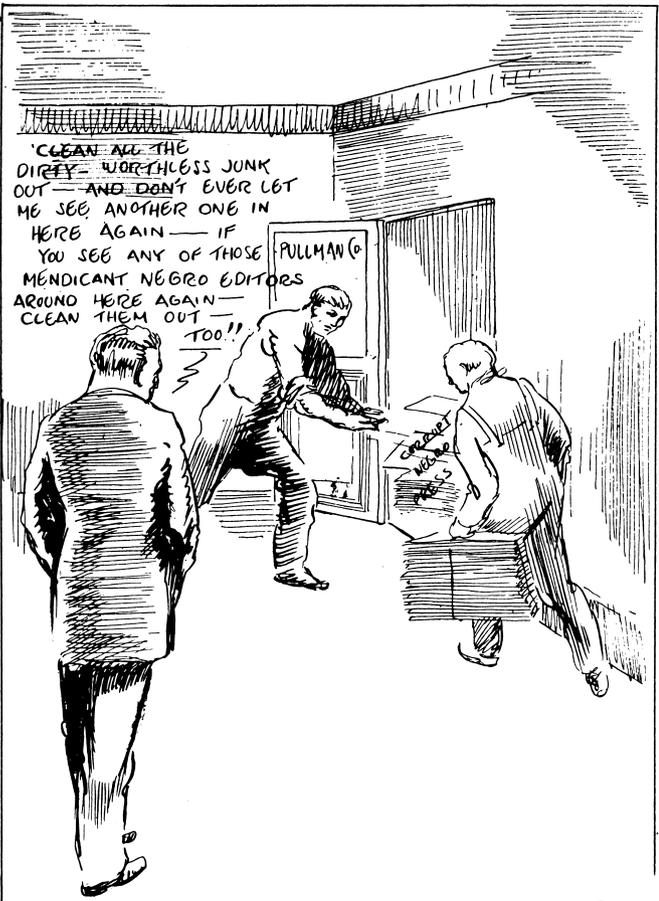
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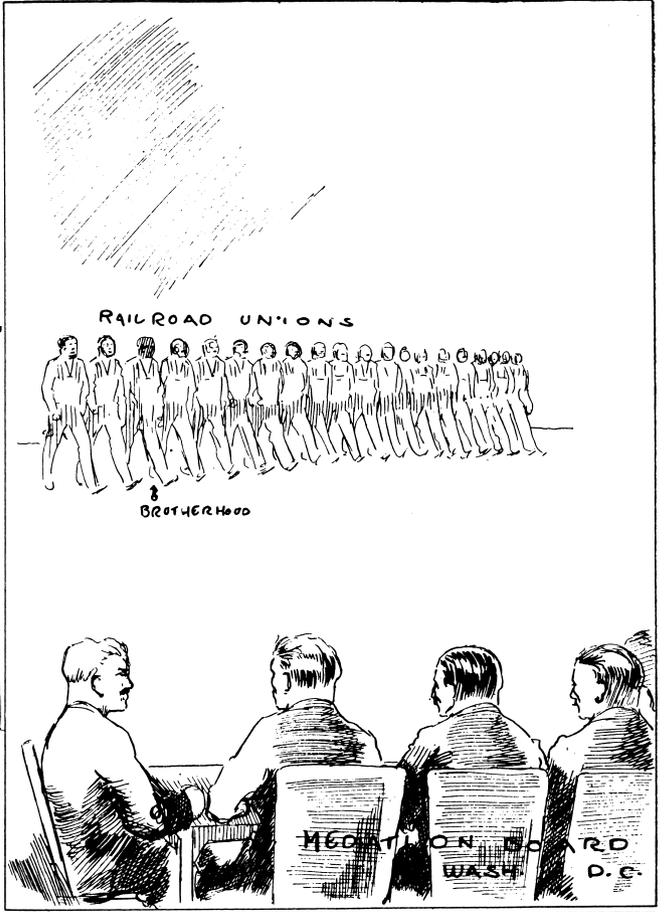


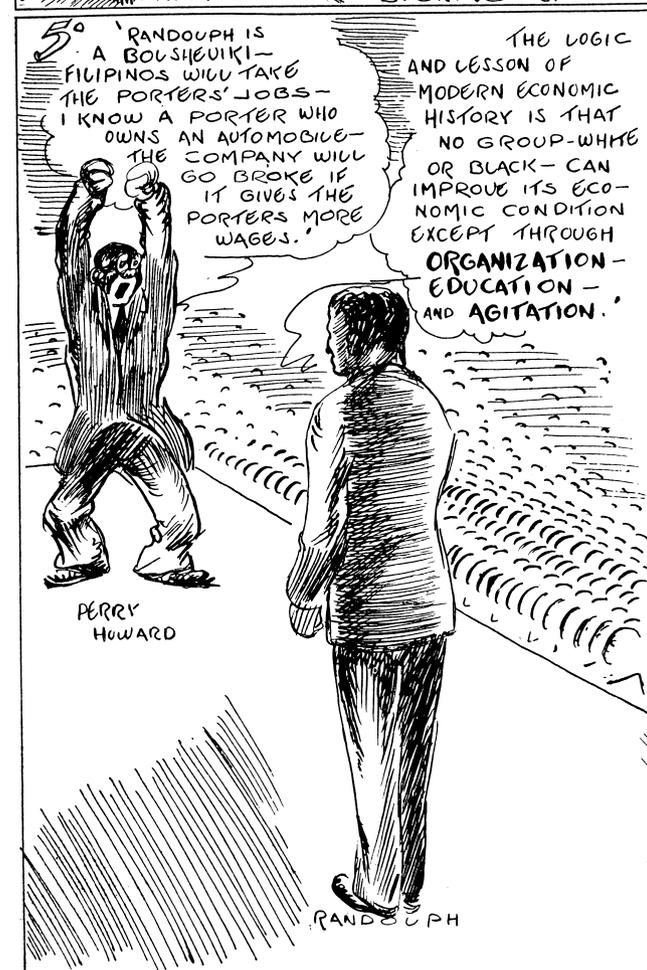












FRAMING UP THE WAGE CONFERENCE TO HALT THE UNION



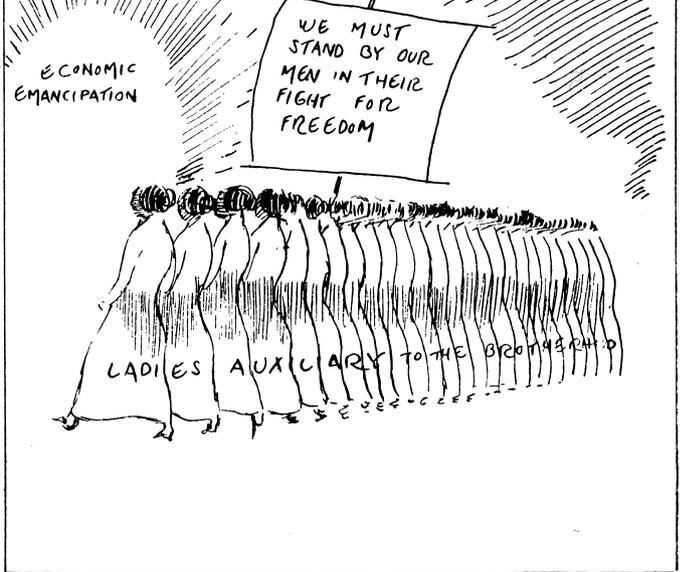
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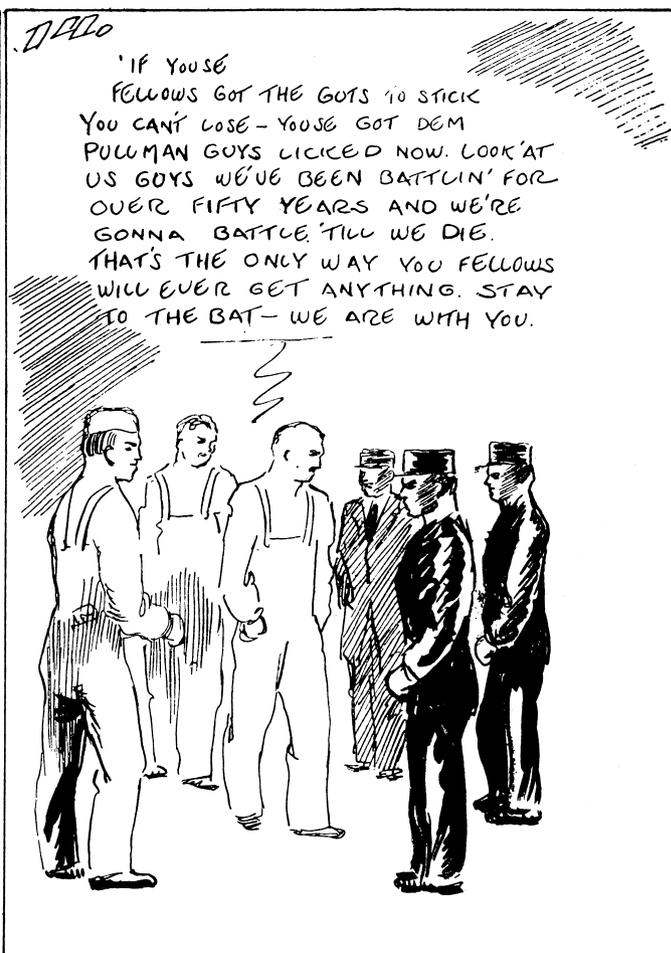


'YOU CAN FOOL SOME OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME- ALL OF THE PEOPLE SOME OF THE TIME- BUT YOU CAN'T FOOL ALL OF THE PEOPLE ALL OF THE TIME'



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**Exposé of the P.P.B.A.**

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Treasurer of the Pullman Co., as is indicated, because of the opinion of Perry Parker and his Executive Board that Negroes cannot be trusted with it.

The Brotherhood of Sleeping Car Porters, believe that Negroes have proved themselves to be honest and qualified intellectually to operate the P. P. B. A. of A., without Pullman dictatorship, and it should be the duty of every member to revolt against the present administration and place porters in office who have the interests of their fellow-workers at heart.

**PORTERS ADVISED TO VOTE INTELLIGENTLY**

Beginning October 1st and 7th, primary elections will be held at each district.

The poll clerks will approach each porter with a list of the complete roster of porters out of which he is expected to vote for nominees for the following offices: Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Secretary-Treasurer, Delegate and Grievance Committee.

It is imperative that members use care whom they nominate to be delegate, while it matters little who they nominate as Chairman, Vice-Chairman or Treasurer.

The Grievance Committee herein mentioned is bunk. They must not be confused with the Grievance Committee of the Employee Representation Plan. They do not function anywhere.

At the close of primary elections at midnight October 7th, the ballots should be counted and the names will appear on ballots for the final voting October 15th to 21st.

It is again imperative that the members vote for one delegate who is a man with principle, stamina and manhood, and above all, not the same self seeker who was sent to the last convention.

There should be a secret campaign among the men so

that the election should be conducted fair, and free from the persuasion and influence of Pullman officials and stools, and there ought to be a determination on the part of the members in each district to call another election if they believe it to be unfair.

This can be done if the members would remember that the Pullman Co., has no right to interfere, and that pitiless, publicity would be one of the weapons employed to stop this interference.

If there is one spark of manhood left in the twelve thousand Pullman Porters, that spark should flame during the month of October.

The annual convention of the Pullman Porters Benefit Association of America starts on the third Tuesday in November.

With the knowledge of these indisputable facts which are presented in this article every member of this Association ought to elect delegates who are able to make a solid front, stand by the courage of their own convictions, and be masters of their own opinions.

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BUT WE HAVEN'T  
ANY MONEY—HONEY—  
YOU KNOW MY WAGES  
ARE JUST \$72.50 AND  
MY TIPS—? WELL, YOU  
NEVER CAN TELL WHAT  
THEY WILL BE. OF  
COURSE, YOU KNOW  
THEY WON'T BE  
MUCH.

'WHAT ABOUT  
SENDING ALICE  
OFF TO SCHOOL,  
JIM?'



'NO—DARLING,  
NOT THIS YEAR—  
BUT YOU'LL GO NEXT,  
IF I HAVE TO WORK  
MY FINGERS OFF.'

'MOTHER,  
AM I GOING  
OFF TO  
"SCHOOL?'



BOTH OUT TRYING TO MAKE  
ENDS MEET

'GOOD BYE,  
JIM—I HOPE  
YOU HAVE  
GOOD LUCK.'

'GOOD  
BYE, HONEY  
DON'T WORK  
TOO HARD.'



'MOTHER,  
WHY IS IT  
I CAN'T GO  
TO SCHOOL?'

'YOUR FATHER DOESN'T  
GET ENOUGH WAGES,  
DARLING, AND HE NEVER  
CAN FIGURE HOW MUCH  
TIPS HE  
WILL  
GET.'



'WHY DOES  
PAPA DEPEND  
ON TIPS FOR  
A LIVING,  
MOTHER?'

'O, I DON'T  
KNOW, I NEVER  
THOUGHT OF THAT  
BEFORE, DARLING.'





WIFE - 'JIM, WHAT ARE YOU GOING TO DO ABOUT YOUR WAGES. ARE THEY GOING TO REMAIN WHAT THEY ARE FOREVER?'

JIM - 'THERE IS NOTHING I CAN DO, HONEY, I AIN'T BUT ONE MAN YOU KNOW.'

WIFE - 'YES, JIM, THAT'S WHAT I KNOW. BUT WHAT ABOUT THIS BROTHERHOOD-WHY DON'T YOU JOIN IT? YOU'VE GOT TO ADMIT I GOT YOU ONE RAISE OF EIGHT PER CENT.'

'YES, THAT'S TRUE BUT SUPPOSE THEY FIRE ME? YOU KNOW THEY'RE ARE SO MANY STOOID RIDGEONS AROUND YOU NEVER CAN TELL WHO YOU ARE TALKING TO.'

O - DON'T BE SO CHICKEN-HEARTED! WHAT IF THEY DO FIRE YOU, YOU COULDN'T BE MUCH WORSE OFF. YOU JOIN IT - JIM, DON'T BE A SLACKER, NOTHING VENTURED - NOTHING GAINED - YOU CAN'T EVER EXPECT TO GET ANYTHING UNLESS YOU FIGHT FOR IT. IF ORGANIZATION IS GOOD FOR THE WHITE MAN - IT IS GOOD FOR THE BLACK MAN TOO.'



'I AM WITH YOU. I HAVE COME TO JOIN. I CAN SEE ITS THE ONLY WAY OUT. THE EMPLOYEE PLAN IS A JOKE.'

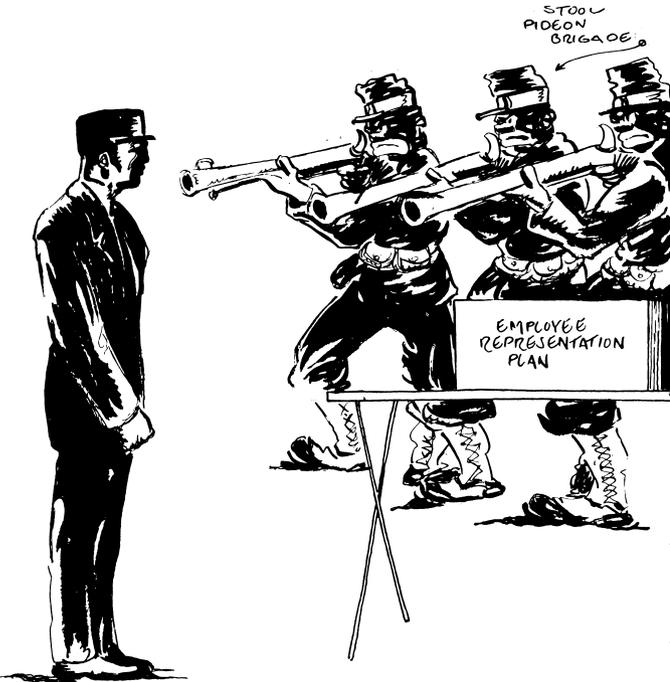


'WELL, I SIGNED UP AND WE'LL WIN, HONEY-BECAUSE WE ARE RIGHT.'

'YES, WE'LL WIN, IF WE'LL ONLY STICK. WHITE PEOPLE DON'T THINK COLORED PEOPLE WILL STICK, BUT WE'LL SHOW THEM THIS TIME, JIM.'



STOOV PIGEON BRIGADE — 'HAVE YOU VOTED? NOW DON'T GIVE US NO ARGUMENT— WHITE FOLKS DONE SAID YOU GOTTA VOTE.'  
 UNION PORTER — 'WHY— I DONT HAVE TO VOTE FOR THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES IF I DONT WANT TO.'



UNCLE TOMS — 'SO YOU AIN'T GONNA VOTE—EH? I SEE, YOU ARE ONE OF THOSE SMART BROTHERHOOD MEN'  
 UNION PORTER— 'NO, I AM NOT VOTING'



'WHAT ON EARTH HAS COME OVER THESE PORTERS? THEY REALLY WANT THAT BROTHERHOOD WE MADE A MISTACE BY SAYING IN OUR PLAN THAT THEY COULD JOIN A UNION!'



GOOD LAWD — DEY SURE DID KILL DAT PLAN. DEY MIGHT JUST AS WELL BURY US, TOO.'

