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BRITISH EMPIRE SEES PARTING OF THE WAYS

Soviet Russia Exposes Allied Hypocrisy

GOMPERS FAILS OF ELECTION AS OWN UNION'S DELEGATE

Received Only 80 Votes
of Total for Convention
Representatives.

New York. — Sam Gompers, president of the American Federation of Labor has been defeated in the election for delegate to the forthcoming convention of the Cigarmakers' International union by his own union, Local 144 of New York city.

No details are available, but it is understood that Gompers received only 80 votes of the total cast. Three men beat him in the race—Jack Melhade, Morris Brown and L. Rayner. The third of the delegation to be elected defeated Gompers handsomely.

First Defeat In Election.

Melhade is the leader of the recent general strike of cigarmakers in the east, which involved more than 30,000 workers; Brown is a veteran Socialist and treasurer of the Central Federated union of New York, which in the last two years has taken its place with the progressive central labor unions of the country; Rayner is one of the new element in the cigarmakers union.

Gompers' defeat was a shock to the old-timers. He will be admitted to the convention which is to be held in April only by courtesy as the president of the federation and the vice-president of the cigarmakers international.

This is the first time within memory that Gompers has been defeated in an election. Since 1882 he has been president of the American Federation of Labor except for one year.

Dissatisfied With Tactics.

Gompers still maintains a legal residence in New York although he lives in Washington. Cigarmakers lay his defeat to dissatisfaction with his compromising way of handling labor disputes. This element has transformed which for years was dominated by conservatives.

PROFESSOR, YOU ARE LUCKY

It Is a Good Job For You
That You Live In
Denmark or Else...?

By The Federation Press.

Copenhagen. — The economic face of the world may be changed by the discovery of a scientist in soviet Russia. According to a wireless from Moscow, Prof. Mojdestvenski has established the structure of the atom.

If this is true, prominent scientists declare, we are on the edge of a wonderful discovery. The atom is built up of electricity, and has particles revolving around each other like the solar system.

"THE workers are the saviors of society; the redeemers of the race; and when they have fulfilled their historic mission men and women can walk the highlands and vision of a land without masters and without slaves, a land regenerated and resplendent in the triumph of Freedom and Civilization."

—Eugene V. Debs.

U. S. SENATE INVESTIGATES SOVIET BUREAU

"We Propose Only to Get At The Bottom of Soviet Russian Activities in This Country. We Are Not Going to Listen to Theories. We Are After Facts."

BY Paul Wallace Hanna.
(Staff Correspondent, The
Federated Press.)

Washington. — Russian propaganda in the United States will be investigated in a business-like unprejudiced manner if the senate sub-committee having that task in charge continues in the way it has begun.

Ludvig C. A. K. Martens, chief figure in the drama, appeared before the first sitting of the sub-committee on Jan. 19. His counsel, former Senator Hardwick, Georgia, made an opening address in which he stated briefly that his clients were prepared to answer all questions and furnish all documents desired by the committee. Hardwick added that he had become personally convinced that the soviet bureau in America had confined its activity strictly to the restoration of trade relations between the two countries, and had not engaged in nor encouraged any propaganda to change or abolish American institutions.

The two Democratic members of the sub-committee, Pittman, Nevada, and Shields, Tennessee, were not present. Senator Moses, chairman, and Senators Borah and Brandegee, Republicans, devoted the first session to a clarification of Martens' nationality. It was disclosed that the soviet representative was born in east central Russia in 1874. His parents were Germans. By the old imperial German law, all children born abroad of German parents remained German subjects. The United States never recognized that despotic law, but the Russian czar did.

Martens grew up in Russia, he told the senate committee, and became active in the agitation against the czarist autocracy. In 1896 the czar sent Martens to prison, for three years without trial. At the end of his jail term, the czar turned Martens over to the kaiser of Germany, who drafted him into the German army. After leaving the German

army, Martens went to Switzerland and joined the Russian revolutionary colony there. He later went to England.

When the great war broke out in 1914 the British government did not intern Martens as an alien enemy; it recognized that his alleged German citizenship was an arbitrary edict of the kaiser. The British allowed him complete freedom, and in 1916 they gave him a passport to the United States, where he worked at his profession of civil engineering. After the Russian czar was overthrown in March, 1917, the provisional government of Russia, which the United States recognized, conferred upon Martens the full Russian citizenship, which the czar and the kaiser had denied him.

Martens submitted to the senate committee copies of his credentials as commercial representative of the soviet government in the United States. He said he had never posed as "ambassador" or "minister." After tracing Martens' career up to the time he was appointed commercial agent of the soviet government, the sub-committee adjourned, subject to call by Chairman Moses a few days later. After the hearing Senator Moses said to the newspaper men:

"The view seems to prevail that we are sitting for the purpose of 'railroading' Martens out of the country. That is not our aim. We propose only to get at the bottom of soviet Russian activities in this country. Everybody will be given fair play and an opportunity to tell his story. But we are not going to listen to theories. We are after facts."

Indeed, there seems to be an unwonted interest in facts here this week. The rules committee of the house is actually insisting that there shall be some public hearings before the proposed "sedition" bills are enacted. Coming directly on the heels of the Albany uproar over the arbitrary suspension of Socialist as-

BOLSHEVIKI DOUBT ALLIES' SINCERITY

"The Supreme Council was Insincere in Lifting the Blockade of Russia, and Its General Policy has Not Changed," declares Maxim Litvinoff, Soviet Envoy.

(By The Federated Press.)

London.—The supreme council was insincere in lifting the blockade of Russia, and its general policy has not changed, declared Maxim Litvinoff, representative of the soviet government in Copenhagen, to George Lansbury, editor of The London Daily Herald. So long as the allies continue to coerce the now independent border states and to contemplate action through Poland, the lifting of the blockade will remain a mere gesture, he asserted.

"The decision at Paris of the supreme council," said Litvinoff, "is certainly the first breach in the Chinese wall erected around Russia by the allies. It is the inevitable outcome of the combined efforts of the red army and of the working people of other countries, but it is as yet only a paper declaration which is still to be translated into deeds. Besides, the decision in itself has certain reservations which possibly are intended to frustrate its effect."

To Force Economic Shanges.

"I see in the mention of the co-operative societies as the only channel through which to carry

on trade an attempt to force upon soviet Russia certain changes in its economic system.

"The whole export and import trade in Russia has been nationalized. The Russian government may or may not find it convenient to do foreign business through co-operative societies which are now working in full harmony with other soviet institutions. But naturally it would resent having its choice of agencies dictated to it from without, besides, I cannot admit that trade can be satisfactorily carried on between countries without full mutual representation and a free postal telegraphic intercourse. If the Paris decision does not imply such intercourse it may be of little use to Russia or to the world."

New States Control Routes.

"I come to the even more vital points. The most important routes to seaports are now under control of the new border states whose independence is recognized by the soviet government. If these states were permitted to control the routes, it would be of little use to Russia or to the world."

Some Examples of War Profiteering

Following are examples of profits made by leading industries on their capital stock as contained in the Treasury Department's figures on the 1917 income tax returns:

Coal operators ..	Pct. 7,856
Meat packers	4,244
Fruit and vegetable canners ..	2,032
Woolen mills	1,770
Furniture manufacturers	3,295
Clothing and dry goods stores ..	9,826
Steel mills	290,999

ALLIES FLIRT WITH REDS

Close observers of Russian events in the last two months appreciate the fact that humanitarian principles do not enter into the offer. The fact is the allies have fought bolshevism with the last Russian who would bear arms for them against it.

(By FLOYD RIBBONS.
(Chicago Tribune Foreign News
Service.)
(By Special Cable.)

Paris, Jan. 18.—Kolchak collapsed. Denikin defeated. Yudenitch driven back. After unquestionable victories on all fronts in eastern, southern and Western Russia, Red Russia—the soviet or bolshevik Russia—has perceived flirtations of peace from the allies.

In the wording of the resolution of the supreme council at Paris is embodied an effort to make it appear that it was humanitarian considerations for "the starving population of Russia" that prompted the allies to offer it life by lifting the embargo for an exchange of supplies with the Reds.

Do Big Job In Two Months.

The "or of the soviet, long announced as disorganized and disordered, is in fact recognized in control of Russia today. In the last two months the Red forces, in spite of their reported disorganization, have succeeded in pushing back on all sides the circle that surrounded them. White Russians before Petrograd fled in a rout before the soviet armies when promised assistance. The British fleet before Kronstadt failed to materialize.

Result of Copenhagen Deal?

Heretofore the order has been to fight the bolsheviks to the last ditch. Now there is a sudden change. It isn't an entirely curious reverse when it is shown that the southeastern sweep of the Reds begins to menace British forces in Persia, British holdings in Afghanistan and India, and all the allied holdings in China.

Mr. O'Grady, M. P., representing Great Britain, and Envoy Litvinoff of soviet Russia have not been talking to kill time in Copenhagen. There is sufficient evidence here in Paris to reveal the actual threats employed by the bolsheviks to bring forth the allied peace effort. Those threats were Red penetrations into Asia Minor, India, and China, linking up all the disaffected peoples in those sections whose destinies have been mishandled by the allied peace council. Trans-Caucasia, Turkey, Palestine, Persia, Arabia, Afghanistan, northern India, and even Egypt come under these headings. Bolshevism, triumphant, has been headed in that direction for two months, and it has not reached its limits.

The British hope to stop it with a peace barrage.

SOCIALIST MAY SOON GOVERN BULGARIA.

By The Federated Press.
Sofia, Bulgaria. — A Socialist government is likely to be established here within a short time. The present coalition government has, under the pressure of working class opinion, been compelled to resign. The Socialists will now be called upon to form a cabinet under the leadership of Dr. S. Deneff, former premier and minister of foreign affairs.

RAIDS VIOLATE BASIC RIGHTS OF RADICALS, SAYS EX-GOV. DUNNE.

Chicago. — The "constitutional rights" of radicals in the United States have been violated by recent raids and deportations, Edward F. Dunne, former governor of Illinois, told a meeting of protest here Friday night. Jane Adams of Hull house presided.

Prof. J. Freund of the University of Chicago asserted neither the raids, the deportation proceedings nor the present Illinois sedition laws could stand a test of legality before the United States supreme court.

Central Labor Body Supports I. W. W.

Seattle Unionists Determined That I. W. W. Will Receive Fair Trial

By The Federation Press.
Seattle.—Declaring that 11 men held on a charge of murder following the Centralia tragedy cannot possibly be given a fair trial, the Central Labor Council of Seattle has determined to fight with their full power to obtain justice for them.

The men, all members of the I. W. W., are confined in the Montesano jail. So great is the prejudice against them that their counsel and witnesses cannot obtain quarters, and according to affidavits, have been told that if they build quarters, they will be burned.

Judge John M. Wilson himself admitted that an impartial trial and protection from further lynching could not be given the men in Montesano, and granted a change of venue, which he later rescinded, although conditions had not changed.

A committee of labor representatives has been appointed to attend the trial at Montesano and make a report to their organizations. Vigorous protests against the injustice of the case embodied in resolutions passed by the Metal Trades Council have been sent to official involvement.

AMERICAN LEGION DISOWNED

"No Real Soldiers In The Legion", Declares President Chicago Federation of Labor.

By The Federated Press.
Chicago.—"There are no real soldiers in the American legion," declared President John Fitzpatrick to the Chicago Federation of Labor. "The legion is the political creature of the Republican party. 'Real working men who fought in the war should join the world war veterans or the private soldiers' and sailors' legion," he said.

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ted to follow the demands of their own people, the use of these routes and ports would certainly not be denied. But if the allies continue to compel the states to remain hostile they will still effect a blockade of Russia.

"The so-called lifting of the blockade will be less effective if the policy of inciting Poland and the other states to wage war upon Russia is persisted in, for although great efforts will not be required to repulse attacks nevertheless military requirements will still have priority over economic developments."

Lansbury then asked: "You attach little importance then, to the supreme council decision?"

Depends On Intention.
"Its importance depends upon the sincerity of its intention," replied Litvinoff, "and of the general policy of the allies toward Russia. If, as we are given to understand, this remains unchanged, then the declaration of the blockade's lifting is merely lip service to the popular demand."

Litvinoff ridiculed the scare raised by Winston Churchill and the capitalist press over the alleged Russian designs against southern Asia.

"Soviet Russia," he concluded, "has shown herself to be the possessor of weapons that can blunt the weapons of capitalist countries. She will use them up to the hilt so long as she is compelled to fight, but her only longing is to stop fighting and to be permitted to turn her attention to her own affairs."

KOLTCHAK'S SOLDIERS SHOOT THEMSELVES

Eighty Percent Koltchak's Army Shoots Themselves, Rather Than Fight.

By The Federation Press, Tokio. — The majority of Koltchak's soldiers have been unwilling to fight, and fully 80 percent of the wounded soldiers sent back were wounded with their own guns, according to a British officer.

LUXEMBOURG SOCIALIST SUP- PORT MOSCOW

Luxembourg Comrades Declare For Affiliation With the Third International.

By The Federated Press, Luxembourg. — The Socialist party here has declared for affiliation with the third (Moscow) International, and the early establishment of workmen's council "capable of exercising power at the moment of decisive action by the International."

DENOUNCE AMERICAN LEGION

Detroit Federation of Labor Goes On Record Opposed to American Legion.

By The Federated Press, Detroit. — Labor here took a definite stand on the question of the American legion, when the federation delegates voted at the last weekly meeting officially to indorse the Private Soldiers' and Sailors' Legion, and denounce the American Legion. The federation also passed a resolution demanding of congress that Victor L. Berger be allowed to resume his seat in the house.

Don't Let the Legion Know

"There is no reason why we should obtain from America or from Great Britain at heavy prices goods that we can procure from Germany under more favorable terms." — French Minister of Finance.

A Taste of Pure Americanism

"Somewhere near Broadway, in a men's hat factory, where the majority of young girls are employed under insanitary conditions, long hours, with the maximum wage scale of \$15 a week, the following notice has been put up on the wall:

"This is an American house. You earn a better living HERE and live better than you ever did before."

"Do not criticize our President, our Government, our Allies. If you do not like the way we run our Government, go back to your own country."

"If you are just a natural rebel or if you have no country."

"THEN GO TO—HELL!"

"This employer is bitterly opposed to any kind of organization that believes in promoting wages, and is just as bitterly opposed to strikes. He is perfectly satisfied with any government, provided his profits are going upward."

"If our Americans believe that they can offer us such a kind of Americanism, then I am 1 percent American and leave the 99 percent to them."

P. S. The above is written by an American girl, engaged in the task of organizing the working-class women.

SELF-EDUCATION OF THE WORKERS

The Cultural Task of the Struggling Proletariat

A. LUNACHARSKI

Peoples' Commissary for Education under the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic.

The culture of the proletariat struggling to free itself is a class culture, sharply defined, and based on strife. It is romantic, and, from its very intensity, its form suffers, because time does not allow a definite and perfect form to be elaborated from its stormy and tragic substance.

Classes and nations which have reached their highest development are classical in their culture. Classes striving for self-expression are romantic, and their romanticism possesses the typical characteristics of the "storm and stress"; classes doomed to decay assume another form of romanticism, that of melancholy, disenchantment, and decadence.

We must not conclude that there is no intimate relationship between Socialist and proletarian culture because they so substantially differ from each other. We must bear in mind that the struggle is one for an ideal: that of the culture of brotherhood and complete freedom, of victory over the individualism which cripples human beings; and of a communal life based not on compulsion and the need of man to herd together for mere self-preservation, as it was in the past, but on a free and natural merging of personalities into super-personal entities.

Not only do the very characteristics of this ideal prescribe definite forms of co-operation in the midst of the prevailing world strife: these forms are themselves the direct outcome of the peculiar position occupied by the working class in the capitalist world order, which has forced the workers to be the best organized and most united class in the community.

No ideal can spring from a soil or seed alien to it; the methods and weapons used for its attainment must be in harmony with itself. Therefore from the struggling proletariat we must not expect the splendour of the harvest and the perfection of form and unfettered grace of victorious strength. These will reveal themselves in the future. Nevertheless, we have every reason to expect that proletarian culture, because of its struggle, its toil, and suffering, will possess characteristics which would probably be unthinkable in the social order of a triumphant Socialism.

But the question arises whether this struggling proletariat really has a culture of any sort. Most certainly. In the first place, it possesses in Marxism all that is essential—the fine and powerful investigation of social phenomena, the basis of sociology and political economy, the corn-

erstone of the philosophic conception of the world. In these the proletariat is already in possession of treasures which can bear comparison with the most brilliant achievements of the human brain.

Moreover, in many countries the proletariat has evinced a remarkable organizing power in the political sphere. It is true that the dead creation of the past still holds the new life in its arms; the bourgeois parliamentarianism and nationalism has permeated the young political organism of the workers' parties and of the Workers' International itself.

The crisis is acute; the disease, of which the left Social Democrats gave warning whilst it was yet in its incubatory period, is most virulent—indeed, many asserted that it would prove fatal—but one can even now declare that it will be overcome and utilized, and that the political organizations of the proletariat will emerge from the fearful ordeal stronger and more influential than ever.

In the economic aspects of the struggle, one cannot say that the ideal of the thinkers and tacticians of the trade union movement has been reached; but one must be filled with admiration for the complicated and beautiful structure of the industrial and craft organization which, though as yet incomplete, impresses both friend and foe.

All working-class organizations have undergone a wonderful development.

The International Congress of Stuttgart imbued the trade union movement with Socialist ideals, and by its famous resolution placed the movement on a level with the political Socialist Party.

The Congress of Copenhagen practically did the same for the co-operative (?) movement, and there was every reason to hope that the Congress of Vienna would emphasize the vast importance of the fourth form of proletarian culture, namely, the struggle for education.

The development of the educational movement is seen in the foundation of proletarian colleges by many Socialist parties, the transference to Socialist organizations of a number of schools and Sunday schools, the ever-increasing number of scientific and literary Socialist clubs. The attention paid to child welfare and the education of the young in connection with the organization of proletarian elementary schools will lead to the transformation of working-class family life. The woman must cease to be enslaved by the proletarian kitchen and the proletarian nursery; the latter, we must admit, is at present practically non-existent. I merely refer to the most important of the series of questions with which the Socialist proletariat has begun to grapple both theoretically and practically.

Before the war but few Social Democrats had realized the truth, conclusively proved by Spencer, that even the best mental training has little influence on the will unless it be accompanied by the development of the finer human feelings. The ethical and aesthetic education of the workers' children in the spirit of Socialist ideology is a supreme necessity.

Rosa Luxemburg is more than right when she says: "We shall hardly make any progress without a clear understanding of the work of proletarian self-education." Comparatively little has been done in this direction, which may be termed the sphere of enlightenment, and in which the creative power of the proletariat must very clearly manifest itself. Even before the war the need for this enlightening self-education was very strongly felt; and work had been started in that direction. But the war so clearly showed the workers the shortcomings of this most important aspect of their culture that, notwithstanding the wholesale waste and destruction in Europe during the past four years, we may expect to see in the near future a great revival of working-class energy in this direction.

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Under Red Flag

The remarkable fact that the Red armies are being led to victory by generals who at one time had served under the Tsar is commented on by the Paris "Journal des Debats," which publishes a list of leaders who have abandoned the White for the Red standard. These include:

General Evert, a redoubtable strategist, who is responsible for the crushing defeat of his old comrade-in-arms, Kolchak.

General Gourki, one of the Tsar's most distinguished generals, who took Kieff for the Reds.

General Teheremissoff, professor of the War Academy and late commander of the 12th Army. General Klembovsky, ex-Chief of Staff of the Armies of the South-West front.

General Syetchine, a well-known military writer.

General Radouss-Zinkovitch, ex-Chief of Staff of the 6th Army.

General Bagoff, ex-commander of the 6th Division.

General Selatcheff, ex-commander of the 4th Finnish Division.

General Sytine, at one time attached to the Staff on the Rumanian front.

General Egorieff, ex-commander of an army corps, and Generals Nadejny, Bouch-Bronievitch, Sniesareff, Velitchko, Beliaeff, Vakharalovsky, Patapoff, and Nesnamoff.

The old story that any White soldier who joined the Red forces did so under the fear of death is not a sufficient explanation for the fact that such a long list of gallant and distinguished generals should have transferred their adherence to the Soviet Republic.

Dark Ages

Men Driven by Torture to Madness.

DEATH BY STRANGLING.

From Our Special Correspondent M. PHILIPS PRICE.

Berlin, January 1. — The "Freiheit" publishes to-day the report of a Hungarian intellectual on the White Terror in his country.

Most ghastly atrocities have been committed by the Magyar Junger Government set up by the Allies' agents last August. Its policy has been systematically to exterminate every person who has in the past professed even mild Socialist views. Trade union leaders and members of Constitutional Labour parties are hurled into prison and torture applied to drag from them statements which may be twisted into incriminating evidence.

The report describes how wretched men have lighted cigarette ends pressed against their bare bodies or hot nails thrust under their finger and toe nails, and how they are beaten with rubber batons.

Nameless Atrocities.

Many of the methods of torture are so horrible that they cannot be published. Several of the victims have gone mad; two have died. One man named Dirmfeld could no longer endure the torture and admitted that he had taken part in a revolutionary tribunal set up by the Hungarian Soviet Government, although this was not the case.

Those who make any admission are marched out and executed publicly. Allied officers have been seen to be present as spectators. Execution is by strangulation. It is not, of course, expected in Budapest that after these events the Allies will have any objection to "shaking hands with murder."

—London Herald.

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SHIRKING FACTS

Bullitt Replies to Premier.

The following letter has been addressed to the Editor of the Daily Herald by Mr. William C. Bullitt, the American journalist, whose statement with regard to a previous Soviet offer of peace was denied by Mr. Lloyd George.

I gather from the very brief reports in the New York papers that, in dealing with the peace proposal I brought back from Russia, Lloyd George confined himself to personal abuse and a third denial of an utterly untruthful account of my testimony, alleged to have appeared in the Paris "Daily Mail."

Apparently Mr. Lloyd George has not yet denied a single statement which I actually made in my testimony before the Foreign Relations Committee of the Senate. I hope you now have the official Senate document and can verify this for me.

Is it true that Mr. Lloyd George has said that he has not yet read my testimony? Can't you make him read it, so that he will have either to speak the truth or to lie directly? At present he seems to be able to hide behind inaccurate Press reports and to deceive the people of Great Britain in regard to Russia by evasive skating on the ragged edge of the truth.

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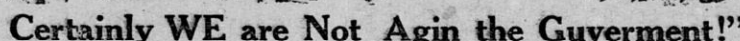
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EDITORIALS

"PALMER THE RED."

It is with a pitying contempt, that we view the efforts of men like Attorney-General Palmer to create a "red" scare. Yet at the same time, we thank him for all that he has done for the Communist Labor Party.

At the Convention, that witnessed the birth of the Communist Labor Party, objections were made to the use of the name, Communist. Even yet, there are some (Communists?) who still believe that we should retain the name, "Socialist". The opposers of the motion, to call ourselves the Communist Labor Party, stated that it would be a hard task to explain the difference between Socialism and Communism. That task has been accomplished and very successfully. The average worker has come to know the difference between Communism and Socialism. Thanks to you, Mr. Palmer! You have rendered yeoman service to the Communist movement and if there is such a thing as personal satisfaction, you can feel personally satisfied, that a "red" finds time to thank you for all that you have done. Not for tens of thousands of dollars, could we, of the Communist movement, have reached the masses with our propaganda, as Mr. Palmer, through the Department of Justice, has done. What an inspiring sight, to be sure! To read in the "New York World," the "New York Times" and all the leading metropolitan journals the program of the Communist Labor Party. Thousands of thousands of people received our message and it did not cost us ONE CENT.

Certainly not! Mr. Palmer is NOT a "red". He is what the Englishman would call him, "a silly ass".

In fact the capitalist class are all "silly asses". They use the methods of repression and they focus the attention of the workers upon one issue, and that issue is Communism. The front pages of their dailies and weeklies feature articles about the "reds" and they wonder why it is that we grow!

Ask dad, he knows. The Duluth Herald and the News Tribune have also carried story after story about JACK CARNEY. Not, because they are exceptionally fond of him, simply because they thought they could discredit him in the eyes of the people. What is the result? Why his most bigoted opponents extend to him the glad hand and he is able to reach a greater crowd, with more effectiveness. The capitalist class fail to realize that when they oppress us they scare away all the weak-hearted and only those with courage dare to oppose them. Consequently the workingclass receive the kind of propaganda that is most beneficial to them. If on the other hand, we had free speech, we would have a thousand and one reformers, with a thousand and one ideas, in a thousand and one places. The result be would that the workingclass would find themselves in a maze. But now, the Communists has a clear field. For which we thank you all, officers of the Government. We could not have managed the job better ourselves.

MARK TWAIN ON LOYALTY

"Loyalty to one's country is not to its institutions or its office holders. The country is the real thing, the eternal thing. It is the thing to watch over and care for and be loyal to; institutions are extraneous. They are mere clothing, and clothing will wear out and become ragged, cease to be comfortable, cease to protect the body from winter, disease and death. To be loyal to rags to shout for rags, to worship rags, to die for rags—that is the loyalty of unreason, it is pure animal, it belongs to monarchy, let monarchy keep it."

A LETTER FROM ELLIS ISLAND

To Comrades Outside of the "Island of Tears":—

Here upon the so-called "Island of Tears" are gathered hundreds of soldiers of the proletarian army, from all parts of the United States and of many nationalities. What fate we are going to meet we do not yet know. But we do know that we have earned the most bitter enmity of the representatives of the existing order and that its means will be used to try to make us harmless to capitalism.

We are ready for anything and everything. We are ready to carry on the struggle against international capitalism up to the finish. According to the United States Constitution, every person has the right of consultation with his attorney before testifying. This right has been denied us and so we are answering our persecutors with an aliens' strike. In other words, we refuse to talk or give answers to the questions. With this we are trying to demonstrate to the workers that there is NO DEMOCRACY IN THE UNITED STATES FOR THE WORKINGCLASS.

A joyous spirit prevails amongst us. The icy waves splashing around our prison walls do not weaken our courage, nor do the agents of the ruling class. Our courage, in fact, has been strengthened by this new experience.

Twice every day we walk in the open air. Ranks are formed. Comrades experienced in the art of soldiering, instruct us how to march and manoeuvre. Undoubtedly the government agents consider us a veritable RED Army and soldiers of the revolution.

The time "inside" is taken up by lectures and discussions. As often as possible concerts are arranged for the evenings, for we have amongst our numbers good talent, some professional actors and musicians. Singing choruses have been organized and sometimes the "Internationale" and other revolutionary songs are sung. We call upon the comrades on the outside to do all in their power to solidify their fight. DO NOT WORRY TOO MUCH ABOUT US. Do not waste much finance in the defense. The great majority have admitted that they are Communists. Our plans are decided. We are refusing individual defense, we demand to be tried as a mass, and we, Communists, who do not deny our principles.

YOUR DUTY ON THE OUTSIDE IS TREMENDOUSLY LARGE. Reaction threatens you. Yet you must face the enemy and battle until victory is ours. Our places made vacant amongst you must be filled in multiplied numbers and so we demand that you must do everything to unite the Communist Parties immediately. We here on Ellis Island, regardless of which the parties we belong to are only Communists. If there are leaders amongst you who stand against unity push them aside. He who still propagates thus unnecessary split is not worthy of the name of Communist. Do not share your energies and determination in the propagation of our principles. May the workers soon establish their own rule in the United States. May the revolution soon be a consummated fact. Down with capitalism! Long live the workers international!

Signed,
Lettish Group of Communists,
Ellis Island, January 13th, 1919

WENDELL, PHILLIPS

"If there is anything that cannot bear free thought, let it crack."

THE RED RAIDS

The Capitalist Government of the United States in a mad hysterical rage is trying to stave off the inevitable collapse of Capitalism. Ignorant, vicious, and corrupt officials are persecuting thousands of men and women who have declared their allegiance to the revolutionary working class movement. The prostitute capitalist press in bold headlines praises every czarist act on the part of the stupid agents of the government. We are informed that "thousands of alien reds who have plotted against the free and democratic institutions of the republic," will be deported to Europe. "The Communist Movement in the United States is an alien movement," shout the intellectual ingnoramuses of the Capitalist Class. "Out of the country with them!" Raids follow raids and arrests follow arrests. Capitalism seeing its impending ruin in Europe and afraid for its existence in America calls for the speedy extermination of the Communist Movement.

The Communist Labor Party has not been exterminated! Despite the hard blows inflicted upon it, the movement to bring about Communism in the United States through the rule of the workers will go on. To the comrades in jail and those of Ellis Island and elsewhere awaiting deportation the Party sends its warmest greeting. The democracy and the liberty of the United States about which the Capitalist politicians boast, is now nakedly exposed, in all its hideousness. It is the liberty and democracy of the Plunderbund that wallows in luxury and wealth while the workers starve and are miserably exploited.

The Government through its stupid and brutal hirelings is today hounding the foreigners like the worst criminals, because they do not appreciate the "gratitude" of the American exploiter in giving them jobs and paying them wages. The boasted institutions of America and its fabulous wealth amounting to billions of dollars have been built on the sweat and blood of the foreign-born worker. In the basic industries where brawn and muscle are essential it is the workers from Russia, Italy, Sweden, etc., who are employed. The industrial security of the entire country depends upon the willingness of the foreign-born workers here to remain on the job and produce. The foreign-born workers who give their lives in industry so that America can boast of its millionaires have a perfect right to participate in the revolutionary struggles of the workers in America. And when the time comes, and all indications point to the fact that it is coming soon, the foreign-born workers will play a very important part in the overthrow of American Capitalism.

Most of the workers now held for deportation will be more than pleased to be shipped out of the country where there is no semblance even of Capitalist law, where governmental anarchy reigns supreme, and where it is dangerous for one even to think. Send the workers back! Each and every one of them will be a propagandist abroad! There they will willingly inform the workers of the autocracy of the American Government, the brutality of its persecution and the lawlessness of its officials. Through them the American revolutionary movement expects to obtain the united support of the revolutionary movement abroad.

We urge the stupid politicians of the capitalist class to proceed. The steel workers strike was smashed when they sought redress in the form of a little more wages and the right to collective bargaining. Every so-called guarantee of the American Constitution was denied the steel workers. Their meetings were broken up. Their homes were entered by the State Constabulary. Soldiers were ordered to shoot them if they attempted to picket. The steel mill owners were permitted to hire armed murderers from the criminal classes of the country, and these armed murderers were permitted to brutally assault and kill steel workers. The mine workers, numbering 450,000 were treated in almost the same fashion. All the power of the organized government was used to force the miners back to work. While the capitalists through their government are determined to ruthlessly wipe out every attempt on the part of the workers to organize and better their conditions, they are unable to stop the everrising cost of living, a fact that stalks in every workers' home and sows unrest and revolution where least expected.

The institutions of no government are secure where, on the one hand, there are a few who own millions and billions of dollars of wealth, while the vast majority of the people must work for wages that are inadequate to meet an enormously high cost of living.

Millions of dollars are spent and thousands of workers' lives are lost in a futile attempt to overthrow the Workers' Government of Russia. The workers of Russia have for two years demonstrated what a Workers' Government can accomplish. They have successfully resisted the Capitalist forces of the world. The campaigns of Kolchak, Denikin and Yudenitch characterized by their atrocities, have been crushed. The attempts of Capitalism in America to revive the corpse of the Czar Nicholas in the United States will also mean the end of Capitalist rule here.

The Capitalist politicians and their intellectual supporters brand the Communist Movement and the Communist Labor Party in particular as an illegal movement because they claim it is opposed to law and order. What law and order is the Communist Labor Party opposed to? Is it that almost religious reverence of the ballot box as a means for expressing any political opinion and of changing the form of government? Almost all the staunch pretenders of the belief in the ballot box are today denying that principle. Men who have been denied the right to assume office because their political views differ with the views of those in power. The case of Berger elected to Congress in Wisconsin is one instance, and the ousting of the five Socialist Assemblymen from the New York State Legislature is another. Numerous cases of like nature all over the country can be mentioned. It is not to be assumed that the Communists entertain the foolish pretensions that the Socialists do about the ballot box and parliamentary action. It is foolish for a party that is organized to overthrow Capitalism and its institutions to expect a class entrenched in power to release that power because a majority of the electorate have voted against them. No ruling class ever willingly gave up its rulership in the past, nor will any ruling class do so in the future. The political activities of the Socialist Party, their loud pronouncements in support of the liberty and democratic institutions of the Capitalist Class, who will do everything in their power to keep intact, the parliamentary structure of the Capitalist political State, when it is threatened.

At the present time there is no semblance of a unified government harmoniously working through all its branches. Appointed bureaucrats, responsible to no popular will, assume autocratic powers and trample underfoot all the guarantees so-called, of liberty and democracy. Private organizations supported by private capital are permitted to assume the functions of the State and proceed to commit violence. The newspapers openly preach murder, hatch plots and lie about the movement of the workers. To have an opinion is a crime. To publish a paper in opposition to the opinion of the Capitalist Class is criminal anarchy. The entire structure of our Government is in a mix-up, various departments opposing one another. One has but to take a cross-section of the country—jails jammed full of political prisoners—thousands awaiting deportation—politicians calling for the blood of radicals and union men—and an enormously wealthy Capitalist Class, and you have a picture of the political situation of America.

The Communist Labor Party realize that the only way out of the Capitalist Anarchy now reigning supreme is through the overthrow of Capitalism and the establishment of the rule of the workingclass. Capitalism in Europe is fast crumbling to pieces, and American Capitalism, dependent upon Europe will meet the same fate. The Communist Labor Party will continue its fight. There will be no compromise with the Capitalist Class. There will be no let-up in the struggle until we are victorious. Millions of workers will in the next year get the message of Communism. As members of the Third International we will accomplish our task. The sham democracy—the dictatorship of the Capitalist Class—will be the ruin from which will rise the Dictatorship of the Proletariat—The rule of the working class.

The Communist Labor Party.

JUST A WORKER!

Poor Joe Schmidt is dead! Joe was thirty eight years age and had never attended radical meetings, but he had a name like SCHMIDT, so he was arrested.

Inside of prison he worried about his family. He did not know how they could manage without him. Continually worrying and seeing his family prevented from seeing him, whilst he was behind the bars, poor Joe committed suicide. Now the yare going to see that they do not arrest any more men with families. Because Joe's death rather upsets their boasted love of democracy. But what is going to become of Joe's wife and her three little children? Oh shure, we forgot there are plenty of 100 % Americans who need child-slaves. So it is a kind of good thing that Joe was arrested. Because if Joe had not been arrested, he would not have worried. If he had not worried about his children, he would never have killed himself. Say 100 percenters, that was a great victory you scored. Now you have THREE of Joe's children instead of Joe. Just think of the profits you can make. Three little children. What offers? At ten cents per hour. Any advance on ten cents per hour. Sold to a 100 percenter.

RUSSIAN LABOR LAWS.

We have just received a copy of the Labor Laws of the Russian Soviet Government. When we contrast them with the new legislation about to be passed in the United States, we feel extremely jealous of those who were fortunate enough to be deported on the "Buford".

It is gratifying to note that all matters effecting the life of the worker are discussed and decided upon by the Soviets and the Central Executive committee. When you realise the amount of opposition that has been aroused by the Plumb Bill, you are forced to admit that Russia leads the way, when it comes to dealing with the workingclass.

The following persons are NOT allowed to work in Russia:

- Persons under sixteen years of age.
- Persons over fifty years of age.
- Persons who have injured or are ill.
- No woman is allowed to work, for a period of two months before giving birth to a child and two months after giving birth.

In case it is impossible to arrive at any understanding regarding hours etc., such as was the case with the United Steel Corporation, then the labor unions present their case and it is decided upon by the Department of Labor. You can see what a decided advance that is, upon the American method. In America we appeal to the Department of Labor and the Department of Labor appeals to the employers and if the employers turn the Dept. of Labor down, then your strike becomes a long-drawn out affair, creating much suffering. In Russia if the boss is stubborn and refuses to act, then all power is taken out of his hands and he is forced to abide by the decision of the Government.

No female or person under eighteen years of age is allowed to engage in night work. Neither must they be allowed to work in any industry where the conditions are especially hard and dangerous.

If a worker falls sick, HIS WAGES STILL RUN ON. Or if by chance he is thrown out of work, through no fault of his own, he still receives his wages.

The hours of working are eight per day and seven per night. Furthermore, ALL persons under eighteen years of age are not allowed to work more than SIX hours per day. This rule also applies to those engaged in heavy work. No worker is allowed to work longer than four hours at a stretch. He must at the end of that time receive a rest, of not less than thirty minutes and not more than two hours. Women having children must not work longer than three hours at a stretch and must receive a rest of not less than thirty minutes and not more, than two hours.

Overtime is ONLY permitted in cases of necessity. Then overtime must be in case of any the following emergencies arise:—

a) In connection with the production of work necessary for prevention of public calamities and danger, endangering the existence of the Soviet Government of the Russian people and the lives of the people.

b) In connection with the production of necessary public work relative to water supply, lighting, sewerage and transport for removal of casual or unexpected circumstances, which have caused disorder in their correct function.

c) In cases of necessity to finish the work begun, which owing to unforeseen and accidental delay due to technical conditions of production, could not be finished during normal working hours, provided the stoppage of work can involve damage of materials and machines.

d) In connection with execution of repairs and renewal of machine parts or erections in cases when the damage of same involves stoppage of work of a considerable number of wage-earners.

No person is allowed to work overtime, if they are females or are under eighteen years of age. Those compelled to work overtime, cannot work more than FOUR hours each two days. Further if a person is late in coming to work, he is not permitted to make up for lost time by working overtime. This tends to promote discipline and order in the management of the factory.

All workers must have, at least, forty-two hours continued rest each week. On the eve of all rest days, the normal working day is reduced by two hours.

All workers who have worked continuously for six months, are given a two weeks' vacation, with pay. After they worked for one year continuously, they are given one months vacation, with pay. No worker is allowed to engage in any work during the time of his vacation, providing he feels that he would much prefer working and if he does work, under those conditions, he is not given any pay. This gives the work a chance to rest and make him feel a man. He does not become an "over-time fiend," like some of the Duluth workers. If a worker, through unforeseen circumstances, is compelled to ask for leave of absence and his demand is found to be a fair one, then his pay runs on just the same.

A certain amount of work is required of each worker. If a worker fails to produce the amount of work stipulated, he is placed on a job that will enable him to do so. This method obtains in all factories and is the means of obtaining

a sufficient amount of work out of the workers, without a resort to a slave-driving foreman or speeding-up system.

Responsibility of providing safe conditions, is placed upon the shoulders of the workers. The workers elect their own inspectors and these inspectors visit the factories and see that all means are adopted that will promote the well-being of the workers. If the inspectors fail to carry out their duties, they can be recalled at a moment's notice. All that is required, is a presentation of charges and these charges are discussed by a committee of workers. If the charges are found to be correct, then the inspector is recalled. As the "Russian Code of Labor Laws" states in Section IX, article 139:—

"The organs of labor inspection realise the task of protection of life and health of wage earners, put upon them, observing the execution of regulations of the present Code, decrees, instructions, orders and other acts of Soviet authority, directed on the protection of the life and health of the workingclasses."

When the worker falls sick, he is given all the necessary hospital treatment. He is not allowed to place himself in the hands of a "quack" doctor, he has access to the best physicians in the land. The hospital is kept going out of funds derived from the following sources:—

a) Fines obtained from all establishments that pay less than remuneration stipulated by the Government.

b) Fines derived from those employers who delay paying their employees.

c) Profits derived from the funds so secured.

d) Casual payments.

If the employers refuse to pay their fines, then they are assessed a further ten percent for their delay and the whole amount is collected by the Department of Labor.

Immediately a man is thrown out of work, he informs the local authorities and at the end of the fourth day of unemployment he begins to receive his wages, equal to those he received on the job he was discharged from.

A study of the above laws will provide any unbiased person with sufficient reasons as to why the employing class of this country are so much opposed to Bolshevism. All through the laws, runs that feeling of sympathy and keen appreciation of the fact, that the interests of the producers is the paramount issue. The employers, and let it be understood that ALL industries are not in the hands of Government, it takes time, are subject to laws framed and enacted by the workingclass. The redeeming feature, in our opinion, of the Soviet system is that the, **THE WORKERS RULES.**

Contrast the Russian method of running industry with the American methods and you will notice that the working-class of Russia keep their employers in order, whereas we, in America, allow the employers to keep us in order. In Russia, the worker approaches the boss with a feeling of independence. If there is anything wrong, he immediately brings same to his attention. In this country we are struck with the abject servility of the worker to the employer. "Thank you sir," "Yes sir" and "I'm sorry sir". Go into any office and notice the manner in which the worker approaches the boss. See him take off his hat and well nigh apologise for being there. Instead of walking up to the boss and telling him that the conditions must be altered or else someone else will have to do the job, he even apologises to the boss for bringing to his attention, certain machinery that is not fenced and is a danger to the lives of the workers.

We trust that the American workingclass will organize into industrial unions and use their combined economic power to obtain all the demands that they deem necessary. Stand erect like men and refuse to crawl like slaves. Let your red blood flow and refuse to allow it to clot your brain and prevent you from thinking. Read the history of America and if you really believe that you are "A HUNDRED PERCENTER" then study the lives of some of your real Americans. Read about Patrick Henry, William Lloyd Garrison and many others. **THEY WERE MEN.** They were not the miserable objects that pass for men. They were men with real blood in their veins. Organize and assert yourselves like men. Stand erect, and if there is anything wrong right it. If you must crawl and whine, then quit calling yourself a man and go into forests with the animals that do not know any better. Better by far to be a MAN, then to be a coward. Better by far to earn the contempt of your employers and the love of your fellow-workers, then to receive the hand-claps of those that will use you to lower your wages and drive you back to a state of society, worse than even the savages lived under.

LONG LIVE THE SOLIDARITY OF LABOR.

I. W. W. CONTROL THE CHURCH.

We claim that great excitement reigns within the local Churches. It appears that one of the members of the I. W. W. has been using the hymns of the Episcopalian Church in order to carry on their One, Big Union propaganda.

We trust the I. W. W. will recognise the sacredness of the Church and keep their hands off. It is indeed surprising to hear a religious crowd on a Sunday morning, led by Judge Gary, singings hymns containing the following:—

"We are not divided."

All one body we."

Then what is more surprising is to see Judge Gary leading the church choir and singing:—

"See the mighty hosts advancing"

Satan leading on."

It is really surprising how frank people are these days! Then after the minister has made his usual sermon, the crowd immediately gives him the haw-haw and sings:—

"Tell me the old, old story."

THE COLLAPSE OF CAPITALISM.

"This war came upon us when the industrial system had been highly developed. It destroyed that industrial system. The system depended upon credit. Credit is gone, and largely gone international credit. There may be workmen in Central Europe at this moment, anxious to work, but they cannot get the raw material. They cannot get the material because they cannot pay for it. They cannot pay for it because the whole system of credit which is a system of international payment has itself been shaken to the dust.—Mr. A. Balfour at Constitutional Club, London, December 11,

THOMAS JEFFERSON

"The spirit of the times may alter, will alter. Our rulers will become corrupt, our people careless. A single zealot may become persecutor, and better men be his victims. It can never be too often repeated that the time for fixing essential right, on a legal basis, is while our rulers are honest, ourselves united. From the conclusion of this war we shall be going down hill. It will not then be necessary to resort every moment to the people for support. They will be forgotten, therefore, and their rights disregarded. They will forget themselves in the sole faculty of making money, and will never think of uniting to effect a due respect for their rights. The shackles, therefore, which shall not be knocked off at the conclusion of this war, will be heavier, till our rights shall revive or expire in a convulsion."