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# WORLD STAFF TO LEAVENWORTH

## Seven Kansas City Socialists Who Opposed War and Conscription, Go Up for Two Year Term

#### The Journey to The Federal Prison of Our Seven Socialist Americans

(By Ella Reeve Bloor)

'Come, I will make the continent indissoluble. I will make the most splendid race the sun ever yet shone upon; I will make divine Magnetic lands, with the love of comrades, With the life-long love of Comrades."

-Whitman's Song of Democracy.

This song rang through my soul today, as I looked in the have not been released, many like our faces of the seven comrades gathered for the last time in the boys are just being imprisoned and in office of "The Workers' World". Here, with brave hearts, their wives and sisters said their "good-byes". Somehow, we all felt sending a baby twenty-two months old the sacredness of that hour-consecrated to the very Spirit of to Platte County jail with its mother! Democracy—and to the principle of True Internationalism, be- | Shades of "New Freedom!" "Making lieving that we, the workers of all the world, are all of one blood, the world a safe place for children! these seven upstanding Americans went to prison with cheerful Federal building at 12 o'clock, we had words on their lips—but we, who know the deep sorrow of their an opportunity to talk to our boys hearts wonder at the ignorance and stupidity of the workers who again on the car and when we arblindly support the autocracy, that has killed all democratic rights, rived at Leavenworth, our "personal to think, speak or write one's true convictions. Their courage their willingness to stand the supreme test for their ideals—American ideals by the way, ideals of the great American, Lincoln, and the truest prophet of Democracy, Walt Whitman. This courage as often as possible, but there were and faithfulness will influence thousands of workers inside and messages, like Egan's for instance. He outside prison walls—to go forward by their side in the great crusade for justice. We, Jim Cannon, Leonora Moore, her mother, the baby Moore, 22 months old, War | course this absolutel outr

panied them on every lap of the jour- protest of all present; and hen Car

able for "a woman with a baby."-Of himself suddenly "discovered" "a mis-

ney to the prison. From the Work- oline Lowe arrived with her forceful, more." The Browder brothers, as ers' World office, we walked to the determined attitude, demanding a usual, were full of ideas and sug-Federal Building, where their bonds stay of proceedings while she investigestions for their beloved child, these eight rebels; their virtues will man, Comrade Snyder, delivered them gated the records, the stay was "The Workers' World" and Rob be magnified as we today magnify the granted until five o'clock. The re-Sullivan was cheering up Jim Cannon virtues of those of their kind who We were amazed by the announce cords had already been investigated by telling him to buck up, he could have gone before us. The coming genment on our arrival there, that Le hours before by Mr. Wilson and he easily do three men's work on the erations will say it was these menonora must go to jail for thirty days, knew there was nothing in the manpaper. Harry Doyle and his brother
and others of their kind throughour sand Dollars. Mr. Wilson, the prose he was prating about Platt County could be together and Ray Moore held cuting attorney showed his great loy- jail being a pleasant place to take his baby, felt thankful he didn't have alty and patiotic devotion to American "American babies to." And when he principles by telling Leonora that if found that Caroline Lowe would soon she couldn't leave her baby, the Platte discover that there was not the slight-County jail would be quite comfort- est legal right to hold Leonora-he

#### AT THE PRISON GATE.

Eight young men at the prison gate, Calmly face their stroke of fate. Clear of eye, upstanding, straight, Our comrades eight, at the prison gate.

Did these young kids break into a bank? No, their crime is of graver rank. Sell "Blue Sky" to trusting men? Is that why they go to the pen?

No, not for such light, trivial things, The prison door now inward swings. Theft or robbery, murder, arson Might be forgotten by judge or parson.

But our dear conscription law, The one law perfect, without flaw; Law loved by all, by every one Too old or weak to carry a gun.

These erring boys loved not this law, Evil and wrong, in it they saw; Wrong, that it trained our boys to kill, Forced them to act against their will.

Had all men acted like these boys, Who now the learned court annoys; Ten million men now neath the sod, Might laugh and live and praise their God.

Boys, we're with you, though no tear, We shed for you who know no fear. We smile and say, "Guard health and nerve, "while still, the cause of truth you serve." -WILLIAM BROWDER, SENIOR. Independence, Mo.,

July 11, 1919.

take in the record." How astonished our European friends, and our English brothers would be to learn the real situation of political prisoners in America. While in all other countries they are releasing all political prisoners, even those guilty of treason, here in America with a Constitution granting the perpetual right of free speech, etc., our political prisoners Kansas City, Missouri, U. S. of America, they even placidly contemplated

conductors" very kindly allowed us all a last meal together in the restaurant. Here we said our "last words" -not "last" for we shall see our boys said—"this is a happy day for me-I've always thought, because I was not very able to speak or write, I couldn't ous prodo much for our cause, now I

> talked earnestly every minute they to leave it in jail.

When we arrived at the Prison our walk was a characteristic Socialist ism with all their power before this Parade. The boys wore red buttons with Gene Deb's picture on. Ray still carried the baby, and we walked all together to the very door of the inner prison, where our conductor announced "the U.S. Marshall bringing seven prisoners." Again we clasped hands with the dear love of comrades, and with the same cheerful courage they marched away from us inside the prison walls. We on the outside must now work together harder than ever, not only to free these seven boys so near our hearts, but for the organization of all lovers of freedom, organization to free all humanity from the fear, oppression and autocracy of Capitalism.

July 14th, 1919.

#### MAKE THE RECORD STRAIGHT

A typographical error on the part of prison. For alleged the printer-perhaps it was on the they now go up for two more years. part of the District Attorney who In the interim between sentences they drew up the indictment—causes the have worked night and day building record of this case to commence with up the machinery of organization the words:

The United States of America versus

Earl R. Bowder, et al.

The wording should be as follows: Militarism

versus

into its maw.



"Stone walls do not prison make"

the world-who kept the fires of human hope alive when "the great mad-

ness" swept over the earth. The record of their actions in brief is as follows: They opposed militarcounty entered the war. They did not become converted after the formal declaration of war, but denounced it benefit of the profiteers. They opposed conscription before the draft law was passed. After conscription was adopted they refused to conform to it. They denied the right of the Government to conscript them for a war in which they claimed that they, as workers, had no interest. They declared their allegiance to the principles of international socialism which maintain that the workers of one country have no cause whatever to fight the workers of another country, met. but that the workers of all nations must fight the masters of all nations.

All of their activity was in the open. There was no conspiracy. A frank and straightforward statement of the socialist position on all wars was the basis of their activity.

For refusal to register three of them have already served one year in which will continue to function during their absence. Besides that, they have helped to establish this paper which carries their message to a much larger audience than they were ever able to reach before

This is their record. The details of their achievements might be spread By making this correction we serve out over many pages, but the subthe cause of historical accuracy and stantial facts are set forth above. The open the way for a true understanding penalty they pay is a severe one. Conof the case. The unbiased historian finement bears heavy on high-strung, will look at this prosecution as but sensitive men such as they, but they an incident in a world-wide clash be- can bear it. Their absence from the tween two irreconcilable class inter- firing line will be sorely felt by us, ests and ideas. All such cases must their comrades, but we, also, can be considered in this light, the per- carry on. How the present order of sonalities involved being merely in society will stand the result of their cidental to the larger aspects of the imprisonment along with several struggle which drew them and their thousand others is a question that has prosecutors, their judges and jailers not been answered yet, but the signs of that answer are plainly to be seen.

## A FINAL APPEAL

July 14, 1919.

Dear Comrade:

From the time we left the Platte County Jail, last October, until today, we have been giving our best thought and energy to the establishment of the Workers' World. We have been doing this because we know that Socialism will never be realized except when it has a voice, an instrument of publicity, which will place Socialism before the workers in season and out as the only as an imperialistic enterprise for the road toward a greater freedom and a saner society. The Socialist press is the only hope for our country and our class.

> Today we are forced to drop this work to begin a two-year sentence in Leavenworth penitentiary for our opposition to an imperialistic war. The work that we have been doing should not be allowed to stop for one moment.

> We are asking you to do something to take our place in this work during our enforced vacation. If you cannot give the personal work, you can at least give financial assistance. You should sign an Endowment Fund pledge, to donate a certain amount each week to the paper;—and then see that the pledge is promptly

> Can we not expect your help in this work? Do your part in keeping the Worker's World in the field as a weapon for revolutionary Socialism.

Yours for the Workers' World, Earl R. Browder William Browder T. R. Sullivan.

## We Never Forget!

Workers' World Box 697

Kansas City, Mo.

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#### The Political Realignment

By Scott Nearing

its first test in the Chicago elections. workers are propertyless, homeless. In all about 700,000 votes were cast familyless and voteless. They will but the Labor Party polled 7 per form some movement like the I. W cent of this vote. Those who had ex- W., which scorns political action and pected a victory for labor at the Chi- insists on the direct expropriation of of Kolchak or of Seminov or of Tchaycago elections will be disappointed, industry. but politicians who realize the necessity of careful detailed organization Trade Union to step outside of his before political victories can be won union into an organization like the will recognize in this vote of 50,000 Labor Party, is an immense gain for for a labor candidate, a new force that him and for the labor movement. The must be reckoned with in 1924 if not Labor Party, when it is organized on

alignment. The Republican and Demo-lines between various labor groups and political exiles? cratic Parties both stand for the same and in laying the basis for a greater Sooner or later they must solidarity of labor. The workers are potentially more united than the par- ly adopt, is a step backward. ties representing labor.

distinct phases. Non-Partisan League which will direct left.—Scott Nearing. its attention to local co-operation and to the protection of its members against aggression by railroads, packing houses and other great business interests. These farmers will be class class psycholo y.

skilled workers. Its policy will look ploited producer of American wealth. toward control of the job. This movement will become class conscious.

3. The rank and file of the Trade will constitute the backbone of a "Labor Party." They will devote their attention primarily to immediate demands that look to the socialization of local and national industries. This group will be class conscious.

4. A minority of wage-earners, small number of farmers, and a Tringe women are being held by the Immiof representatives of the professional gration authorities on the flimsiest classes will constitute a revolutionary political party, the object of which is the establishment of international Socialism. The majority of wage earn | deportation.

ers will never belong to this party until the revolution actually arrives. This party will be primarily educational in function and will devote its energies mainly to preserving the ideals and advancing the standard of the international labor movement.

5. The migratory workers, the low er grades of farm laborers, and some The American Labor Party has had of the worst exploited of the factory

> For a member of a conservative a national basis, will fill his need and

For a class conscious Socialist to split up into several well defined abandon his doctrines of internationgroups. For the time being at least alism for the comparative nationalist they will struggle separately. The doctrines and the immediate demands parties representing capital are thus which the Labor Party will necessari-

The Labor Party will be a boon to The American Labor Movement con- the majority of the workers, broadtains at least five distinct groups, ening their horizon, and showing them therefore, it will have at least five their relation to the other workers of the country. It cannot be a part of a It's fun to fight when you know you 1. The owning farmers and the world movement. That function is more prosperous renters will be repothe function of the Socialist Party and resented in some organization like the of the direct actionists of the extreme Though the fray be long and the foe

#### From Pillar To Post

"SO I LEAVE RAGGED AND conscious as against the big corpora-BAREHEADED!" wrote John Meehan tions, but they will have an owning- to his lawyer when he was deported by the American Government to 2. The Az rican Trade Union England, which he had left twenty When the wise ones pant, that you Movement will gradually transform it- five years before. He finds himself self into an industrial union move- a homeless and friendless exile after ment. Its backbone will be the highly spending his best years as an ex- To laugh and try with a daring eye

"DIED ON THE WAY TO ITALY," Union Movement, including men and of the fate of Pietro Marrucco, young women who for years have accepted and vigorous Pennsylvania miner the theory that the business of the rushed to New York from Latrobe, Trade Union is not to go into politics Pa., and sent to Europe the following

ERS have already been deported.

OVER A HUNDRED ENGLISH SPANISH, HINDU, ITALIAN, RUS-SIAN radical idealistic men and charges for deportation to their native It's fun to fight when you know you're

7500 WORKERS are threatened with

What will be the fate of these toilers, welcomed as cheap labor a few years ago, driven out when they demand political and industrial freedom?

HINDUS, advocates of "freedom for India," will be handed over to the British government to suffer life imprisonment or Cath for "treason."

ITALIANS, shipped to Italy, are landed in Italian penal colonies on islands in the Mediteranian.

RUSSIANS if put into the power kowsky will face the firing squad of the White Terror.

BRITISHERS are denied the right to land and are exiles on the high

WHAT WILL AMERICA ACCOM-PLISH by introducing those cast-off America is due for a political re- will thus assist in breaking down the Czaristic products, political prisoners

> To transplant old Russia into young but renegade America?

To destroy the resistless power of enlightened thought.

To suppress by brute force the spirit of revolt against economic injustice?

#### LIFES' COMBAT.

are right

And your heart is in it, too.

be strong And the comrades you have are few-Though the battle heat, brings but de

And weariness makes you reel. There's a joy in life that can know such strife

And the glory and thrill you feel.

simply can't, It's fun for a fighting man And prove to the world that he can. And if you stick, till your heart is sick, And lose when the game is done,

Paid dearly for what they won. It's fun to dare in the face of despair When the last lone chance seems

It's fun to know that the weary foe

SCORES OF AMERICAN WORK- And to see hope rise in the angry

skies Like promise of rosy dawn;

And you learn this much is true-

And year heart is in it, too! -BERTON BRALEY.

#### Two Sides Of The Shield

#### HUNGARY.

The traveler who enters communist

that the Hungarian workers were dependent Finland." from the first united. There are no ment. All the world now knows how five months not less than 13,000 hu shed, wonderful to state, the result new passion for brotherhood. Bela Kun states, "We don't care the 1,000 destroyed during the Red in the masses and the possibility of republic will be co-terminous with the sible.

Naturally, not everything is perfect in this new state. Practically bank-2,000 Kr., for personal use, or checks for the payment of wages. Internafeature to the capitalists, is the law governing the coming Soviet election. vote interminable columns to the edicts and legislation of the new gov-

boundaries of the proletariat."

Republic," "Communism as I have be regarded as provocatoy or ornaseen it in Hungary, is a principle of constructive order. . . . Two able posed to the Bolshevist navy but for men, one of them an historian of Eu the protectory presence of the foreign ropean repute, the other a statesman warships." of equal note, both in the old days opponents of Socialism, said to me . For victory's sweet when it crowns 'The era of capitalism is over in East-

Furape: It can never be restored If freedom is eclipsed for a moment, alliance the destruction of the capitalist system makes for the first time in a authors of the destruction were the 30,000 workingmen. makers of the war. To chaos and among the nations; but the United despair a living idea has brought the stimulus of a creative hope.

#### FINLAND.

Secetary Lansing has issued a state-Hungary with the idea of identifying ment in Paris that "In view of the Bolshevism with anarchy, is destined fact that the people of Finland have to a crescendo of disappointment. established a representative govern-There is in Europe today no city more ment, the Government of the United monotonously orderly than Budapest. States of America declares that it rec-The essential difference between ognizes the government so constituted Russia and Hungary lies in the fact as the de facto government of an in-

The Government so recognized in-Mensheviki and no Social Revolution- vited the German armies into Finland aries in Hungary. The result is that and later invited a German in as King. there has been no attempt at sabotage As for atrocities, 90,000 workers were by the intellectuals. Never was an arrested by the White Guard governoverturn accomplished with less terror ment. Of these, between 15,000 and than this of the Hungarian govern- 20,000 were shot in cold blood. In the revolution was accomplished. In- man beings, and probably more than stead of disorder and riots and blood- 18,000 were starved to death. A writer in a recent number of "The was a sudden extinction of the old New Statesman" estimates that the jingo passions and a welling forth of White Terror in Finland "destroyed some 30,000 lives, as compared with about boundaries. All our hopes are Terror." Among the latter are included many deaths for which the brotherhood. The boundaries of our brief Red government was not respon-

Here is a government erected by German bayonets, and stained with the most terrible massacres in all history, recognized by the United States ing business has stopped, except for and the Allies as a "representative the drawing of small checks, up to government"—a government that is admittedly one of the bloodiest governments in history. Yet it was a French statesman who some months tional business and trading in foreign ago said with reference to Russia that exchange are past. An unpleasant the French government would not "contract with crime."

General Mannerheim, the present usurper of Finland, has arranged sat-In these elections only working people isfactorify with the Allies and in concan vote; no capitalist will be allowed sequence, an invading force of 50,000 to cast a ballot. The daily papers have has been organized and naval skirmbeen turned into Gazettes which de- ishes are beginning between the Red navy and the Entente warships in the Finnish Gulf. According to the New York Globe, "The presence of the Entente warships off the Finnish and H. N. Brailsford says in "The New Esthonian coasts is by no means to mental. It should be realized that the Finnish coast would lie hopelessly ex-

> What is back of all this, that capitalistic governments are determined to recognize only capitalistic govern matter what crimes they ments, in Even the stigma of

he late "enemy" will not bar them from the general family of capitalistic nations. Russia has committed the unpardonable crime of modern state the only condition under freeing the workers and peasants, and which real feedom is conceivable. . . | that act is infamous in comparison Hungary builds upon ruins, but the with the wanton and brutal murder of

States recognizes the "representative government of Finland.

#### NO WORK---NO VOTE

The new alignment in the Great We speak to you from jail today, World Struggle appears to be turning work shall eat, and they shall have Bring slavery again. the franchise; while those who refuse to earn their bread shall not live upon their neighbors' toil, and they shall not be allowed to make the laws. This is what we mean by "the dictatorship of the proletariat."

Secretary Wilson said the other day that "everybody who has to obey the in determining what those laws shall be." As a general statement that sounds very well, and politicians are very adept in the use of generalities. But we have always made a distinction People's Socialist League. Organize between mere legality and justice. for Solidarity, Education, Sport. We have said for a long time that a grafter ought to be classified among 3323 E 19th, local Secretary, for inthe criminals, and we have denied the formation. franchise to the person who has been convicted of a serious crime. Perhaps there will always be some restrictions upon the franchise. And yet the person who has lost his vote will no less be required to "obey the laws." I think the Secretary would not call that "class-legislation," or "class-

Another generality by Mr. Wilson: 'The great distinction between slavery and freedom is that under freedom every man shall have a right to cease working for any eason that may be sufficient to himself." Very good. But, of course, we cannot 'cease" doing something we have never done. We are talking about the coupon-clipper, and not about the little grocer who is working twelve hours every day in order to eke out a bare living wage. Besides, nobody contends that a man must work every day of the week, or every year of his lifetime. We only say that whether he works or lays off, he must live within his own rightful means and not upon the wealth which he has been able to grab or snatch away from the other fellow.

-A. Borgquist.

I'wo hundred union men, upon this one proposition: Those who | We're here because the bosses' laws

> We make a pledge-no tyrant might Can make us bend a knee, Come on you workers, organize

> And fight for liberty! Yours for the revolution.

C. W. ANDERSON, laws of a country should have a voice One Big Union. Douglas County Jail

> Young people, boys and girls from 15 to 30 years old! Join the Young

See or write Miss Allen Hengerson,

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Above, left to right-Edward Egan William E. Browder, Ralph W. Browder and Harry Doile. Below, left to right-Rob Sullivan, Earl R. Browder and Raymond I. Moore. Below, at right-Mrs .Lenora Warenson Moore and her baby whom District Attorney Francis M. Wilson regretted he could not put

The W. W. held their first picnic at Riverview Park, Omaha, Sunday July 13. The picnic was a success, and more are planned. The "wobblies" co-operated by furnishing tin cups for the lemonade, and by coming to the picnic. Pie and cake and potato salad and various kinds of fruit made the menu one to make mouths water. If the people of Omaha only knew the appetizing line of "eats" the Socialist women of Local Omaha can prepare, the park couldn't hold them when the W. W. hold their picnics, and there would be a large increase in membership, for argument is not the only way to persuade people.

We have heard rumors of an article about the W. W. by one of the members, and will get itfor next week if possible.

The National Office wants early reports on assessment stamp sales. Comrade Germer states that a complete report is to be made to the National Executive Committee July 25.

Buy assessment stamps, and keep on buying until Nebraska can send in a good report.

Remember-the attendance of Nebraska's delegates at the convention does not depend on selling our quota, but we should do it, and, if possible, buy more than our quota, in order to local church. They do not wash at do our part to the utmost. Some states will fall behind. Don't let one of them be Nebraska.

Remember, also, that in buying these stamps, you are not contributing to an unalloyed pleasure trip for kitchen or tradesmen's entrances; the delegates. A Socialist convention | free use of the telephone for importin August is a warm affair in more ways than one, and, in order to get expenses paid, delegates must report regularly at the convention hall and not run around over the city.

Comrade Gordon B. Hoover writes: "As I have got back from France, and want to take up membership in the Party again." for the State Secretary to let him know how far back he is in his dues, so he may pay up to date. He reached home the day before the Fourth. "I have lots of experience," he says, "and facts that will help our movement. Labor in Europe knows what they want, and they are going to get it. Sammie Gompers is so far behind the times, he will never be able to catch up."

Comrade Hoover is a subscriber to he Workers' World, and says he will write some for the Socialist press when he gets rested up from "saving the world for the Democratic Party.'

much about the privilege of keeping anybody."

money in a bank, but we want to be able to do it anyhow.

It would be a good plan for a number to pay a year ahead. That would encourage many others.

Letters and ballots, printed on the same sheet for economy and insuring that each member will get one of each, go out this week to the membership. Prompt attention should be paid to these and prompt action taken. We cannot have democracy in our movement, unless we use our democratic machinery.

Local Omaha is expecting to have Comrade' Bloor and a rousing time. There is a lot of life left in Local Omaha after all, and this will be demonstrated. We expect the W. W. to be a big force behind the success of Comrade Bloor's meetings.

Comrade Mickey has resigned as Local Secretary on account of being unable to attend regularly. Comrade Tom Mathews has been elected in his place as Financial Secretary, and Comrade Mildred Kerns as Corresponding Secretary.

-Edward Rutledge.

The first Washerwomen's Union of which we have head has just been formed at Madison, N. J., by twentyfive colored women, all members of a home but visit the homes of wealthy residents.

The union demands \$2.50 for a 6 hour day, the right to enter and leave the homes by the front door, not ing journalism. It shrieked calumny ant matters; hot lunch instead of cold; permission to receive callers during working hours on church matters or other important business; pay at the

Mrs. Eliza Hill, who is at the head of the union says it grew out of the discontent of the colored visiting laundresses who felt they had been imposed upon by the housewives.

rate of time and a half for overtime.

Labor of all kinds has been so dignified in Hungary that "tips," the bane of the existence of the one who tips and the degradation of the one who receives the tip, have been abolished in Budapest.

A heavy fine and expulsion from the union is the punishment to be meted out to anyone who violates this

The unionists say that

ernment controls the both rich and poor get the same quality of food, as wages are being standardized in all industries, and as therefore, the "waiters enjoy equal rights The State Office bank account will and opportunities with all people unsoon reach the point that the bank | der the new government, it would be will refuse to carry it, and, of course, unfair and undignified for them to acthis will never do. We do not care so cept or exact special privileges from

# Rebellion in India!

total budget. nomic even more than political. The bring about a fair solution of the rewill not meet this economic situation. structive legislation but extremely coercive anti-sedition laws have been brotherhood in which the free peoples passed. In consequence of this mis- of Asia may share. erable situation there have been a series of strikes among the grossly underpaid laborers in British owned industries, and political riots in the leading cities. Finally-and most significant of all-the hitherto apathetic peasantry have rebelled in district after district not only against British rule, but in favor of the ancient system of communal land ownership. The Vicerov is "satisfied that open rebellion exists" and has put about one third of the country under martial law. This revolt is the achievement of a people deprived of all arms and of any general popular education, attained by methods ranging from passive resist-

ance inspired by that extraordinary

some that ought to stir the most un pressed, M. K. Gandhi and Mrs. Sar- might lie many unknown terrors; imaginative among us: India con- ojini Naidu, the poet, to terrorism what he had suffered might be as tains some 300,000,000 people. The after the Russian pattern organized by nothing compared to what was before average per capita income is \$10 per the Young India Party. No sane ob. him. There was no opening in the annum. On the basis of prices at the server can believe that India will im- door; he could see nothing; but had end of 1916, rice sufficient for one mediately gain her independence; that to depend wholly on imagination. meal a day would cost \$10.95 per an- she should show so rapidly growing a Afraid of the unknown, overcome by num. Taxes on the basis of the new desire for it is a fact more significant budget average about \$1.40 per capita. even than such important European Is it any wonder that large sections of news as the fate of Fiume. It vitally the population are living under famine concerns the workers of America and conditions, that between 5,000,000 and Europe, whose radicalism too gener-7,000,000 of these undernourished ally ignores Asia. No solidarity of the people died of influenza, and that 75, working class, no human brotherhood, 000,000 are receiving barely one square is complete or secure which ignores masses in subjection; and especially meal in two days? This starving or excludes the vast populations of the does it illustrate the present attitude people contributes to Imperial Britain ancient and virile civilizations of India in drain of one sort or another tor and China. Lajpat Rai-himself an and the cause of their continuance in the benefits of administration and in Indian home ruler, not an extreme na wage slavery. terest on capital an amount estimated tionalist-writes in "The New Repubat from \$100,000,000 to \$200,000,000. lic" for April 26th, " a feeling of unity Her new budget calls for the expendi- against the west is developing in the ture of more than \$200,000,000 on the Orient," and he points out the terrible military—about 48 per cent of the possibilities of this spirit of hatred fostered by our western imperialism. These figures give the background It is obvious that in the nature of of India unrest which is today eco- things the competitive system cannot Montague-Chelmsford home rule bill lations between Asia and the West; the point we must emphasize is that Meanwhile its passage has been held in the long run the acid test of all up in Britain while in India not con- forms of co-operation will be found in their capacity to assert an inclusive

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State Secretary.

## The Future of the Socialist Press

The most imperative need of the socialist movement is a well-organized system by which accurate news and intepretation of world events may be disseminated to the masses. Beside this important task all others assume a puny significance. Organize as we may, without a well-knitted press our efforts must be very imperfect and inefficient. Even though we may convert an appreciable minority to our point of view, a lying and detracting capitalist press can and does render our work ineffective.

What kind of a Socialist press do we need, and how are we going to get it?

First, we should have a press whose primary object is the stimulation of thought and analysis-not the excitement of the emotions and the stirring of the sentiments. The criticism that the socialist press in the past has devoted far too much space to the hysterical deunuciation of individuals and the sensational description of minor injustices, is for the most part a just one. The most stiking illustration of hysterical socialist journalism is the career of the Appeal to Reason. The Appeal to Reason secured its large adoption of the methods of muck-rakat Rockefeller and Morgan. Its name was a complete misnomer. It puban appeal for superficial sympathy. It was pre-eminently unscientific.

This fault yet clings to a considerbe eliminated if we are to secure the can be relied on either to ignore maximum efficiency in our propaganemotions. If otherwise, there is ever to the same emotions. Reason is the solid foundation upon which we must

erant and sympathetic with revolutionparticularly in the realms of politics. economics and sociology.

Third, let each socialist paper carry a standing boxed statement saying | yourg cease hiring orators to tickle the social question. This is highly money paid for hall-rent, etc, to intion. A party-owned press too often ciency of our propaganda ten-fold. becomes the medium for the dogmas

will help to obviate the confusion that thousand readers of the Appeal to Rea- Willis are representing Holder. son were led by that publication into jingoism. Many of the readers of the of socialist exposition.

These reforms in our press are important.

The Socialist Party should have an official weekly devoted to party news and to general comment on social and industrial conditions from the socialist viewpoint-something similar to the old American Socialist, but containing matter of a statistical nature that may be utilized by party members. It is needless to say that such a weekly should as far as possible reflect the opinions of the rank and file of the

before us, however, is the establishment of a daily socialist press. We have an abundance of weeklies and circulation almost entirely thru the monthlies devoted to comment and opinion, but there are but four newspapers in the United States really representative of the working-class move-Exposition of the Socialist ment. lished, not an appeal to reason, but philosophy is, of course, highly necessary, but the publishing of the facts concerning the social and industrial phenomena of our time, is still able portion of our press. And it must more necessary. The kept press news of vital working-class sig-

By far the most important problem

da. Our appeal must be an appeal to nificance or grossly to distort it. This reason, and one incidentally to the handicap must be overcome by a chain of socialist dailies covering the present the danger of a successful entire country. There is little reason counter-appeal of the capitalist class why every city with over 500,000 in habitants should not possess a so cialist daily.

Let us build up our press! Com-Second, the editorial policy of a so pared with the value of a strong press, cialist periodical must be broad, tol- oratory is a waste of time. Statistics show that nine-tenths of the socialist ary movements which do not function conversions are made via the printed page. And, as a rule, the man who is converted by an orator backslides

bortly after. And if we socialists whether it is representative or not of our ears with somnolent platitudes peace to be signed to go back to their the official Socialist Party attitude on and tiresome verbosities and use the necessary. I do not regard a party- vest in presses, linotypes, news-stock owned press as a solution of the ques- and ink, we would increase the effi-

-ALANSON SESSIONS.

#### A STORY

A prisoner was taken to a great iron door and was given a key and permission to unlock the door if he desired Figures are dull enough but here are modern saint, and friend of the op- but he was warned that beyond i his forebodings, he went back to his cell. Yet beyond that door, if he had only known it, were gardens and flow ers-and freedom.

> Just a story, but it illustrates a trait on which the ruling spirits in The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for shop and state often rely to keep the of the American people toward Russia, Is called for by the instinct of man

> The people do not know, and they cannot know so long as they are satisfied with the popular sources of information. They read the newspapers voraciously. Flaring headlines, grotesque cartoons, and slyly insinuating if not openly lying news dispatches create a condition of mind that renders calm judgment impossible, both as to Russia and to their own eco- The promise of the future, not the nomic condition.

> "We'll have to whip those Russians I do not fear to follow out the truth "Lenine and Trotzky are Ger- Albeit along the precipice's edge. vet." man Agents and Ought to Be Shot.' "The Jews are running things in Russia; it would have been a good thing if all of them had been killed at the beginning of the war."

> Such is the offal of certain minds. many minds. And while they are imposing this upon us, disgusting us to the point of nausea, they are abject slaves for the most part, driven hither and thither by lies and ignorance and hunger, knowing not that the hope of That only freedom comes by grace of their class, the working class, is in the world-wide acceptance of the Rus | And all that comes not by His grace sian message as given to the world by the Bolshevik Movement. The un- For men in earnest have no time to known is terrifying. The known is terrible, but endurable. And so they seem doomed to remain the pawns of the parasite class to the end of their days.

At this point it becomes of every unbridled thinker to conduct that this is the first conviction of its a campaign of truth-telling according kind in the United States. to his opportunities, not to plead, not to apologize, nor indeed to denounce to the American people that they have commedial freebooters of the Allied Nations, but even by the ruling class that had its home in Berlin before that locality got too hot for comfort. -EDWARD RUTLEDGE.

#### The Time Is Ripe

change:

non-let it come; I have no dread of what

kind. Nor think I that God's world would

fall apart Because we tear a parchment more or

Truth is eternal, but her effluence, With endless change, is fitted to the hour:

Her mirror is turned forward to reflect

past.

Let us speak plain: there is more force in names Than most men dream of, and a lie

may keep Its throne a whole lot longer if i skulk

Behind the shield of some fair-seeming name.

Let us call tyrants tyrants, and maintain

God

must fail, waste

In patching fig leaves for the naked

-James Russell Lowell.

truth.

#### LABOR MAN HITS BACK STIRRING TIMES AHEAD

(Special Correspondence) Washington, D. C., July 13, 1919.

A welcome sequel to the series of arrests made in Washington shortly after the bomb explosion at the home of Attorney General Palmer is the and intolerances and prejudices of filing of a suit for \$25,000 damages the men immediately delegated to edit against William J. Flynn and Lawit. I prefer a privately-owned press, rence J. O'Dea, of the Department of but a simple editorial statement of Justice, by Max Holder, of the Waitthe precise position with reference to ers Union for "false arrest and imthe Party such a press takes. This prisonment." Jackson Ralston, counsel for the American Federation of occurred for instance, when several Labor and Attorney Winfield and

Holder and a number of others were arrested by agents of the De-Appeal considered it the high priest partment of Justice and held in-communicado for periods ranging from six days to two weeks, without any charge being preferred against them. Finally after strenuous efforts on the part of friends the police was forced to release them on writs of habeus corpus. The fact that Holder and several other parties who were arrested had dining room employees of a prominent local hotel and that they were arested without charge gives color to the charge that they were singled out as victims because of their aggressiveness on behalf of better conditions for the workers.

Holder declares that during his imprisonment he was confined in a room infested with vemin; that he was not given any water with which to wash himself: that he was given insufficient food; that, his money being taken away from him, he was unable to buy food: that he was given only an iron cot upon which to sleep, and that he was refused the opportunity matter which, is a very stern fact, and to communicate with his friends or with his counsel.

Louis Koerner, another waiter who was jerked up at the same time and held for six days, declares that he was put through the "third degree" by the police and denied all opportunity to communicate with friends.

A new corporation, the Svoboda Steamship Line, with headquarters in not debate for the love of debate. New York City and branches in the Every word is to the point, and back leading cities, will charter or buy of every word must be a deed, helpsteamships for the transportation of Gal. 7 Workers Wld Bill Bertram the million odd Russians who want poling humanity on its way. Then the litical and economic freedom as it is Russian revolution will be the beginexpressed in Soviet Russia.

ionalities are only waiting for the people will know and all be free. native soil also.

Joe Denis, a negro, has been found guilty in the United States District in the masters' press or one that ad-Court, at New Orleans, of violating the Espionage law by urging a strike on the Texas and Pacific Railroad near

Denis, while employed as foreman of a section gang, was charged with indiscriminately, but simply to prove interfering with the movement of troops because he urged workers to been the victims of a gigantic hoax strike to better conditions. Attorneys hatched, not only by imperialists and for the defendant will appeal the case.

> The reporters of Salt Lake City have been locked out by the publish ers of the daily newspapers for trying to torm a union. When it became known that an effort was under way to form an organization the publishers held a conference and agreed to employ no reporter who had taken any part in the movement. A charter will be applied for and a fight will be made tor recognition.

#### SOCIALIST PARTY MEETING.

Business of special importance will be transacted at the regular meeting, Sunday afternoon, July 20, at Bookbinders Hall, 12th and Central. Election of officers, which has been

postponed for several weeks, will take place and there will also be a discussion of candidates for the National Convention.

#### A STATEMENT

July 15. Dear Comrades

Through the Workers' World, I wish to say that my father has been absolutely misquoted in the following paragaph in the Kansas City Star:

"My little girl can't go to prison," Mr. Moore's father pleaded with Francis M. Wilson, United States district attorney. "She has regretted she fell in with that gang. She is sorry. She knows she did wrong."

As for myself. I have the highest regard for everyone of my fellow convicts, and I have not yet done anything that I regret or fallen in with any "gang" that I repudiate.

> Fraternally, Lenora F. Warneson.

Above all, the people must be made to know that the Russian situation is but an incident in the class war carried on all over the world. The masters were vanquished in Russia; their last feeble efforts are seen in petty. futile counter-revolutions. The masters in other lands fear that the same calamity will come upon them, hence slanderous reports, brutal repressive measures and wholesale persecutions by governments responsive to the masters' will. Every available department of social control is being employed to eradicate, if possible, every vestige of real or potential rebellion against the existing state of things. Even armies that have just ceased fighting for liberty and democracyif we are to believe the words of the enough to prevent the worst war of history-even these armies may be called upon to march against the menace to the masters, wherever it anpears, and to drown in blood the asbeen active in a recent strike of the pirations of millions of workers for freedom. We hope to prevent it, of course. Rivers of blood were shed in the war just closed, the war that Capitalism brought about. It were a bitter thing indeed if blood remained to be shed, not that Freedom might be gained, but that it might be crushed.

But if force must be opposed to force, in spite of our efforts to avert the clash, then so be it! Against the master class and its hirelings will be pitted the working class, awake, alert, with strong hands and stout hearts and deathless determination. The class war, scoffed at as an idle theory, or denounced as a terrible danger. no regardless of all the rhetoric that may be launched against it, it will shake to the ground every stone i the moldy, tottering castle of the Capitalist robber barons.

Stirring times are ahead. Let each take his place. Let each find a necessary work to do. The united power of the workers is many times the sum of their powers individually exerted. Every one added to the ranks has the power of a giant through co-operation.

We are not juggling words. We do ning of a greater revolution, and the Hungarians, Germans and other na- day that revolution becomes a fact, all

-EDWARD RUTLEDGE.

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#### WHOM THE GODS WOULD DESTROY.

"WHOM THE GODS WOULD DE-STROY, THEY FIRST MAKE MAD. Trite, but true, isn't it?

With the penitentiaries and jails al--ready crowded with conscientious men and women, political and industrial prisoners who are innocent of any crime-another group was herded into the Federal penitentiary at Leavenworth yesterday.

Had the guards been absent from the group, three young men might have been a carefree, cappy bunch of boys starting out for a holka;. Laughingly they told goodbye to their friends—conscious of the righteousness of their cause; secure in the knowl- to the most atrocious persecution—all these edge that already actions of the Peace Conference has vindicated them, and that the new labor movement is already made and future will justify them in full.

Like hundreds of others, these boys will take advantage of their isolation to study and further prepare themselves for more efficient work in the class struggle. While their friends rebel and protest against the incarceration of these splendid young men, both prisoners and friends realize its true significance and rejoice in it.

Abject fear annimates the actions of the ruling class, when it rushes frantically hither and thither shouting "sedition, traitor," persecuting, arresting, convicting hundreds, perhaps thousands of honest American citizens who are known to be good, capable, efficient members of society.

the sole nor even the chief sufferers. When propaganda will be for the advancement of F The imprisoned men and women are not millions of honest people are intimidated principles only. The great defect of our It and brow beaten until they dare not breathe industrial propaganda in the past has been a word of opposition to the tyrannical pow- the emphasis on labels. The propaganda of er, then millions of protestants are awak- the Party has been of but little, if any, ened and millions of revolutionists are value to the work of the industrial organicreated. So all hail the fear-driven oppressors who are forced to dig their own ly for the party or for votes. graves, and to bury with them the slave ridden system they strive to perpetuate.

The class conscious worker goes seemancipation from this system, waves a cheery goodbye to comrades who are marching away under guard, hastens back to his own appointed task, wondering "who next?" Perhaps he—but what matter? The inevitable is near at hand. The new day is dawning. The East is red with the newly risen sun. Russia, Austria, all Europe is aroused to the call of freedom-England, Italy, France are answering the call. Canada is astir with it. Our own beloved country, blinded as it has been by lying historians and deluded by false prophets, is opening its eyes and looking about with a new understanding of life.

Perhaps the thing most needed to shake America free from the stupifying influence of a corrupted and debauched leadership, is oppression—and yet more brutal oppression. Whatever be the way that experiment with force, developed to the leads to the light, gladly we enter upon it; high pitch of scientifically organized power whatever be the price, happy are we to pay

We are one with the revolutionists of all time. We revolt with the oppressed of all lands. We rejoice in the victories of the lians, past and welcome the deliverance of our land from the bondage of American plutoc-

greup-to big Bill Haywood and our many same story. "If I were to try to put into comrades in Leavenworth; to Gene Debs and Alexander Berkman and numerous thing to grasp about the situation in Euother comrades confined in Atlanta, Geor- rope," says Frank A. Vanderlip, "the two gia, reputed to be the vilest Federal peni- words would be paralyzed industry." Mines tentiary in the U. S.; to Elizabeth Baer in are flooded; factories are closed; labor is Philadelphia; to Kate O'Hare, Emma Gold-| scattered; markets are disorganized; credit | Bush League of Nations. His "Allies" seem

at McAlister; to the hundreds of unknown ed, and provided with the necessaries and comrades in the unknown jails and penitentiaries throughout the nation. Your sacri-only in the countries that were devastated fetters that bind the human race.

-Caroline Lowe.

#### THE MASS IS READY.

the revolutionary forces within the Amer-lied upon it for salvation. ican Labor movement. The workers did

ace of the determined and organized hos-zation. ility of all of the forces of capitalism and whenever they can find a way to get together. We can see the signs of this awakof Seattle and the entire West coast, the the uttermost. rapid growth of large independent industrial and semi-industrial unions in the East and the stubborn resistance of the I. W. W. developments indicate that the basis for the that reaction is in reality most insecure when it seems to be most dominant. But these red elements are isolated

from each other. They have not yet found a way for common action. It is this lack of unity amongst ourselves that makes it impossible for us to exert our full strength. We are coming to realize more and more that the organization of the working class requires first the organization of our own forces. That is why we hail the Left Wing labor program with its sound and practical plan to bring about unity by initiating ac tivities in which all can and will participate.

These activities at first will be of a propaganda nature, but they will not be long in  $oxed{H}$ promoting the work of organization. This N zation because it has been propaganda main-

All of these defects are eliminated from the methods of the Left Wing. It is not concerned with immediate political sucrenely—yes joyously, on with the work of cess nor with the worship of labels. Its purpose is the advancement of principles which will strengthen the workers for the final struggle. Because of that fact its program will command the support of all the rebels in all the organizations. And that is the first essential to the industrial organization of the working class.

#### FORCE TO THE UTTERMOST.

By Scott Nearing.

President Wilson accepted the challenge of Germany and flung it back in her teeth. "Force, force to the uttermost,force without stint or limit!" were his

The war was an orgy of force. The peace treaty is built upon force. The whole world has just passed through a five year and directed to the destruction of life and wealth. With what result?

"Victory!" cry the militarists.

"Desolation," lament the humanitar-

"Paralysis," answers the economists. Bankers, financiers, captains of industry—the shrewdest observers of economic Greetings! To the newly imprisoned facts, come back from Europe with the words what I sum up as the most essential

verthal in Cannon City; to Flora Foreman which the people of Europe were fed, clothcomforts of life has been destroyed, not fice is not in vain. You are breaking the by battles, but in all of the countries that "While there is a lower class, I am in "Aye, think! Since time and life be took part in the war. At the end of five years of war European industry is at a standstill.

Force was tried to the uttermost, and now the best brains in the world are trying The more or less effective sabotage of to undo the damage; many are convinced the Mooney strike by craft union officials that it cannot be undone, but that it will reveals to us again the terrible weakness of wreck the capitalistic civilization that re-

Where lies the hope of the world tostrike on a scale never before known in this day? In force? No! The hope of the ters" are just as bound as their slaves, country, but it was confined largely to iso- world lies in the capacity of the Labor if not more so. "There are no men ated sections. The spirit of this revolt | Movement to build the structure of a new arouses the highest hopes, but we must ad- civilization inside the tottering walls of the humanity," another man of vision has mit that reaction still dominates the move- old one. Labor has overthrown autocracy ment, shackling the organizations which al- in Russia and bureauccracy in Germany. Lincoln was a great man and a great eady exist and blocking every effort put Labor is striving to redeem England, Democrat and his statements about forth to organize the great mass of the un- France and Italy,—striving, through solidarity, to mend the yawning gaps and rents The demonstration for Mooney, in the that force has made in the texture of civili-

Will the Labor Movement succeed? Can still greater man and a deeper demotheir labor lieutenants proves, beyond it stave off chaos and a new "dark age" of loubt, that the masses are ready for action social convalescence? Time will answer Meanwhile, let those who have eyes to see take note of the ghastly results of the philening on every hand. The One Big Union osophy of force to the uttermost that inmovement of Canada, the red trade unions evitably follow when force is applied to

#### SEAGOING STEAM TONNAGE.

(Before the war)

Great Britain	18,892,000
Germany	
Norway	
France.,	1,923,000
Japan:	1,708,000
British Colonies	
Holland	1,472,000
Italy	1,430,000
United States	1,076,000
Austria	1,052,000

(After the wa	ır)
reat Batain	15,007,000
Inited States	
apan	
British Colonies	1,832,000
İolland	
Norway,	1,557,000
France	1,443,000
taly	930,000
Spain	

(Figures compiled by H. C. Wiltbank)

"If the Senate rejects the peace treaty, it will break the world's heart," says Wilson. Especially Germany's.

Soviet Russia imprisons the profiteers. Capitalist America imprisons those who tell the truth about the profiteers.

If Italy goes Bolshevik will it still be one of our gallant allies?

The Italian workers are apparently not worried about Fiume. They want Italy.

Everybody that owns an oil field in Mexico ought to grab his gun and rush work of the Central Labor Council, down to the border to uphold the honor of but is to assume authority on eco the flag.

With one country after another setting up working class Governments, we think | speakers' committee, "to function as a Samuel Gompers is unduly alarmed about delegate body of local unions, dealing women should be industrially organthe danger of immigration. Laws against emigration will be more to the point.

"I. W. W. fires wheat stacks," screams headline in the Kansas City Post. understand the aim of that organization is to fire the bosses.

We read that the workers of England, France and Italy have formed a "Triple Alliance" in preparation for an international Two that I love must live alone, strike against the war on Russia. Then we turn to the Left Wing manifesto which says: "The history of the movement of the proletariat toward emancipation since 1900 shows the close connection between the revolutionary proletarian assertion and the political mass strike." All of which, in plain words, means that the big general strikes mark the beginning of open revolution, openly arrived at.

Wilson had better hurry up with his man and the little Italian comrade in Jef- is shattered; transportation is disrupted;— to be on the point of joining the Major Deep in my heart I miss them so ferson City; to Marie Eque and Louise Oli- the whole fabric of industry, by means of League with Russia and Hungary.

### VIEWS, REVIEWS AND INTERVIEWS.

By Ralph Cheyney

While there is a criminal class, I am

While there is a soul in prison, I am not free."

These are the noblest words of the noblest American. They are profoundly and incontrovertably true. It takes the happiness of all to make the hap piness of one. In a slave state there are no free men. The so-called "masbut mankind, no human beings but "We are members, one of another." democracy will last as long as democracy itself lasts, they will echo down the ages for aeons and aeons; if he were living now, he would without a doubt be in prison. But Debs is a crat, more appreciative of the spiritual essence of Democracy, a Social and Twill come, a dazzling shaft of light, Industrial as well as a Political Democrat. The prison garb he wears is a are branded with the bars that surround his body. Under Capitalism, we are all slaves. But those who recognize their bondage and that of the rest of us and rise in revolt against it, they who speak their minds come what may, they may not be free in illustrations of "The Art of Rodin," frame, but they are free in fact. For the bodies of men last but a few years and then are dust; but the Soul Louis Weinberg has written a most of Man will last as long as Life itself lasts, and it alone deserves the name of Reality.

Arturo Giovannitti's vigorous, visioned verse, "The Thinker," that

Your mind has only feared and slept;

Of all the beasts they called you man Only because you toiled and wept."

States

"Aye, think! While breaks in you the dawn.

Crouched at your feet, the world lies still-It has no power but your brawn, It knows no wisdom but your will

Behind your flesh, and mind and

blood Nothing there is to live and do, here is no man, there is no god, There is not anything but you."

And ends. 'From you, the chained, reviled out-

From you the brute inert and

dumb. Shall, through your wakened thought

at last.

The message of to-morow come-Of truth, to save and to redeem,

And—whether Love or Dynamiteshall blaze the pathway to your

This inspiring poem was in turn inspired by Rodin's statue of the same name. A photograph of this statue is one of the seventy splendid full-page one of Boni & Liveright's 70c leatherbound MODERN LIBRARY, to which illuminating and delightful introduction. I will not say that every one of these illustrations is as inspiring as that of "The Thinker;" but I will state that to me each one of them seems strikingly significant, full of charm and character.

An amazingly brazen and shameless expose of crimes committed against izens of the United States un-

and hif the rifling of private thorities, or homes entered and burglarized without warrants, of spies in the labor unions, and similar matters -that is the boasting record of the American Protective League, recently Hough in "The Web."

This book has just been published, band of unofficial spies did not confine itself merely to its original plan of running down German propagandists, but broke up Socialist meetings, shadowed labor and Socialist organizers and workers, and promoted and aided in the prosecution that led to the imprisonment of the I. W. W. leaders, Eugene V. Debs and other Socialists and radicals.

Not only are these admissions made openly, but they are made gloatingly.

Believing that the Central Labor Council of Seattle is devoting too much time to oratory, debate, reading of communications, and speeches by "labor leaders," some 55 local unions have started an organization called the "Federated Unions of Seattle."

This body, it is claimed by the promoters, is not to interfere with the nomic and industrial questions.

"It is our idea," says Archie Robertson, chairman of the publicity and confinement. Held because of their with our economic and industrial ized. problems with the thought in mind of standardizing of contracts and agreements so that they will expire on the same date."

#### Song of Separation

(Ralph Chaplin, the writer of this poem was formerly the editor of Solserving a ten year sentence at Leavenworth penitentiary.)

Far away

All in the world I can call my own Only they.

Mother and boy in the rocking chair, Thinking of one who cannot be there, Breathing a hope that is half a prayer, Night and day, night and day. Here in my cell I must sit alone,

Clothed in gray. Bars of iron and walls of stone Bid me stay.

What of the world with its pomp an show?

Baubles of nothing! This I know: Night and day, night and day.

#### "AMERICANA"

"We hold these truths to be self evident-that all men are created their creator with certain inalienable mail without the sanction of the au- rights—that among these are Life, Liberty, and the Pursuit of Happiness. That to secure these rights Governnents are instituted among men, deiving their just powers from the gov rned. That whenever any form of disbanded, as reyealed by Emerson Government becomes destructive of :hese ends it is the right of the People to alter or abolish it—and to institute new governments, laying its founda ion on such principles and organizng its powers in such form as to them shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness." Declaration of Independence

U. S., July 4th, 1776.

WICHITA CASE. July 4th, 1919.

Thirty-five men convinced that they nave a right to organize in the parficular kind of Labor Union best fitted secure "life, liberty and happiness" are in prison 19 months, after repeated failures of Judge and Jury to convict them of any crime.

Samuel Gompers sails for another "World Conference" to impress the workers of Europe of his great power to bring capital and labor together. We refer them to our "Americana."

Seventeen men and two women held for deportation at Ellis Island, since ast February in a dreary prison-like earnest conviction that men and

Prosecuting attorney in Kansas City, Mo., "REGRETS" that a mother and baby "escapes" serving thirty days in County jail.

Young Americans taken from Fort Leavenworth Prison, suffering all idarity, the I. W. W. paper. He is kinds and degrees of torture there, handcuffed to each other-put on train for Alcatraz and Utah prisons. When guards were asked what terrible crimes these men had committed -the answer came, "They ARE GER-MANS, we are taking them to be interned."

> Seven young men-RALPH BROWDER, Married, EARL BROWDER, Married, one child-EDWARD EGAN, Married, ROBERT SULLIVAN. Married. RAY MOORE, Married, one baby WILL BROWDER and HARRY DOYLE

taken from their useful work and their families to Federal Prison-MONTHS after armistice for "Obstructing Con-

scription." E. R. B.