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COM. ROSE PASTOR STOKES SENTENCED TO 10 YEARS

10-YEAR SENTENCE FOR MRS. STOKES

Total Penalty On Three Counts Is 30 Years, But She Is Allowed to Serve It Concurrently

RELEASED ON 10,000 DOLLAR BAIL

Judge Overrules Motion for a New Trial, But Allows Sixty Days for an Appeal

Kansas City, Mo., June 1. — Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes of New York today was sentenced to ten years' imprisonment in the Missouri State Penitentiary on each of three counts of an indictment charging her with violation of the Espionage act. Judge Arba S. Van Valkenburgh in the Federal Court announced that the sentences on the three counts would run concurrently, and that the defendant would be subjected to no fine.

Judge Van Valkenburgh overruled a motion for a new trial filed by Seymour Stedman, attorney for Mrs. Stokes. It was based on the contention that the court had failed to distinguish between motive and intent. The court also overruled a motion for arrest of judgment.

Following the pronouncement of sentence, Mr. Stedman took steps for an appeal of the case to the United Circuit Court of Appeals, and Judge Van Valkenburgh allowed sixty days for the defendant to file a bill of exceptions. Pending this Mrs. Stokes will be at liberty on \$10,000 bond.

Regards Her as Plot Agent.

In passing sentence Judge Van Valkenburgh said:

"I believe this is a part of a systematic program to create discontent with the war, loss of confidence in the good faith and sincerity underlying the conduct of the war, and its ultimate aims; thereby to cause withdrawal of support at home and a relaxation of effort and effect in the field. All this to the end that peace on any terms may be brought about with Germany and the interests of the nation at large sacrificed for the realization of social and economic views of certain groups.

"Co-operation for this common object among the various irresponsible elements in the country is perceptible. Some are undoubtedly inspired from German sources; others may not be, but the result, should they succeed, would be the same. Revolution, if deemed necessary, is aimed at, expected, and practically invited.

"The lamentable situation already brought about in Russia is the substantial object here. True, such a result is not to be anticipated. Of course, we know that existing conditions here, racial and otherwise, are widely different. Nevertheless we must not encourage harmful activities by passive indulgence, however remote their consequences may now appear.

"We have in this class of cases a stubborn and determined resistance to Government decrees. In a democracy this amounts to defiance of the popular will. To justify the stand taken, logic, reason, and human sympathy are speciously invoked, but no standards of such are recognized, except those of the objectors themselves. Such opposition amounts to fanaticism and continues after debate has been closed by final action on the part of the constitutional authorities. Under such circumstances the only practical remedy is a stern and substantial application of legal sanctions.

"Therefore Congress enacted this law and the President approved it. It was designed to meet a war danger. Its comparative importance in the minds of Congress is made manifest by the penalty provided—nearly if not quite double that for any other offense defined except murder, treason and analogous crimes."

Offers an Explanation.

Mrs. Stokes was permitted to read the following statement in court:

"The communication which I sent to The Kansas City Star announced that I was not supporting the war aims of the Government. I assumed among the numerous aims which had been presented by different groups of people that it was my privilege to approve or criticize any of the war aims brought forward.

"I have at all times recognized the cause of our entrance into the war, and I have at no time opposed the war. And although my home was searched in my absence, and although witnesses from various meetings I addressed have testified for the Government, no evidence has been produced to prove that I have at any time opposed the war.

"Early this year newspapers were filled with reports of the exceptionally large profits secured by what is generally known as 'war profiteers,' and, rightly or wrongly, I honestly feared their dominating influence over the Administration, and I am not free from that apprehension at the present time."

Mrs. Stokes said that in her communication to The Star she had referred to the Government, meaning the Administration, and continued. "If I have offended in expressing a criticism which intimates that the Government, if leaning to one class or another, it is because I have taken the provision of the Constitution concerning liberty of expression too literally—a language plain and simple, and made a part of the Constitution by an amendment thereto by those who recognized its importance during periods not alone of peace, but also of stress.

"I am not conscious of committing any crime, your Honor, unless an ardent desire to serve the ends of social and economic justice, acclaimed as of the highest social value in times of peace, becomes an anti-social thing and a crime in time of war.

"There are many things I have in my heart to say, but somehow I feel that time and events will speak more eloquently for me than I am able to speak for myself. I am ready for my sentence."

On leaving the court Mrs. Stokes was calm and unemotional.

"If I can keep my health," she stated, "I expect to continue my work, and if I should be locked up it would make my efforts tremendously more effective."

Mrs. Stokes' life has not been one of leisure, for, as a child in England, where her parents settled on leaving Russia, she had to augment the family income by sewing ribbons on slippers. On her arrival at Cleveland, Ohio, she became a cigar roller. During this time she wrote for Yiddish newspapers and weeklies.

On coming to New York she joined the staff of the Yiddish Daily News. The same year she accepted a clerkship in the office of J. G. Phelps Stokes. In July 1905 she became his wife. The two worked together, writing, lecturing and organizing for the Socialist cause.

When the war was declared, however, they left the party, not being in accordance with the St. Louis platform. Mrs. Stokes did not remain out very long, for, as she expressed it, she could not do her best work outside of the party.

Mrs. Anna Pastor, the mother of Mrs. Stokes, is active in Socialist affairs, largely connected with the problems of the housewife.

STOKES DEFENDS HIS WIFE.

Mrs. Stokes is not and never has been opposed to the active prosecution of the war by the United States, said J. G. Phelps Stokes, her husband, when he heard that his wife had been sentenced to ten years in prison. Mr. Stokes, dressed in the uniform of a First Sergeant of the 9th Coast Artillery, N. Y. G., at his home, 88 Grove Street. He said that steps would be taken to appeal the case to the higher court.

"I feel justified in saying that I know Mrs. Stokes better than any one else can know her," he said, "and that her motives were

grossly misunderstood at her trial. Mrs. Stokes is not and never has been opposed to active participation in the war by the American Government. On the contrary, she has constantly held that the war must be pursued by the allied forces until the autocratic powers of Central Europe are overcome and until the foundations of democracy are effectually secure.

"I am personally entirely certain had the jury understood as I understand, her motives they would not have convicted her of the offense charged.

"If the judge had known her as I do and understood her purposes as I do, he would not have felt that justice required such a sentence as he imposed. I am sure that 90 per cent of the trouble resulted from misunderstanding, and not to exceed 10 per cent of it was due to a hasty impulse, which Mrs. Stokes immediately regretted after it occurred."

Have you read the 2nd Edition of Labor Scrap Book?

The Surge of the Revolution

By RICHARD WAGNER.

Aye, we behold it, the old world crumbling; a new will rise therefrom; for the lofty goddess Reason comes rustling on the wings of storm, her stately head ringed around with lightnings, a sword in her right hand, a torch in her left. Her eye is stern, is punitive, is cold; and yet warmth of purest love, what wealth of happiness streams forth toward him who dares to look with steadfast gazing into that eye! Rustling she comes, the ever-rejuvenating mother of mankind; destroying and fulfilling, she fares across the earth; before her sighs the storm, and shaken so fiercely at man's handiwork that vast clouds of dust eclipse the sky, and where her mighty foot is set, there falls in ruins what an idle whim had built for aeons; the rim of her she sweeps its last remains away. But in her wake there opens out a never-dreamt paradise of happiness, illuminated by kindly sunbeams; and where her foot hath trodden down, spring fragrant flowers from the soil, and jubilant songs of freed mankind fill the air scarce silent from the din of battle.

ARMORY BONDS TO BE VOTED THOROUGHLY.

Superior, Wis., Friday, June 9.—Those interested in the erection of a city auditorium and armory have announced that they have retained legal counsel and that all possible steps will be taken immediately to call a special election at which electors will ballot again—for the third time—on the question of whether or not the city shall be bonded for \$100,000 to erect the proposed armory and auditorium.

Authority to sell auditorium bonds was given the city commission several years ago when the matter was first put to a vote of the people, but the bonds were not sold. Again on April 2 it was voted on but notices for the election were not published early enough to make it legal. Other expedients which were expected to give authority to issue the bonds having failed, a special election seems to be the solution those behind the proposition think.

You have got to read the JUNE LIBERATOR!

LIBERTY DEFENSE UNION

With a total of four thousand dollars already expended directly for the defense of labor leaders and Socialist speakers, the organizers of the Liberty Defense Union, 138 West 13th Street, New York, feel that this record shows the need for such a central defense agency and are therefore bending every energy toward securing increased funds with which to meet the urgent appeals for help coming in from all parts of the country.

While it is considered a remarkable achievement for so young an organization to raise this sum over and above all expenses in the first few months of its existence and in such troublous times, the calls for assistance are steadily increasing as the work of the union becomes more widely known, and additional funds are needed at once. Much of the credit for raising this money belongs to Kate Richards O'Hare and Scott Nearing, the former under sentence of five years imprisonment, and the latter under indictment for alleged violation of the Espionage Law. As both Mrs. O'Hare and Nearing are now obliged to give all their time to the preparation of their own defense, the directors of the union have issued a country-wide appeal to the lovers of liberty everywhere to contribute what they can to help fight the fight for free speech.

About \$50,000, it is estimated, will be needed for this purpose, as, even when the lawyers, as often happens, give their services free, the court costs involved in fighting the case to the last ditch are very heavy.

The object of the union is declared to be to organize popular support in behalf of persons prosecuted for the exercise of their constitutional rights of free speech and free press. It does not handle cases coming under the draft law. The general chairman is Charles W. Erwin, Editor of the New York Call, while the executive committee includes representatives of all branches of the labor, radical and Socialist movements, such as Joseph Schlossberg, secretary of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, Elisabeth Gurley Flynn and Edwin Hansen of the I. W. W., B. C. Vladeck, one of the Socialist Party, Local New York.

Contributions should be addressed to the Liberty Defense Union, 138 West 13th Street, New York. Monthly pledges are particularly desired, the officers say, as it is expected that the work of the organization will have to be continued for some time to come.



DEFECTIVE PAGE

THE CUNNING ALCHEMY OF CAPITAL

The crude and unsophisticated alchemists of the middle ages wrestled mightily with the problem of transmuting the baser metals into gold. They did not make much of a success of it. In spite of their efforts copper would remain copper, lead would remain lead and brass would still persist in remaining brass. But great advances have been made in all branches of science since then. Many strange transmutations have been made possible. True it is that the mystery of how to transmute the baser metals into gold still remains unsolved, but to the financial alchemists of this enlightened age must be given the credit of having discovered and simplified a process whereby nothing can actually be transmuted into figures and these figures will possess the power to transmute themselves into gold, silver, purple and fine linen, mansions on earth as well as those located in the sky, and in fact into all and sundry of the things either material or spiritual that the possessor of these magical figures may desire. And that is not all. The transmutation does not obliterate the figures. They not only remain intact, but others are added unto them on account of the transmutation. That is the more they are transmuted the greater they become. These modern alchemists seem to have completely upset and exploded the ancient postulate, that "something cannot be gotten from nothing." It seems that something can be gotten from nothing, if the right way be taken to go about it, and it is a very simple process at that.

The United States Steel Corporation profits for the month of April amounted to \$31,000,000. This trifling sum is all that was left after everything had been "paid" for, including war taxes and all the rest. The capital of the corporation owners was increased by that amount during the month. That represents what Marx termed "surplus value." As this \$31,000,000 of new capital accrued to the owners by the same process whereby they previously obtained all that constitutes their "investment" in the corporation, a brief tracing of the operations that brought this brave army of figures during the month in question will uncover the apparent mysteries of the alchemy of capital and disclose its inner workings to us in such a manner as to duly impress us with its extreme simplicity, as well as the simplicity of the dubs who officiate as a sort of base metal in its processes. In following the Steel Corporation process for the month in question we

shall read the life story of all capital and capitalist accumulation.

A very large number of human beings who are shut out of all opportunity to otherwise provide themselves with the food, clothing and other things that they must have or perish, are compelled to offer themselves in service to the United States Steel Corporation, the beneficiaries of which hold legal control (that is control backed up by all the powers of the State) of the resources and mechanical means from which and by which iron and steel are made. They are hired by the corporation and set to work taking ore from the ground and converting it into the finished product. The purpose of these workers is to get the wherewith to enable them to obtain food ere they perish for the want of it. Now it so happens that these workers, in conjunction with all other workers of the world, produce by their labor all the goods commodities, merchandise, that appears in the markets of the world. Being thus the producers, the creators of all exchange value that appears in the market, it is manifestly clear that they cannot be paid for these products, in case they part with them. And they do part with them, for they are taken as the property of the Steel Corporation, in this instance. As there is nothing in existence wherewith payment can be made to the workers for having produced these goods or commodities, they must either forcibly seized, or obtained through subterfuge. Forceful seizure was one time the ethic followed. Now it is accomplished by the subterfuge of pretended payment. A promise to pay is given to the worker to compensate him for the labor he has expended in the production of iron and steel. The corporation then has the material substance; the worker has the promise. Something has now been obtained for nothing. The worker is not the one who obtained it, as may be readily seen. The steel workers take their promises to pay and swap them in the market for food, etc., but let it not be forgotten that the food and other things they obtain have been taken from their fellow workers in other lines by exactly the same method by which the Steel Corporation got its steel from them, that is by the subterfuge of pretended payment, which was not a payment but a promise to pay. These promises to pay are termed money, and the hoax that they constitute real payment is one of the most transparent frauds

ever perpetrated upon easy marks and other simpletons.

The Steel Corporation has no other use for the steel produced than that of selling it in the markets of the world. By the same token that the corporation itself could only purchase the services of the workers on credit, that is by giving them a promise to pay in exchange for their labor, the customers of the corporation can only make their purchases on credit. No matter how many transfers may occur before the steel is finally disposed of and removed from the market, each and every such sale is made, and can only be made, on credit. All along the line actual payment is absolutely impossible. When the journey has been completed and the steel has been withdrawn from the market by some final consumer, and is completely worn out and never to appear again in the annals of trade and commerce, the gallant array of figures representing the amount of the promises to pay that have been issued and, can never be redeemed, and that have been necessary to work the flimflam process of alleged buying, selling and paying still remains, and this array is enlarged during each cycle of production by the amount of "surplus value" which has accrued during that cycle. In the case of the Steel Corporation, that "surplus" amounted to \$31,000,000 for the single month of April. Reduced to the understandable language it means that the corporation received promises to pay to the amount of \$31,000,000 in excess of the amount of similar promises to pay it handed out to those from whom it made purchases, either of labor power or other things.

And capital consists of nothing outside of these accumulations of debt, promises to pay, orders upon the future. Through these holdings of irredeemable obligations the capitalists command all industry and production, and are thus enabled to get something for nothing to the extent of all that they eat, drink, wear and otherwise consume and enjoy. It is by this alchemy that the nothing useful that they do is transmuted into the material things that they so absolutely enjoy. It is by means of this subterfuge of alleged payment and all that is embodied in the financial flimflam of this day and age, that the capitalist scheme of skinning slaves is so artfully camouflaged that vast numbers of the slaves do not even know that they are skinned at all. And that is probably as it should be, at least from the capitalist standpoint.

ATTENTION

There is absolute need for this paper in this community. The workers of Duluth have never been sufficiently awakened to the vast possibilities that lie slumbering within them. They have wasted their time worrying about the things that do not matter. Today we see the pitiful sight of thousands of good men and women wasting their time over a man like Billy Sunday. They really believe that Billy Sunday is the man of all men, and so we decided to explode that idea of theirs. We brought out a Billy Sunday edition and we have made the people talk about TRUTH. We did not give the space to Billy Sunday because we thought he was worth it, far from that idea. We used Billy Sunday as a means to an end. If you want to get the workers to think about anything, you have got to get him talking. Make him interested and then your way will not be so hard. TRUTH is the talk of Duluth. Never have we witnessed such enthusiasm about the paper. We have been unable to crystallize that enthusiasm, because we lack the co-operation of the comrades who read TRUTH. As regards our finances, we are fairly well situated for the time being. But to keep on paying out and not putting back in proportion to what you take, spells DISASTER. The comrades must get behind TRUTH. If we cannot secure the whole-hearted co-operation of the comrades, then we are only wasting our time. Every member of the party must stand behind TRUTH. Criticism is all well and good in its place. But criticism that comes from comrades who fail to do anything to assist the paper is only hypocrisy. So let us all get together. The workers today are eager for our message. The Commercial Club knows that, that is why they try to crush us. Let us get together and work hand in hand. Any differences that we may have, let us discuss and get rid of them at once. If our house has got to be cleaned, clean it now. As far as we are personally concerned, we are prepared to make way for a better man. The Socialist movement is bigger than any one comrade in it. We are in Duluth because we want to do our bit for Socialism. We want the Socialist movement to grow. Our heart and soul is in the work. If we knew that a better man was waiting for our job, we would retire to-morrow and give him all the help possible.

The Socialist movement is one big human family. All therein are brothers and sisters. Family quarrels are in our midst at times, like in all families. So we must settle our differences and get solidly together and work for the good of the paper and the movement. If you do not like this paper, tell us why. If you do like it, tell us what pleases you. We are in the hands of our readers. If you like certain features in the paper, name them. We shall endeavor to make the paper as interesting as we can. If you want anything special, let us know. We shall always stand for Industrial Unionism and the organization of the workers into the Socialist Party, so that they can reflect their economic interests on to the political field. We shall not alter our present editorial policy of NO COMPROMISE. We are going to fight for the complete abolition of capitalism. Come what may, we shall not haul down our colors. We shall remain true to the principles of international socialism. If the whole of the movement left us, we would be willing to stand alone. Comrades, these words are written for you to read, mark, learn and inwardly digest. We want you to gather around us. We are not afraid of the future. If the prison cell is open for us, because of our faith in the principles of international socialism, we shall feel honored to enter that cell, because we know that we shall enshrine the cause of Socialism in the hearts of many men and women here in Duluth. DO NOT STAND BACK NOW. As the rays of sun tell you of the coming dawn, so the rays of revolution that shine overhead tell us of the coming dawn of a new day. We stand today on the eve of our triumph. After many years of trials and oppression, when all hope seemed to have fled, when the sky was darkest; suddenly from out of the night, like a stroke of lightning that seems to rip the sky to pieces, came the revolution in Russia. Comrades, what a day when the news was flashed over the wires that our own comrades Lenin and Trotsky were in charge of affairs! What a day when we knew that Czarism, junkerism and capitalism was tottering to its grave! Did you not have a sigh of satisfaction? Did not the blood course through your veins all the quicker? Comrades, hard had been the fight in Russia, but never for one moment did the Russian comrades lose heart. When the night was darkest, their spirits were brightest. Shall we give up or shall we renew our faith in the cause of Socialism and go on ahead? Comrades, it is up to you. Never go back now, comrades! Think of our dear old comrade Eugene V. Debs, though the years of time have left their mark, though his step is not so brisk, though his voice is not so strong; yet after over fifty years of a hard fight for his class, he is as staunch and true as the day he took his place in the workers' army. Comrades, come together, the campaign is before us. Will you help us out? You can help us to deliver papers. If you cannot come, you can send us a dollar. The harvest is plentiful, but the laborers are few.

My dear Comrade Jack:—

I am just home and having soon to leave again to fill speaking engagements. The report is absolutely untrue. Articles of mine have been garbled to serve this vicious purpose. There has not been the slightest change in my attitude toward the war. I have sent a statement to the Eye-Opener and when it appears I wish you would copy it. I have favored a convention but my war attitude is that of a socialist and has not changed and cannot change. Pardon haste and believe me now and always,

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HOTEL VIOLATED STATE LAW.

Superior, Wis., Friday, June 9—
Police Woman Emma Tyler visited a large Superior hotel ordering it to cease its employment of girls in the capacity of "bell hops." She acted on the instructions from Mayor Baxter. The "bell girls" recently made their appearance in the hostelry in question and considerable amusement was caused when one of them would approach a husky traveling man and ask for the privilege of carrying his grip to the desk.

Mayor Baxter expresses his opinion that such work is unfit for girls, besides being in violation of state employment laws.

(What is Mayor Baxter doing for the laundry girls?—Ed.)

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Thou Shalt Not Steal

Here are a few parallels taken from Sunday's storehouse of stolen goods:

BILLY SUNDAY. "Have you any scars to show in this conflict? When a war is over heroes have scars to show and they are proud of them. One rolls back his sleeve and shows the gun-shot wounds. Another pulls down his collar to show a scar on his neck."—Page 95, "Gems of Truth and Beauty."

DR. TALMAGE. "Oh, Christian man, oh, Christian woman, have you any scars to show in this conflict? When a war is over the heroes have scars to show. One hero rolls back his sleeve and shows a gun-shot fracture or he pulls down his collar and shows where he was wounded in the neck."—Page 95, "Gems of Truth and Beauty."

Sunday in his sermon "The Home" delivered at the Tabernacle in Chicago, March 14, and published in Chicago papers, said:

BILLY SUNDAY. "You walk up and ask ten different men for a definition of home; you get ten different definitions. To one it is love of hearth. To another it is plenty on the table. To another it is plenty to wear. To another it is warmth. To another it is comfort. To another it is intelligence. To another it is devotion. To another it is a regretful goodbye when you go away and greetings with a smile and a kiss when you return. To another it is want, looking out of a cheerless fire, and it is hunger in an empty tray and the damp air, shivering with curses; no Bible, no sabbath wave rolls over the threshold, the children are robbers in embryo; obscene songs their lullaby."

DR. TALMAGE. "Home"—Ask ten different men the meaning of that word and they will give you ten different definitions. To one it means love at the hearth. It means plenty at the table, industry at the workstand, intelligence at the books, devotion at the altar, to one it means a greeting at the door and a smile at the chair. Ask another man what is home and he will tell you it is want looking out of a cheerless fire grate, kneading hunger in an empty bread tray. The damp air shivering with curses. No Bible on the shelf. Children robbers and murderers in embryo. Obscene songs their lullaby. No Sabbath wave rolling over that door-sill.—"Gems of Truth and Beauty," page 154.

Sidney C. Tapp of Kansas City wrote several books on the Bible. These books have furnished Sunday with a great deal of material for sermons, but it never occurred to Bill that he ought to give Tapp credit for either the ideas or the language used. Compare the following and draw your own conclusions:

BILLY SUNDAY. "The Bible is a mirror of life." "Leoprosy is the symbol of sin." "The trouble with you muts is that you want to go to Heaven, but you want to take Hell with you." "Everything you see is the expression of thought." "Sin is self-destruction." "Sin fills the insane asylums and hospitals of the world."

SIDNEY C. TAPP. "The Bible is a mirror." "Leoprosy is the ult of sin." "The trouble with the race is it wants to go to Heaven but wants to take Hell with it." "Everything you see is the expression of thought." "Sin is self-destruction." "Sin has filled the insane asylums, prison cells and hospitals in all ages."

Lines to Contemporary Bunk Shooter

By CARL SANDBURG.

You come along—tearing your shirt—yelling about Jesus.
I want to know what the hell you know about Jesus?

Jesus had a way of talking soft, and everybody except a few bankers and higher-ups among the con-men of Jerusalem liked to have this Jesus around because he never made any fake passes, and everything he said went and he helped the sick and gave the people hope.

You come along squirting words at us, shaking your fist and calling us all dam fools—so fierce the froth of your own spit slobbers over your lips—always blabbering we're all going to hell straight off and you know all about it.

I've read Jesus' words. I know what he said. You don't throw any scare into me. I've got your number. I know how much you know about Jesus.

He never came near clean people or dirty people but they felt cleaner because he came along. It was your crowd of bankers and business men and lawyers that hired the sluggers and murderers who put Jesus out of the running.

I say it was the same bunch that's backing you that nailed the nails into the hands of this Jesus of Nazareth. He had lined up against him the same crooks and strong-arm men now lined up with you, paying your way.

This Jesus guy was good to look at, smelled good, listened good. He threw out something fresh and beautiful from the skin of his body and the touch of his hands wherever he passed along.

You, Billy Sunday, put a smut on every human blossom that comes in reach of your rotten breath belching about hell-fire and hiccuping about this man who lived a clean life in Galilee.

When are you going to quit making the carpenters build emergency hospitals for women and girls driven crazy with wrecked nerves from your goddam gibberish about Jesus? I put it to you again: What the hell do you know about Jesus?

Go ahead and bust all the chairs you want to. Smash a wagon load of furniture at every performance. Turn sixty somersaults and stand on your nutty head. If it wasn't for the way you scare the women and kids, I'd feel sorry for you and pass the hat.

I like to watch a good four-flusher work, but not when he starts people puking and calling for the doctor.

I like a man that's got guts and can pull off a great, original performance; but you—hell, you're only a bughouse peddler of second-hand gospel—you're only showing out a phoney imitation of the goods this Jesus guy told us ought to be free as air and sunlight.

SUPERIOR NEWS

THE LABOR CONTROVERSY IN THE SUPERIOR SHIPYARDS

by ARVID NELSON.

Considerable strike talk has recently evinced itself among the shipbuilders in the Superior and Duluth and other shipbuilding plants around the Great Lakes. Final negotiations for a settlement are still unfinished at this writing in Chicago, where the shipyard employees and the employers are arguing their cases with the government war labor adjustment board acting as a mediator.

The situation which brought about the strike threat developed as follows:

The workers in the shipyards around the Great Lakes were dissatisfied with their wages and their working conditions. There is nothing unusual in this, for so long as the profit system is in existence there is always room for improvement in the conditions under which labor is exploited, and the wages will never be adequate until the worker gets the full product of his toil.

The shipyard workers on the Great Lakes were being paid less than the shipbuilders on the Atlantic seaboard, where the workers had gained improvements in working conditions and increases in wages by organizing and demanding them, and striking for them where necessary.

The workers on the Great Lakes realized that they must employ similar tactics and proceeded to do so. Within a comparatively brief period of time their organization was strong enough to formulate and present its demands.

But in order to speed up shipbuilding in the present exigency the government had organized the emergency Fleet Corporation with its wage adjustment board to settle disputes between the shipbuilders and their employers, in order to avoid strikes and other delays, so it was necessary for the workers to present their demands to the adjustment board appointed by the government. This board acts as a board of arbitration in all difficulties that may arise in the shipbuilding industry and which cannot be settled locally by the employers and the shop-committees appointed by the workers.

One of the first cases to come before this new board for adjustment was the demand for more wages and shorter working hours made by the shipyard em-

Sometimes I wonder what sort of pups born from mongrel bitches there are in the world less heroic, less typical of historic greatness than you.

You tell people living in shanties Jesus is going to fix it up all right with them by giving them mansions in the skies after they're dead and the worms have eaten 'em.

You tell \$6 a week department store girls all they need is Jesus; you take a steel trust wop, dead without having lived, gray and shrunken at forty years of age, and you tell him to look at Jesus on the cross and he'll be all right.

You tell poor people they don't need any more money on pay day, and even if it's fierce to be out of a job, Jesus'll fix that all right, all right—all they gotta do is take Jesus the way you say.

I'm telling you this Jesus wouldn't stand for the stuff you're handing out. Jesus played it different. The bankers and corporation lawyers of Jerusalem got their sluggers and murderers to go after Jesus just because Jesus wouldn't play their game. He didn't sit with the big thieves.

I don't want a lot of gab from a bunkshooter in my religion.

I won't take my religion from a man who never works except with his mouth and never cherishes a memory except the face of the woman on the American silver dollar.

I ask you to come through and show me where you're pouring out the blood of your life.

I've been out to this suburb of Jerusalem they call Golgatha, where they nailed Him, and I know if the story is straight it was real blood ran from his hands and the nail-holes, and it was real blood spurted out where the spear of the Roman soldier rammed in between the ribs of this Jesus of Nazareth.

—"Chicago Poems."

to declare a strike in the shipyards if the findings of the board were not carried out on or before May 1st. Notice of this threatened culmination of the controversy was telegraphed to the adjustment board by the officials of the union.

This notice brought about the appointment of an examiner by the board to investigate the situation in the local yards and the announcement that the board would consider the difficulty anew in sittings that it was going to hold in Chicago. Two representatives of the unions were promptly despatched to Chicago. After several days of fruitless waiting they returned to Superior accompanied by the special investigator. He conducted negotiations here for a week, but as far as the public has been informed through the press and otherwise, his efforts were unsuccessful. This conclusion must also be drawn from the fact that a half-a-dozen representatives of the unions are in Chicago at this writing in continued conferences before the adjustment board.

Excepting the belated reports that most of the yards have now commenced to pay the increased wage scale and that the shipbuilding companies have finally seen fit to surrender the back-pay from April 1st, the situation remains unchanged while a report on the result of the present negotiations is being awaited with interest.

Next week we shall give the readers of the Truth such new developments as may come to light by that time. And we shall also make a few questions in reference to this situation, where the owners of a number of shipyards and their employees submit their dispute to arbitration and the employees are then compelled to resort to strike threats, investigations, conferences and renewed arbitration in order to compel the other party to abide by the findings of an adjustment board fully empowered for the purpose by the United States Government.

We shall try to make these questions so that they will set your thinking faculties into motion.

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But Debs has never studied nor investigated thoroughly how far practical this proposal is. He hasn't written a single article to prove this ideal. While those in the Zionist movement and the anti's have spent a great part of their lives to get the facts on this problem, a good many of those being active in this movement, after taking inventory of what had been accomplished in all the years of existence of so many different organizations to father the plan of establishing a Jewish home, came to the conclusion that a enormous amount of energy had been wasted without getting any results. The Jewish population in Palestine now is not in millions, but in thousands. Some of them live in colonies under very miserable conditions and most of them are supported through charitable institutions in other countries. Palestine, our "native land", is not

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developed enough in comparison with other countries in any war to attract the immigration of the Jewish people, after they have been away two thousand years, and they would always be in the minority there even when their "state" was established. And in order not to be mistreated by the majority, most likely they would have to have the "protection" of the English rule.

To dream of a state after seeing the tragedy of the small states of different nationalities, the way they have been crushed out of existence in this war, is more than ridiculous.

It is not for class conscious Socialists to give up their time to work for such a nationalistic movement, which brings harmony between the worker and the capitalist or the same nationality. While they are working hand in hand for the same ideal, the national feeling takes the place of the class feeling. The workers of the different nationalities must not give their energy for their different particular petty nationalistic dreams when all their energy is required to fight their common enemy, capitalism. To the workingclass in general all the countries of the world belong, because they have developed them. And only capitalists, who do not create any value, are foreigners. And in order to unite ourselves to do away with the system, that upholds them, we cannot be pro-Jew or pro-Christian, but pro-letarian.

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Editorial



STEEL TRUST.

On another page we draw your attention to an article from the British Columbia Federationist. It would be as well for all who read this paper to mark, learn and inwardly digest it. It plainly shows if there is anybody who is really entitled to be called "disloyal", it is the Steel Trust. In this city they hold mighty power. They hold a power mightier than that of any government. Men and women who work for them are afraid to even say one word against them. Even members of our own party are opposed to our criticising the Steel Trust. Yet they have got to be criticised, and the main object of the Socialist Party is not to control a few political offices, but to control industry. We cannot look forward to the local Trades Assembly doing anything in that direction. Because they have passed a resolution, that in wartime there shall be no strikes. In other words, they counsel the workers to stand pat. In biological science we know only too well that if an organism suffers from stagnation, it dies. Therefore we can place no hope in the Trades Assembly.

After this campaign of the Socialist Party we must go out and preach industrial unionism. Only by organizing the workers in the Steel Trust, can we hope to engage in real propaganda. All our resolutions in legislatures are of no avail, if the necessary economic organization is lacking to back them up. Send a man to Congress, or State Legislature, without a strong economic organization behind him, we only court defeat. From now on we must see that all our candidates have the workers behind them. To see to that we must organize the workers. To organize the workers we must preach the most efficient form of organization, that is industrial unionism.

THE STUPIDITY OF OUR RULERS.

Rose Pastor Stokes, for writing a letter to a Kansas paper, in which she criticized the Government, has been sentenced to ten years in prison. Suppose the workers were out on strike in a factory, would the organizer attempt to antagonise them? Of course not. Why not? For the simple reason that in a strike the workers must be all together and there must be no friction whatsoever. The same applies to a government that declares war. They must have the people behind them, on no account must there be any friction. Yet we have judges so silly and childish as to send a woman to prison for ten years for saying what she believes to be true. The result is the people become discontented. All these sentences help the Socialist Movement, but no one can make us believe that they help the rulers of this country. Who said the capitalist had brains?

For doing that which President Wilson stated was the true way of all democracies, comrade Stokes has been sent to prison for ten years. We have got to acquire comrade Stokes. At the beginning of this country going into war, she left the party and threw in her lot with the New Party. But after she had witnessed the way Russia was treated, she changed her mind and came back. For leaving the party, whole pages of Sunday editions of the Metropolitan Press were used to glorify her leaving. Now she has got to go to prison for doing the same thing she did before, change her mind. King Canute told the waves to stop, but the waves rolled on just the same. The rulers of this country are trying to stop our movement, but the movement still grows on just the same.

Comrades do not feel nervous about a ten years' sentence. If we were to be sentenced to prison for five years tomorrow, we would not be afraid. NO CLASS WAR PRISONER WILL BE IN PRISON FIVE YEARS FROM NOW. This is not a foolish prophecy, it is a direct truth. Within five years from now, the foundations of this mighty capitalist system will rock. Not because we are strong enough to rock it, but because it is getting top-heavy and will crumble to its own ruin. Today the storm clouds are gathering overhead. As the days roll on, they are getting more threatening. Soon they will HAVE TO BURST, they cannot contain themselves. Then watch the old system. Watch it split in two. Watch the feeble attempts of capitalists to patch it up. It will be of no use, all their efforts will be in vain. On that day we shall be organized and shall show them how the old world should be run. On that day all

prison doors will swing open. Out of the thousands of cells will march out noble comrades. They will march to the tune of a thousand songs, telling us of the NEW DAY. Comrade Stokes, do not falter, we are with you. Now you are getting back to the old days, when you lived with the real rebels. When you tasted of our sorrows and our defeats. Have courage, comrade, you shall be with us and taste of our joys and our victories.

Comrades, out into the highways and by-ways, arouse the workers and with them aroused, educated and organized, the world is ours. Now for the organized army of the workers. Now for the day of victory. Masters, you are having your day, get ready, ours is tomorrow. Vengeance is mine, said the old Hebrew prophet. We too shall have our vengeance, you will have to work. That is the only way to make you, our masters, suffer.

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JOHN SPARGO.

A few years ago there came to this country an Englishman with no money and no fame. He joined the Socialist movement. The movement heard him speak and gave him anything from fifteen to fifty dollars per lecture. Out of the hard earned money of the members he managed to have some books published. The comrades who paid his lecture-fees also sold his books. Spargo made good at the expense of workimgmen and women. If ever a man owed a debt of gratitude to the Socialist movement, it is Spargo. Today Spargo is prostituting himself worse than any woman of the street. The woman of the street never turns on her kind. But Spargo is now speaking for all the capitalist organizations that will pay him. He is making good (?), his bank roll is increasing. Out of the blood and tears of the men and women of America, Spargo is making good. No words can adequately express the contempt we bear for such a man (?). Spargo is a typical example of the middle-class intellectual. They come into our movement, use it and then go out and assist those who are fighting it. Did Judas Iscariot ever do anything worse than what Spargo is doing? This is the same Spargo that accused Father Grady of exploiting the Socialist Party. This is the same Spargo who warned the comrades in Denver not to mix with the Mooney case, as Mooney belonged to the Knights of Columbus. Spargo has done our movement a service. We know now that the only ones we can trust in our movement are the workers. In future we must not allow any member of the middle-class to come and capture the movement. Comrades, look at them, Carl D. Thompson, Kennedy of Chicago, Russell, Spargo, Ghent, Gaylord, Simons. What a ghastly crew of intellectual pirates! We have lost them, but a garden that loses its weeds, gives its flowers a chance to grow. We will gain by their departure, now to business of the real kind.

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REPLY TO TYÖMIES.

The Finnish daily printed in Superior makes the charge that we are slandering the Socialist Party because we oppose petty reforms and also advocate industrial unionism.

We shall not indulge in tactics adopted by Työmiies, because after all we have no right to edit a paper, unless we can reason things out to a logical conclusion. Työmiies' attacks are conspicuous by their absence of reason and the slander they indulge in. As far as we are concerned, we are prepared to place our record as a Socialist against the comrade (?) who wrote the article.

WHAT IS OUR CRIME? We opposed petty reforms. Such as worrying about taxes and finding work for the unemployed, etc. If the comrades who bring out Työmiies knew the law of surplus value, they would not be so ignorant about the tax question, and also would save a lot of valuable energy. For the benefit of our Finnish comrades we will again explain to them the law of Surplus Value. Before the Civil War we had chattel slavery. The slaves produced the wealth. This was taken over by their masters and the masters in return gave them sufficient to live upon. The workers of today are in exactly the same position. The wealth of the world is created by the workers. Even Työmiies must admit the truth of that statement. Its value is determined by the amount of socially necessary labor that it takes to produce it. Even Työmiies MAY admit that. This wealth is taken hold of by whom, the workers? Of course not, by their masters. The reason why our masters take control of the wealth produced, is because they own the means of production. IS THAT NOT SO, TYÖMIIES? Now the masters must give back to the workers some of the wealth the workers have created. Because the workers have got to live, in order to produce more wealth. In the same way we must feed a mule, if we want him to do any more work. What is left over after supplying the workers accrues to the masters. The workers only receive sufficient to live upon. If they received a surplus, why do they not save it up and quit working? TYÖMIIES, WHY? Therefore if the workers only receive sufficient to live upon and the masters tax them, where will the money come from to pay the taxes? WILL TYÖMIIES TELL US? It cannot come from the workers, because they only receive enough to live upon, therefore the masters must pay the taxes. For stating this we have committed a grievous crime. ANY EDITOR WHO STILL BELIEVES THAT THE WORKERS PAY TAXES, IS DRAWING HIS SALARY UNDER FALSE PRETENSES.

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"A story," the reporter said, "about a crimson dame Just landed from the steamer, wearing slippers that are red.

She used to be the Dearest Friend of Emperor Wot-sinname—"

"Three columns and a layout!" cried the eager city Ed. —Franklin P. Adams.

I hold, if the Almighty had ever made a set of men to do all the eating and none of the work, he would have made them with mouths only, and no hands; and if he had ever made another set that he intended should do all the work and none of the eating, he would have made them without mouths and with all hands.—Abraham Lincoln.

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Is it well that while we range with Science, glorying in the time, City children soak and blacken soul and sense in city slime?

There among the gloomy alleys Progress halts on palsied feet,

Crime and hunger cast our maidens by the thousand on the street.

There the masters scrimps his haggard seamstress of her daily bread;

There a single sordid attic holds the living and the dead; There the smouldering fire of fever creeps across the rotted floor,

And the crowded couch of incest, in the warrens of the poor.

—Temnyson.

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I'd rather die on the high road under the open blue. I'd rather starve to death in the sweet air, or drown in the brave, salt sea, or have one fierce glad hour of battle and then a bullet, than lead the life of a brute in a stinking hell, and gasp out my broken breath at last on a pauper's pallet.—Robt. Blatchford.

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"MR. DOOLEY ON WOMAN SUFFRAGE.

Don't ask f'r rights. Take thim. An' don't let anny wan give thim to ye. A right that is handed to ye, f'r nawthing has somethin' the matter with it. It's more than likely it's on'y a wrong turned inside out.

Any person under the age of thirty, who, having any knowledge of the existing social order, is not a revolutionist, is an INFERIOR.—G. B. S.

Theodtus:—What is burning there is the memory of mankind.

Cesar:—A shameful memory. Let it burn.

Theodtus (wildly):—Will you destroy the past?

Cesar:—Ay, and build the future with its ruins. —G. B. Shaw.

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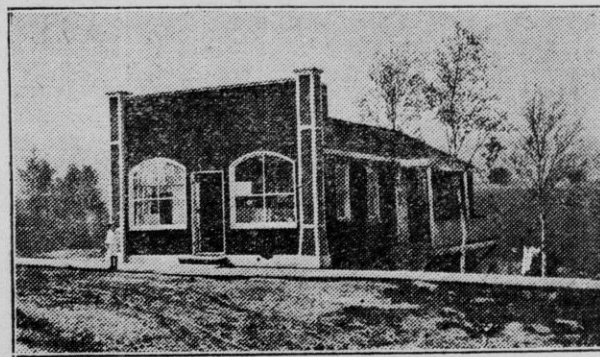
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