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4. The Bulletin. The Bureau publishes a bulletin in four languages under the name, "Bulletin of the Provisional International Council of Crafts and Industrial Unions."

5. The Conference. Only those Unions will be invited to the international conference who hold the platform of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat and who wage the Class War. National organizations of trade unions, single trade unions and international federations may be represented on the basis laid down above.

The basis of representation at the international conference is as follows. National trade union organizations, single trade unions and trade union minorities, who have less than 500,000 members send two delegates. For every extra 500,000 or part thereof one extra delegate. The international bureau of the single industry or craft unions send one delegate each, with consulting voice. Single trade unions will only be admitted to this conference when the central organization of their land does not take part in the conference.

6. Headquarters. Until the summoning of the international conference Moscow will be the headquarters of the International Trade Union Council.

General. 1. The provisional Executive Committee of the International Trade Union Council consists of three members elected by the Trade Union Council irrespective of what land they represent.

2. The meetings of the Council will be held at least fortnightly. The Executive has the right, according to need, or at the demand of two thirds of the members to summon a special meeting.

3. The Executive Committee carries out the decisions of the Council, until the drawing up of the laws and powers of the committee is empowered in case the situation demands it to act immediately in which case it must allow itself to be guided by the principles upon which the International Trade Union Council is grounded. The Executive must conduct the struggle against the Amsterdam Labour Bureau with every means at its disposal and must take all necessary steps for ensuring the success of the International Conference.

(Note. In the case of those revolutionary trade unions who do not adopt a sufficiently clear attitude to the question of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat e. g. I. W. W., the Trade Union Council author-

POLITICAL HERESY A CRIME

By EDGAR OWENS.

Fifteen months have passed since the "red raids" — fifteen months wherein the mask of hypocrisy has been stripped from the face of Capitalist Society and exposed it, a ruthless, vindictive monster of bare fang and unsheathed claw. Political heresy is the crime of crimes and he who questions the sacredness of the Established Order does it at his peril.

Scores of men and women whose every act is inspired by their devotion to the working class languish in prison as you read these lines. Other scores await trial. No month goes by but takes its toll of deportees — "aliens" who will not be bullied into craven submissiveness.

Espionage Prosecutions. The Espionage Act was passed as emergency war-time legislation. Its ostensible purpose was to discourage the activities of enemy agents. But in its application it has teeth only for the militant workers. A survey of Espionage prosecutions reveals the fact that the spokesmen of the working class — men and women who refused to close their eyes to the facts of the class struggle in war as in "peace" — were about the only ones against whom its power was leveled. The Capitalist state, the same as any other state, is an organ of oppression. Attack Capitalism and governmental powers are hurled against you.

Criminal Syndicalism. The Espionage Act is emergency war-time legislation. With the coming of the "peace" it automatically ceases to exist. But that does not mean that government loses its oppressiveness. The form merely changes; the substance re-

mains. For, taking advantage of the war-time hysteria, state after state enacted so-called Criminal Syndicalist laws. And these laws are permanent. They are designed to accomplish in "peace" what the Espionage Act accomplished in war. And under these state laws the prosecutions continue with unabated vindictiveness.

In California Reed and Ragsdale go to trial May 15th charged with being Communists. Others have already been pronounced guilty there for the same "crime." In Southern Illinois Hewlett and Carr will be tried early this spring. The big Chicago Communist case in which twenty men were found guilty for "conspiring to advocate the overthrow of government..." and given sentences ranging from one to five years will go to the Supreme Court on appeal in August. In New York, Larkin Gittlow, Winitsky, Ruthenberg and Ferguson, all splendid types of militant working class spokesmen, are in prison under sentence of from five to ten years. They are charged with publishing the Left Wing Manifesto. The cases of Jack Carney and J. O. Bentall are pending before the Federal Appellate Court. Thus from coast to coast, the slimy trail of a monster Capitalism is strewn with class war victims.

Deportation. Arrest of "alien" workers goes on constantly. The ferocity that marked the discredited Palmer method is no longer employed. The rounding up like wild beasts of thousands of men and women whose accent indicated them to be foreigners was too crude to get away with. The appearance to persecution must be avoided. Now the arrests are made in the less spec-

tacular way of one or two at a time. This does not attract so much attention and can therefore be made more effective.

What Can Be Done. The class struggle has been taken to the courts. Our comrades must be furnished with an adequate defense. Cases under conviction must be appealed. Where we are able to furnish a proper defense more than 90 percent of the deportation cases are dismissed. There is urgent need for relief of families of class war victims. This is the workers' fight. The workers must see it through. Otherwise you desert.

Let you who read this place a dollar bill in an envelope and send it to the NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE. If you can spare more send it on. Your imprisoned comrades look to you for help in this, their day of need. Make remittances to Edgar Owens, Sec'y Treasurer, and mail to THE NATIONAL DEFENSE COMMITTEE, Room 303, 166 West Washington St., Chicago, Illinois.

EVEN SAM SAYS YES

WASHINGTON.—"I regard the attorney-general's action as singular," said Samuel Gompers, head of the American Federation of Labor, when asked yesterday what he thought of Mr. Daugherty allowing Eugene V. Debs, former Socialist candidate for president to quit prison at Atlanta and go to Washington without guard.

"However," continued Mr. Gompers, "it is not unprecedented, and it is very seldom that a paroled prisoner breaks his parole. In the case of a man of the character of Eugene Debs it is unthinkable that he should not adhere to his word of honor. I have been and ever shall be a petitioner to the government to have the president make a proclamation of amnesty to all political prisoners, and of course I have laid special stress upon the case of Mr. Debs."

ACTION

By JIM PATTON.

The time has arrived for the workers of the United States and the whole world to assert themselves.

The time for protests, resolutions and so on is passed. The bloodhounds of the exploiters have hoodooed the educators of the workers, bit, snarled and shook them in their teeth like rags. They have incarcerated them in their bastilles for months and years. They have deported them—separated them from their wives and children, arrested them and released them and rearrested them.

The workers alone can stop this persecution by demanding the release of all the class war prisoners. And if our demands are not granted ring such pressure to bear as will secure the desired results. Remember we are the elephants, they are the ants.

LET FREEDOM RING

By ST. T. BONE DE SLIM.
My country—'tis of thee;
Vision of hope—to be;
Of thee I sing.
—Land of the "Redskin" brave;
—Land of the "landless" slave;
From every industrial-grave;
Let Freedom ring!

II
Let Freedom "fill" the air;
Let tyrants "breath" despair;
Sweet tidings bring.
Land where "not one" shall dread—
Dread the grim fight for bread—
Where toilers "first" are fed.
Let Freedom ring!

III
My country, forever more
Let not a prison door—
On toilers swing.
Let not a dungeon drear
Proclaim "our" rabid fear;
And bury our one so dear.
Let Freedom ring.

IV
Lest Freedom lose its tone;
Discard that meatless bone;
Why—to it cling?
Discard the parasite—
Hand him what's his by right
Retain your will and might
In everything—

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IN THE REALMS OF LABOR

By SPARTACUS

There seems to be nothing new, in the present struggle in the building industry. The unions are fully aware of that. The attack, now waged against them by the Minnesota Employers Association and the Builders Exchange of Duluth, was inevitable. It was bound to come as a matter of course in the continuous struggle between capital and labor. If it had not come this year, it would have come one year hence, and because of the conscientiousness of this very fact that this battle had to be fought out sooner or later, explains the reason, why, the workers in the building industry are putting up such a determined front to maintain the present wages, as well as the working conditions gained through many years of efforts.

The unions are also fully aware of that if the present strike, which is in defense for collective bargaining, is not fought out successfully and the question once for all settled, there is reason to believe that organized capital in the building industry would make another attempt in the near future to destroy the trade union movement of the community.

The present strike must be won. This fight is not a question of mere wages, it is a question of dealing collectively with the trades unions. Employers in the building industry. Must be given to understand that the time has past when a few employers can get together, decide on a wage they are going to pay and make the workers take it. That time is past, and will never return. The labor power which we possess is ours and is going to remain so, in spite of everything.

The organized workers are going to resist with all their might any attempt to be dictated, by the gentleman brought here from Chicago at a six thousand dollar salary.

The sooner the employers of the city begin to realize, that the magician from the windy city is only trying to keep his fat salaried job with no benefits to them, an early settlement will be forthcoming.

Unions Stand Firm. All crafts that struck prior to April 1st as well as the painters, that went out on the 1st of April against the reduction in wages decided by the Minnesota Employers Association are still out. The unions stand firm, all attempt by Builders Exchange to bring scraps to the city, to take places of the strikers has failed.

The Sheet Metal Workers have placed Walker Jamar, Collan & Hopkins and Deetz shop on the unfair list. It is urgent that every worker for the sake of honor stays away from these shops.

As to the Electrical Workers, every shop in the city is unfair to union men.

All shops, whose owners belong to the Builders Exchange are unfair to painters. Let no painter be induced to come to Duluth. We are informed that the Exchange is advertising in other cities for painters.

For The Open Shop. Luther C. Harris, president of the scab alliance, on April 1st, sent out a Special Bulletin to all its member informing them that the painters went on strike. He urges all members of the Alliance and business throughout the city not to pay more than eighty cents per hour.

He also gives them to understand that scab painters may prove very expensive, so he advises them to take out insurance (Burglar insurance?) before hiring.

We agree fully with Mr. Harris in his warning to the public that they run a risk when they hire scabs. The best thing to do is to get union men to do the work.

The letter is as follows:
To Our Members:
We are informed the union painters have called a strike, effective April 1st. They demand \$1.00 an hour. The master painters are standing by the wage scale established by the Minnesota Employers Ass'n, and the Duluth Builders Exchange, eighty cents an hour, with the exception of (Informant pledged not to give name) which is running Closed Shop and paying the old scale.

We urge all members and business men generally to cooperate with the Master Painters by refusing to hire any painters at a wage above eighty cents.

Business men should also bear in mind that if they hire painters, or other workmen, as employees, they are assuming large risks for injuries that might occur, unless they go to the expense and trouble of taking out insurance.

The experience Duluth has had since the strikes took place on

Feb. 21st, when the reduced scale was established by the Builders Exchange, shows it will pay business men, in the long run, to cooperate with the Exchange and take temporary losses and inconveniences in order to get permanent, right conditions.

McLeod & Smith and Hugh Fawcett, who have building projects under way, and who are working Open Shop and on the new scale, say they are getting about THREE TIMES the production they formerly did from union men. They are getting about 3,500 brick laid a day for \$8, as against 1,200 to 1,400 brick a day for \$10, which they would be getting, if they were working on the old Closed Shop plan. Figure this out for yourself and see what it would amount to on a building requiring 500,000 brick. Apply the same proportion to other crafts and you can estimate the difference in costs on a building.

L. C. HARRIS, Pres. Partonize the Open Shop. Against Out in Wages.

The Coal Dock operators sent notice to L. U. No. 524 that they are going to cut the wages of mechanics 10 cents per hour and laborers 15 cents per hour. That the workday will be extended to ten hours per day. At a special meeting held last Friday, the proposal was expected so overwhelmingly, that it ought to be clear for the operators that the best thing to do is to agree on status quo.

IN THE OTHER CITIES.

Paper Hangers Gain.

St. Louis, Mo., April 9. — After a month's strike the Paper Hangers' union has raised wages and abolished piece work. The old rate of \$1 an hour is advanced to \$1.25, which is the building trades' basic wage. The strikers showed that this wage is not high for a seasonal occupation. More than 375 workers are benefited.

Stereotypers Gain.

Elmira, N. Y., April 9. — The Stereotypers' union has advanced wages to the following figures: Foremen, morning and Sunday newspapers, \$47 a week; foremen, evening newspapers, \$44; journeymen, morning papers, \$42; journeymen, evening papers, \$39. The old scale, with bonus, was: Foremen, \$38; journeymen, \$30.

Resist Wage Cuts.

Los Angeles, Cal., April 9. — The barrage by propagandists against alleged high wages of building craftsmen did not affect delegates to the annual convention of the California state building trades council. These unionists showed that living costs are much higher, when compared with 1914, than wage increases, which have averaged 80 per cent, while building material prices are still as high as 400 per cent in many cases.

Painters Make Gains.

Toronto, Ontario, April 9. — Painters' union No. 451 has reached a wage agreement with the Master Painters' association. The 1920 rate is practically agreed to.

Resist Wage Cut.

Springfield, Ill., April 11. — All painters went on strike to maintain a scale of wages of one dollar per hour.

Several thousand building craftsmen at St. Joseph, Mo., went on strike against a reduction in wages.

The entire building industry at St. Louis, Mo., is at a standstill. The employers decided to cut wages 20 per cent.

At Madison, Wis., 2,000 building trades men went on strike against a reduction in wages.

Chicago.—At the District council meeting of the Brotherhood of Carpenters & Joiners it was decided to inform the employers that the scale of \$1.25 per hour will have to be continued for the next beginning May 1st.

A CALL FOR FREEDOM

By M. DE WAL.
(The man without a country.)
The drive is on for the liberation of all class war prisoners.

Organized Labor and its adherents have at last decided that the time is ripe to demand instead of supplicate.

Will the Republican Party see fit to remove this black stain from the already badly smudged history of America? Will it prove more farsighted than the Democratic Party, or will it refuse to adhere to the Constitution and the Declaration of Independence, making

A REVIEW OF THE CONSTRUCTIVE WORK OF THE L. W. I. U. NO. 120, CONVENTION OF 1921

At this Convention the L. W. I. U. has put itself squarely on record as standing by the principles of Revolutionary Industrial Unionism. The Convention was marked by an absence of personal squabbles and sectional disputes. The seventeen delegates showed a disposition to deal with the many problems in a practical way for the best interest of the Industrial Union as a whole. A common sense set of rules was adopted for running the Convention and Parliamentary quibbling was eliminated.

In voting for the expulsion of the "gypos" and putting out a special ballot on the question, the Convention went on record as being opposed to scabbery in all its forms. Practically all the delegates came direct from the point of production. Their knowledge of the labor movement is gained from actual life, not from books. Experience on the job had taught them the injurious effect of the "gypos" form of scabbery.

Realizing that a scab union can be of no benefit to the workers and that an Organization must remain true to its principles if it is to justify its existence the Convention refused to be influenced by the quibbling and hair-splitting of would be Marxian intellectuals and took the only action consistent with common sense and Union principles.

There are some who object to the expulsion of the "gypos" on the ground that they are wage workers and it is "unconstitutional" to expel them. Such an argument can only come from a "single-track mind", capable of grasping only one idea at a time. This one idea so obscures the mental vision that it shuts out all others and prevents the mind from receiving impressions from its everyday surroundings. If such objectors were only capable of a moments intelligent thought they would see at once that the I. W. W. does not and cannot take in all wage workers; and that those whose occupation is in direct conflict with the interests of the workers must be kept out of a working class organization. Would any intelligent worker advocate that the I. W. W. should take in all policemen, detectives, gunmen and what are these but wage workers. The delegates were under no

delusion that "gypos" are capitalists. The action to expel the "gypos" was taken not because they are not wage workers but because they are undesirable characters and like policemen, gunmen, and detectives are working against the interests of their class, and to destroy the Union.

The action of the Convention in voting to expel the "gypos" was the only consistent and reasonable action that could be taken and was in accord with the will of the intelligent and class conscious members of the Organization as expressed in numerous resolutions.

Another important action of the Convention was the outlining of a plan designed to place entire control of the organization in the hands of the rank and file on the job, to promote holding meetings on every job, and to bring the members on the different jobs in touch with one another in such a way that they can come to a common agreement as to what action is to be taken and then all work systematically together to carry out that agreement. The weak point of the I. W. W. is lack of organization among its own membership. It is to be hoped the above mentioned plan will go far towards this end and supplying the necessary co-ordination and solidarity.

The Convention went on record as favoring the abolition of district offices as now run, and their use as supply stations. The district offices have been tried and have proved a failure. They are an unnecessary expense and tend to promote sectional patriotism instead of Industrial Solidarity.

A set of rules for holding meetings was drawn up to be submitted to the General Convention for adoption as the official rules for all I. W. W. meetings. This if adopted will fill a long felt want, for most existing rules of order are too complicated for working mass meetings and are designated to enable parliamentarians to defeat the will of the majority.

Much other work was done mostly dealing with routine matters pertaining to the running of the organization. A complete and accurate record will be found in the minutes which will be published immediately.

James Kennedy.

It values except on paper? The answer rests with the Republican Party; the eventual outcome rests solely with Labor. What shall the answer be, Comrades, Fellowworkers?

Will you like cravens accept any answer other than immediate liberation of all these who are behind the walls of stone and bars of steel for you?

No! A thousand times, No! Then help to agitate, educate, or organize in your might of right to see justice vindicated and the jail doors open wide for our beloved martyrs.

Remember! Conceited action is essential!

Act now!

WHAT HENRY NEEDS.

I have heard so much lately about "The conditions are not ripe for a revolution", that I am sick of listening to it.

The condition have been ripe as long as I can remember. Where the condition is not ripe is in "Henry Dubb's" head. That is the only condition we need bother about.

What Henry Dubb needs to learn is not the effects. Mudrakers have supplied him copiously in that line. What Henry needs to know and understand is what are the causes that are responsible for the effects and to understand the laws that operate in social evolution.

J. H. Peterson.

JAIL THAT JUDGE

NEW YORK.—"No matter of what grievous crime a man may be guilty, procedure against him must be in accordance with the Constitution of the United States," was the astounding declaration of Justice John M. Tierney here in the trial of Paul Manko, accused of anarchy in the Bronx Supreme Court.

"It has not been in the past," Justice Tierney continued. "Police organizations and law-enforcing bodies all over the United States have been gross violators of the

Constitution, as well as of the New York State Constitution."

The court's discovery was announced from the bench in granting a motion of Manko's attorneys that all papers and personal property seized in his home without warrant be withdrawn from the case and returned to their owner.

The papers were seized on June 1, 1920, in Manko's home, 332 East 100th Street. More than a month ago Justice Tierney directed District Attorney Martin to bring evidence that the seizures were made with proper authority. Such evidence was not produced, and the documents were ruled out with the stinging rebuke of the court.

ASLEEP, ALONG THE LINE

Slumber ill
Is slumber Bill.
With bended back
Beneath a pack.
Trudging a race
From place to place.
With his kind.
Never a mind
To ask the cause
Of many laws
Which are passed
By the master caste
To keep the slaves
In control of knaves.

Worse than ill
Is Gyro Bill
Who double packs
His bed and sacks
Of tools to build
The master guild,
Which is the curse,
Aye, even worse!
It is a blight
To mental sight.

O! countless graves
Of countless slaves
But stench the air
Everywhere
That loot invites
The parasites.
The trenches' dead,
Riddled with lead,
Industry's slain
And the hunger strain,
Is all, for what?
The parasite's pot.

3-30-21 D. S. Dietz.

REFERENDUM, INITIATIVE AND RECALL PLANNED

Author and Lecturer Brands Direct Government as Failure.

Present-day efforts to obtain direct government, as seen in the initiative, referendum and recall movement, are directly opposed to the purpose and spirit of the Constitution of the United States. Harry F. Atwood, Chicago author and lecturer, last night told an audience at the Church of the Redeemer, Second avenue south and Eighth street.

Attempts at direct government have always failed as far back as history records, according to Mr. Atwood, who said that the initiative, referendum and recall had proved themselves failures more than 1,000 years ago.

Bolshevism Perfect Democracy.
The representative form of government as set forth in the Constitution of the United States, is the golden medium between autocracy on one hand and democracy, or bolshevism, on the other, Mr. Atwood said. He declared bolshevism to be the most perfect example of democracy, or direct rule, that exists today.

"The creation of the Constitution of the United States is the most important event since the birth of Christ," Mr. Atwood said. "A knowledge of it would help Russia more than millions of dollars worth of food."

Many Laws Decried.
Direct government lowers the standard of men in public service. Mr. Atwood said, while representative government makes for a nation of statesmen. He decried the tendency toward a multiplicity of laws, declaring that there were more laws now than could be enforced or intelligently understood.

—Minneapolis Tribune.

SUCH FINE LOGIC

(Federated Press)

NEW YORK.—"The fact must not be lost sight of that the right to picket, which is regarded in the eyes of the union as a sacred one, was created by the courts and solely by them, and tribunal which must correct abuses if any arise under the determinations made by them."

Thus speaketh the Supreme Court of the State of New York, in adding one more to the long series of injunctions granted at the behest of employers. The discovery that a right is or has been "created by the courts and solely by them" is announced in a lengthy opinion by Justice Erlanger in which labor unions are scolded. The injunction was granted to the management of the Pre-Catalan Restaurant against officers and members of the National Federation of Workers in the Hotel, Restaurant, Lunchroom, Club and Catering Industry. About 100 employees of the restaurant went on strike in February.

Two other paragraphs in the opinion throw a striking light on the attitude of the judiciary. One of them refers to court rulings which countenance peaceful picketing. The other follows:

"Picketing, unaccompanied by threats and intimidation, is a 'useless weapon. Its effectiveness and its very essence is in the terror that it excites. It don peacefully it would be futile."

In view of the judicial tolerance of peaceful picketing, followed immediately by the judicial declaration that peaceful picketing is a "useless weapon," labor organization officials and members here are asking just what may be the solution of the riddle. Can it be that the courts were having their little joke when they conferred upon labor unions the "right" to picket peacefully and "uselessly?"

Eat If You're Hungry

By John E. Nordquist.
If you're hungry why don't you eat?
Why do you fear to throw your feet?
Smell the aroma of coffee in air—
Oh! say! boy! that steak must be rare.
Look at the swell guys streaming thru
Look how the door seems to beckon you.
Hurry up, hurry and get your fill
For it's feeding time at the old bean mill.

"Ain't got no money" you stand and whine
While others are rushing in to dine.
Haven't you earned your dinner, old scout?
Then who is going to rule you out?
Throw out your chest and follow the throng
For hungry guts can never do wrong....
Anchor your feet and call for grub;
Don't stand and starve like a brainless dub!

Tuck a white naphin 'neath your chin;
Look at the bill — shoot your order in!
Oyster stew and chicken — oh my!
Sweet potatoes and raspberry pie.
Eat if you're hungry for starving is wrong
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I recognize fully that without the intelligent efforts of the workers and of all right thinking people I would not have been elected. By your loyalty and support you have inspired me to more energetic service and to more conscientious devotion in all my undertakings for the benefit of our people, and the only way in which I can adequately express my gratitude to you is by faithfully giving you the best endeavor of my being.

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TWENTY YEARS AND DEATH

The supreme court of the United States has just decided that it does not want to examine the case of the I. W. W. that had been referred to it for further consideration.

The long trial at Chicago in the Summer of 1918 lasted over six months and was the longest on record in this country. The cost of the trial runs up to half a million dollars.

The game has been a big one. It has had its time and its actors. Some of them have been victorious. The rest will go to prison.

Of course twenty years that some of the victims got will mean death to most of them. Haywood will never come out alive if the full time is to be served. Most of the others are in no conditions to be confined that long.

We do not know what the present administration is going to do about this. It may be that the supreme court had advice as to the intended action of the president and felt that no further expense should be entailed. There may be a plan for a general amnesty. We hope so. It would seem the only thing at the present moment.

But amnesty or no amnesty the workers are not going to leave the I. W. W. victims in prison twenty years. It will not take that long to repudiate the Wilson outrages. There are signs that the workers will have quite a deal to say about the government of this country before that time is up.

The workers are not mad yet, but there is a little heat crawling up the spine and toward the collar. That heat is getting hotter with the incarceration of the I. W. W. It may get hot enuf to cause an honest to goodness fight. Who can say?

If it is justice to imprison workers for striving to better the condition of the people and for trying to keep the capitalist profit lovers from ruining the world then justice is quite the opposite from what we have conceived it to be. If it is justice to kill the best people of the country and throttle the rest then there is something radically wrong with justice and it must be fixed up a bit.

To let old fossils deal out a concoction that they call justice and for us to swallow it when we know it is deadly poison is sheer idiocy on our part. There is hardly any chance to reform or educate the old fossils. The thing to do is to get new judges and new laws and new justice.

This farce has been carried far enuf. Those who get fun out of it must seek some other form of entertainment. There was a time when the tyrants found sport in hurling Christians into the arena to be torn by wild beasts, when the low brows were thrilled by seeing men and women tied to the stake and burned, but we figure that day is running along toward about six or seven o'clock in the evening and it is getting dark. We are going to police the last few hours of the night and wait for the sun to rise. And while we are waiting we are not going to let the beasts of the old order slaughter the workers.

It is better that we serve notice on the tyrants that we mean business. Or do the business without serving notice on the brutes.

WHERE IGNORANCE IS BLISS

There is a spot in Duluth where it is very nice to be a fool. It is in that part of Duluth called Morgan Park.

Morgan Park is private property. It is the property of the steel trust. It is a city within itself with houses and streets and lights and police. But the police do not report to the police department of Duluth. The police report to the steel trust. The police also take orders from the steel trust.

The steel trust has ordered its police to have knowledge and intelligence out of Morgan Park. The police obeys. The steel trust has decided that it is to have fools to work for it. It is afraid it can get no others to be slaves. It has driven out all Americans and those who were about to become Americanized and imported Mexicans and Spaniards. Some of these are learning to read English. We had the intelligent idea that it might be a good thing for these slaves and peons to get a chance to read the Amnesty Special of TRUTH. So some of our comrades went straightway into Morgan Park to hand said peons copies of TRUTH.

Whereupon the steel trust police forthwith arrested said comrades. They were told that such a thing could not happen in Morganized Morgan Park. Not there. If there must be intelligence it had to stay outside the private confines of the Morganized precincts of Morgan Park. There must be one spot at least in this great country where the privilege of being fools and slaves shall not be interfered with.

So those of the workers and especially parasite dudes and college professors who are greatly perturbed and annoyed by those who have brains and a desire to use them can always find a refuge where there are no such animals as ideas to scare them or thots to disturb them.

Out in this turbulent world where people want to think and develop their brains and get light and intelligence the atmosphere becomes too much charged with life and the spirit of progress and freedom. Old grandpas do not like it. Fossils and judges get uncomfortable. It is so hard for dead ones to enjoy it all — all that is going on in this big outside world.

How wonderful it is therefore to have a haven to sail calmly into where the thinkless never think and the fossils are at rest! How wonderful to know that when empires fall and czars and kaisers are no more to be found in the world of life and action there is a city within a city where all the czars and all the kaisers with Nero in the center and Bloody Mary at his right hand side may still be worshipped undisturbed by slaves and peons of the steel trust under the wing of private police in glorious Morganized Morgan Park.

WHAT WOULD YOU THINK?

What would you think if they had some of these things in Russia?

What would you think if they had our legislatures? The Minnesota legislature, for instance? Here we spend four months fighting and scrapping and when we adjourn what have we? Just sum it up. A tonnage tax? The governor may veto it. The supreme court may declare it unconstitutional. If it passes it is no good anyhow. A streetcar law that gives the robbers a better chance to clean up the people. What would you think if Russia had such a thing as the Minnesota legislature?

There are no taxes and no street car fares in Russia. There is no fight about any such things there.

What would you think if they had our bank robberies and our crime waves? There can be no bank robbery and no embezzlement in Russia. The banks are all gone. There

is no need of them any more. Nobody steals for there is no advantage in stealing. There is nothing to steal except food and that is freely given according to the supply without stealing. Same with clothing.

What would you think if they had strikes and unemployment in Russia? Here we have men go out on strike because they do not get a living wage in the shops and factories. Here the workers are thrown out on the street and given no chance to work for even a mere existence. Five million men crying for work and denied it. The people starving and willing to work and denied it. What would you think if Russia denied her people work and create what they need? Now the people are all at work there and will soon have produced all they need. And when they have produced it they can have it. Here you have produced too much and therefore you starve. Here you have worked too fast and therefore you are thrown out of a job. What would we say of Russia if she were as idiotic as that?

What would you think if they had the Stillman case in Russia? Stillman, the richest banker in this country, has the nastiest divorce case in the world. What would you think if they made up a scandal like that in Russia? And if they had the Clara Hamon case to eat as desert? Wouldn't that be nice?

What would you say if they had the tar and feather cases in Russia that our patriots have pulled off? If they had the Debs case and the Mooney case and the I. W. W. and the Communist cases and had a thousand political prisoners in the bullpens for wanting peace and good will to men? What would you say?

What would you say if Russia had the Board of Trade and the Chamber of Commerce and the Citizens Alliance and the Stock Exchange and the rest of the gambling institutions that are wrecking the country and are still protected by law and the government?

What would you think of Russia if she had our prohibition-less prohibition? Our "runners" and our booze joints and our home brew and our moonshine and our whisky raids and our farce law enforcement and our wild eyed preacher dicks and our soppy judges? When Russia wanted to do away with whisky she did it. She hasn't a drop of it now and does not have to bother about that brain killer. She told the fellows who wanted it that if they monkeyed with it they would get shot on the spot. They didn't monkey with it. We still monkey with it and make it a national nightmare.

What would you say if Russia had our newspapers? But now we stop. We stop stark still. Then it wouldn't be Russia.

A LITTLE BRIBE OFFER.

And it came to pass that one of the Nonpartisan league members of the Minnesota legislature by the name of Welch was offered a bribe, and forthwith he opened his mouth and let the solons of the state know about it.

A scabby bill purporting to give a clique of politicians the right to grant the street railways permission to further bunco and skin the people has been contemplated by the unbribeable high priests of the legislature. Some foolish members of that holy body who do not know enuf to keep their faces closed when raw deals are put across are suspected to spill some of the milk-and-honey talk that has been floating around among the lawmakers and these said foolish ones would be much less dangerous if they were tied hand and foot and tongue with a few thousand dollars from the generous coffers of the beneficiaries of the thief game that they want put over.

So, according to Welch, the setreet car gang hired a smoothe guy to approach said Welch and tell him that there would not be any danger of further shortage of funds for the Nonpartisan league if Welch would promise to support the grab bill.

But Gee Whisticker and Holy Moses what a stir Welch stirred up when he told that he had been offered a bribe! The thing hit the Minneapolis and St. Paul plute press as if someone had told the world that war had not proven to be a Sunday school picnic. The horror spread to Duluth. It got under the skin of the News Tribune and the little animal squealed and fussed like a pig with its snout stuck fast in an empty nail keg.

The very idea that legislators should have been offered a bribe! It had never happened in all the long and dark ses-

sions of the lily white lawmakers before. It was go new, So unexpected. So unbelievable. So impossible. So utterly preposterous.

How could the purity preachers of the trolley gang ever be able to as much as think of putting anything over on the people thru bribery! Think of the crime of accusing these innocent babies of such a thotless transgression! The thing will not down. It was like swallowing castor oil, and our exceptionally holy Tribune simply would not swallow it.

And even if there had been a bribe offer, that was not the crime. The crime was in telling of the bribe. If Welch had only had the good sense to keep mum there would not have been any crime. But those Nonpartisans will never learn to behave. They will talk and tell what is going on in the holy of holies. There was a day when all the little dainty parcels could be handed between friends without as much as a sneeze. But alas! that day is gone. How embarrassing it is for the old gang of pirates to be watched! It screams to high heaven that there should be such uncouth farmer hayseeds among such preying christians to cast a gloom upon the jubilant faces of the holy rollers of the legislature.

The thing to do is to make Welch sweat. He can be made to sweat by being compelled to give a detailed description of the briber. To give his name and address and get witnesses to corroborate the story of identification. It is very likely that the briber had a host of Nonpartisans with him to verify the conversation as told by Welch. If he was so thotless as to forget that, the thing to do is to have Welch furnish a bunch of traction magnates to testify in behalf of the truth of this offer.

The plute press is so wonderfully honest about this bribe business. It wants people to think that a briber comes in herds of five and six and lugs with him a notary to fix his seal to the fact of the conversation that takes place between the briber and the bribed. Our plute press is pathetically innocent, a mere baby in grace and humility as old Dowie would say, with a world outside that is hard and sinful.

ASHAMED OF THE 100 PERCENTER

The Duluth Herald is writing some corking good editorials of late. It has come out in favor of peace and is even in favor of cutting out militarism to some extent.

And now the other night our worthy contemporary comes along with this bit of very good stuff:

"ONE HUNDRED PER CENT AMERICANS."

There is a good deal of talk at people who are "one hundred per cent Americans," ideas that are "one hundred per cent American."

Surely that is an admirable thing to be. But it is a hard thing to be, too; about as hard as to be one hundred per cent Christian, or one hundred per cent perfect, which would amount to the same thing. Probably the best Americans will be discovered to be rather humble about this, and not claiming to be hundred per cent Americans because they do not claim perfection; they only covet it and strive for it.

But a queer thing about the men and ideas and speeches usually referred to as "one hundred per cent American" is they do not sound American at all. Most of them sound more Prussian than American.

For surely this phrase has been as terribly abused as any in the long category of abused phrases.

When a man urges that we stone, jail or crucify those who dare to say that peace is better than war, or to declare that the present economic structure might be improved, he is sure to be labeled by somebody as a "one hundred per cent American."

When another man says that America should live for itself alone, and in effect that it should put its material gain higher than principle, he is labeled "hundred per cent American, too."

When still another says that we should say "Thumps down" to perishing Europe, turn our back on its troubles and proceed on the theory that our own troubles are enough for us, he, too, is promptly labeled "hundred per cent American."

Do these ideals constitute hundred per cent Americanism? May be they do. We hope not, for they are not even one per cent of what Americanism ought to be.

Only it must be said that TRUTH has hammered along on these ideas all since the 100 percenters first popped up. And at that time the Herald was one of them. In fact the Herald is not far from being one of the hundred percenters even now, but we are glad it sees that it is foolish and wants to quit. That is a hopeful sign.

We think it's awfully nice that the Herald is ashamed of that hundred percent fool business.

WORK! THE REAL TERROR

Lincoln Steffens is a good reporter for the LEFT of the social revolution.

He went to Russia to try and understand. He listened to Lenin for in him he found the man who has quit talking and does things. Here was an autocrat with ideals far beyond our American understanding. An idealist and at the same time realist and practical administrator.

It seemed strange to hear Steffens speak so frankly in favor of the Dictatorship of the Proletariat (the autocracy of the 600,000 Communist workers, who understand Marxian science) over the millions who do not know but who consent as the masses of all countries consent to authority.

It seemed stranger still to hear him quote, and emotionally praise, John Reed in the highest terms there under the auspices of a Party that less than two years ago used the police to throw John Reed and his fellow LEFT delegates out of their convention because he came back with the program of Soviet Russia and asked the American Socialists to adopt it. (Which by the way the rank and file did but the yellow officials would not do.) "The Gospel of WORK" has displaced "The Hymn of Hate" in Soviet Russia. Everybody must work in Russia. Once the master of industry brought the workers to his industry by the lure of pay, that they might eat. Today the workman goes to the home of his former master—"Come on and Work or else YOU shall not eat." There is a new impulse, there is a new view point in this communism that has displaced capitalism. There is something more than a job in it. LABOR is free from exploitation. LABOR although in rags, sees in every blow of the hammer, in every swish of the sickle, a stroke for LABOR and emulation of a great ideal. They have fought themselves out of the old order, they must now work themselves into the new. The thing that has made the Bolsheviks successful is their positive and determined adherence to fact and quickness to adapt the theories of Marx, the master of economics, to present day needs and conditions

Wells the English author was much put out by the ever present Marx but Lenin lets none escape. Lenin grew quit angry when Steffens spoke of the use of the State Machinery in the present crisis. "It's rotten—it's rotten and we'll sweep it all aside into oblivion when we get a breathing spell, when we get time to apply the Marxian code to industry."

Delegates come from all nations to inquire of Lenin. He gives them all a searching examination. The ever-recurring question is—"What have you done?" "What are you doing?" And they return home with one message—"Work!" Yes, that is the great atrocity that all the plutes of the world fear—"Work!"

The Bolsheviks did not want "the terror." They were forced to use it.

Steffens showed the foolhardiness of the workers in depending on the coming into power of the democratic majority" in parliament. He has investigated the political boss-ridden governments of cities, states and nations and there is no hope for Labor there.

He closed his address with a glowing tribute to the Communists who "do all the dirty work." They clean the sewers, and they bury the dead, they care for the sick when they know that it is a fever that means death. They fill the front line an die first in every battle. They go singing to their death or life as it may be their lot. To them is entrusted all the tasks that call for MEN. He warned his hearers that in case they should go to Russia that they report themselves as liberals for then they might escape an embarrassing proposal. If you say you are a Communist they take you gladly by the hand and say—"Comrade—we are so glad to welcome you. We will send you to the front at once."

Steffens gave the message that Communists wanted to hear and the others must hear. They had read the same from Lenin's books, but now they have the word of one who went to hear and see what is doing in Russia and who is not afraid to report what he saw.

—Western Worker

WHAT WOULD YOU SAY?

What would you say if editors of labor papers got tanked up on home brew and wrote head lines like this:

Co-operation Proves Failure — Partners in Peanut Stand Fall Out, Proving Joint Ownership Will Never Succeed.

Labor War Seen in Bomb Outrage — Attempt on Life of King Razzmatazz in Timbuctoo Believed to Be Outcome of Plumbers Union Dispute in Oshkosh.

Union Heads Praise Judge Gary — Most Intelligent of Labor Leaders Think Hours in Steel Mills are Too Short.

Central Labor Bodies Boost Open Shop — Demand that Bosses Quit Paying Such High Wages.

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MEXICO MARCHES ON.

Mexico City. — The Latin American Bureau of the Third International was established here last November, and announced its presence by addressing a stirring manifesto to the Mexican Proletariat. There followed the formation of the Mexican Communist Party, section of the Third (Communist) International, and the adoption of La Vida Nueva, a journal containing some of the most brilliant studies in Marxian science in the Spanish language, as an official organ of the Communist Party of Mexico. Since then, great progress has been made in the work of rallying the Mexican Workers to Communism. Recently, at a convention of Mexican workers, at which were delegates from all parts of the country, it was decided to support only the Mexican Communist Party on the political field. On the industrial the delegates were unanimous as being opposed to the Pan-American Labor Union of Gompers, Morones & Co., and the Yellow Amsterdam International, and declared for the International Council of Trade and Industrial Unions or Red Labor International, which was founded at Moscow last year. Mexico marches on, only the unwieldy, blind labor movement of the United States lags behind! Let us catch up!

FRENCH TO CELEBRATE MAY DAY

NEW YORK, March.—The special correspondent of The Times of this city, writing from Paris, states that the French Government is becoming apprehensive of the workingclass demonstrations, planned for May 1st, the International Labor Day. The French League of Communist Youth, the correspondent writes, will probably initiate some formidable manifestations. He predicts trouble with the police and adds significantly that the cavalry stand ready to aid the police. He then goes on to say that Belgium also expects large-scale working-class demonstrations on May Day; and there follows this important paragraph: "Belgium may perhaps see agitation on a serious scale. There are doubts as to the entire solidity of the Belgian police, and it is a question whether they or even the soldiers would be willing to fight against the labor manifestants."

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Altho the Sun is bright—

It tells us that a carcass rots

And of its loathsome sight.

We do not guess or wonder why:

We know the factors, real,

Of inter-allied interests,

So false to human weal.

They have their wilful moulding press

The traitors to the mass!

To curtain crime with printed lies

And float a poison gass.

But as the carcass falls to dust,

The stench will cease to be

And poison gass will cloud no more

The rays of Liberty.

—D. S. Dietz.

ONE WAY TO DIE.

Let me tell you, bo!

I saw a picture the other day

Of a man in overalls,

Hanging on a gallow—

Dead!

And it was horrifying enou

But say,

You know it made me feel

As if I'd like to die that way.

For—

After a life of work

And struggle

And war,

All of ours, and the big idea

Of a Workers' World—

It would be kind o' satisfactory

To go to rest

Hanging

For the cause—

Dead, of course,

But an example of work

Damn well done!

—Zim