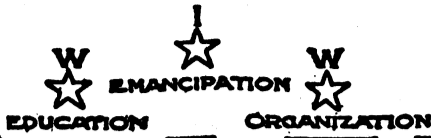


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### ITALIANS NOT POLITICIANS

DON'T BELONG TO THE SOCIALIST PARTY—ITALIAN FEDERATION OPPOSES MALICIOUS STATEMENT OF THE NATIONAL EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE OF S. P.

To the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party: New York, Oct. 16th, 1911.

Comrades: It has been brought to the attention of the executive committee of the Italian Socialist Federation that a warning has been issued by your office against Edmondo Rossoni qualifying him as a fake agitator and a vulgar defamer of the socialist movement.

Believing that you have been willfully misinformed by interested parties I hereby furnish you the facts as they are in the hope that you will realize the honest intentions and bona fide both of Edmondo Rossoni and the Italian Socialist Federation of which he is the National Organizer.

The Italian Socialist Federation is an organization of fifteen years standing whose aim is to educate and organize the masses of Italian immigrants along the line of revolutionary socialism.

At its last national convention held at Utica, N. Y., last April, it resolved to adopt and follow the syndicalist theory and confine its methods and action to the organizing of the Italian workers industrially, as advocated by the Industrial Workers of the World, and to disregard all forms of political activity within the orbit of the capitalist state.

That this disqualifies the I. S. F. from being considered a bona fide labor movement and using the word: "Socialist," we most emphatically deny.

If we differ in tactics from the Socialist party that does not mean that we are not Socialists, as we understand that Socialism is not the monopoly of any party or persons nor is the appellation "Socialist" patented by any one of the many tendencies of this world wide movement.

All this, however, does not justify a party calling itself Socialist from officially slandering the good name, and the well proven class consciousness of Edmondo Rossoni who both as a man and a labor agitator has a long and honorable record.

If the Socialist party wishes to announce to the public that Edmondo Rossoni is not one of its organizers it is evidently its undoubted right and we have nothing to object—but we take issue with any further statements.

The Italian Socialist Federation through its official organ has never endeavored to fare under the banner of the Socialist party nor has Rossoni ever attempted to pass as an organizer of your party.

Believing that these informations will be satisfactory and that in justice to truth and honesty you will see the error in which you have incurred through ignorance and misinformation, we hereby ask that you withdraw from the press of your party or modify as aforesaid the untrue and malicious statement by order of the Executive Committee. Yours for the Revolution,

ARTURO M. GIOVANNITTI, National Secretary Italian Socialist Federation, 157 N. 28th St., N. Y.

### DIRECT ACTION.

Portland, Ore., Oct. 31.—The threatened strike of the kitchen queens in Portland's fashionable homes took a painful turn today, when a cook in an Irvington home upset a bowl of hot soup down the neck of a luncheon guest, who, she learned, was the newspaper man responsible for publicity anent the strike plans of the cooks' union.

Orton E. Goodwin of the Morning Oregon was compelled to make a change of clothing before reporting for work tonight as a result of the "accident."

Portland cooks announce that an effective union has been organized and unless a scale of \$40 a month is agreed upon by Thursday morning there will be a walkout in every home in town.—Spokesman-Review.

Square meals are a close rival to the ten commandments in making good workers. W. N.



STILL ROLLING, BUT—!

### IN MEMORY OF CHICAGO MARTYRS OF 1886

November 11 is the 24th anniversary of the judicial murder of Albert Parsons, Adolph Fischer, George Engel and August Spies. These men suffered death by strangulation in order that we might live. Not a cowardly word was uttered from their lips as they mounted the scaffold on that bleak November morning 24 years ago to satisfy the gloating desire for their blood by a cold blooded band of capitalist bloodsuckers as ever trod the earth. The men died happy in their belief and each and every one of them left a message for us as the nooses are being adjusted. The words of August Spies were the words of a prophet: "THERE WILL COME A TIME WHEN OUR SILENCE WILL BE MORE POWERFUL THAN THE VOICES YOU STRANGLE TODAY." With Albert Parsons trying to make a speech to the people and but a few words being said he was jerked into eternity.

All these men who were hanged because they belonged to the working class movement known as the "International Workingmen's Association." They were charged with being in a conspiracy to kill the policemen who were blown up by a bomb while bearing down with club and gun on a defenseless audience of over 4,000 people who had congregated on Haymarket square in Chicago to hear the

speeches of the labor men who were then helping the strikers for a shorter work day. The police and militia had already murdered men in the strike and the general sentiment among the workers was a hatred for the police force. Some of the men who were hanged, were not even at the meeting where the bomb was thrown until they were urged by others to come and help out with the meeting.

The jury was carefully selected to do the murderous act of finding the men guilty. They were all prejudiced and admitted their prejudice while under examination by the judge. After the verdict of "guilty" was rendered these venomous creatures were taken in carriages by the capitalist class and presented with the blood money which they were given to understand they would receive. The judge notified them that extra money was due them and his last words were "the carriages are waiting for you." Five of this gang of murderers have since died in lunatic asylums.

When asked if they had anything to say why sentence of death should not be passed on them, each prisoner made a lengthy speech clearly setting forth his innocence and showing his reasons for being a revolutionist. These speeches have since been printed by the wife of Albert Parsons and they have been circulated around the world. They are famous

speeches not only for their length under such a trying ordeal, but also for the brilliant language used in condemning the capitalist system and the fake trial by which the men were found guilty.

The last words of the speech of Louis Lingg showed the hatred he bore towards the system. He said: "I despise you. I despise your order, your laws, your force-propped authority. Hang me for it."

Every member of the I. W. W. today bears that same hatred for the capitalist system. We cannot bring back our fellow workers who were strangled for fighting honestly for an eight hour day in Chicago, but we can pick up the mantle which fell from their shoulders only when their breath was shut off and we can carry it on and on to victory. We can raise our red flag and gather around it knowing that it stands for freedom and denotes no boundary that separates slave from slave. We can fight while we live and if we fight hard we can avenge the death of our fellow workers by forcing all parasites to do their share of the work of the world. Let us make a firm resolution this 24th anniversary of the death of the Haymarket martyrs, to work harder and harder for the revolution and freedom.

### KANSAS CITY HAS BEEN PLACED ON THE MAP

(Walker C. Smith). Kansas City is built on a bluff, but they can't bluff the I. W. W.

The I. W. W. has succeeded in putting K. C. on the map and today in that hilly village the principal topic of conversation is the One Big Fighting Union of the working class. It is conceded that the authorities had to back down and they made quite a neat job of it. Chief of Police Griffin, Judge Burney and Clark, together with the public persecutor, saved their face through the medium of the Board of Public Welfare. This board consists of well meaning old fossils, recently retired from the cockroach strata of society, who spend their time and the "dear public's" money in sprinkling cologne on the dunghills of capitalism or in poulticing boils on the body politic. With the threat of "ONE THOUSAND MEN FOR THANKSGIVING DINNER AT LEEDS' FARM" haunting them like a spectre, these sousehouse reformers went straight up in the air. Kansas City under normal conditions cannot care for its "fortunates" and the present business depression, coupled with a threatened I. W. W.

invasion made these sentimental gentlemen throw up their lily white hands in holy horror.

On Wednesday night with six arrests, the "hobo agitators" numbered two dozen. These boys were kangarooed to the tune of \$500 each for which they thanked the judge in sarcastic terms. One of them, charged with speaking on the street so as to block traffic, stutters so it took him several minutes to tell his name and occupation. Trifles like this, however, never block the road of capitalist justice. This last haul filled all available space at the municipal farm and since then no further arrests have been made, although the meetings are being held exactly as heretofore. On Friday night the speaking started at Sixth and Main, as usual, and the box was moved up to 12th and Grand. This is the busiest section and the crowd that had followed the speakers and singers, together with those who quickly gathered, became so large as to block traffic for the first time. Doyle, Saunders, Lyons and myself were the speakers and the cop on the beat—well, he beat it, accompanied by the jeers of the crowd. Saturday was spent in putting out "Bulletin No. 1," which was a

statement of the position of the I. W. W. On Saturday morning G. E. B. member Tom Halero, and I, went to the board to get a permit to see the boys on Sunday. We were told to return at 3 p. m. and upon doing so were taken down to the office of the chief of police. Some of the members of the board were there and they endeavored to manoeuvre it into a conference with Halero and myself protesting that we had no power to take action and telling them that the men in jail were the only ones who could settle the fight. Notwithstanding this the conference continued for three hours and assumed the appearance of a treaty council between equal powers. It conclusively demonstrated the tremendous power of organized might and clearly showed that we are building the new society within the shell of the old. We are gaining general recognition as a fighting force disputing control with the powers that be. The court stenographer was present and took down notes until Halero and I launched into a detailed explanation of the aims and objects of the I. W. W. in which discussion he became so interested (Continued on Page Four.)

### NO FINES PAID TO K. C.

I. W. W. MEN THANKED THE JUDGE—POLICE METHODS ARE ADVERTISING I. W. W.—BIG MEETINGS HELD—JUDGE IS FOR HONEST UNIONS.

Six members of the Industrial Workers of the World thanked Charles H. Clark, acting judge in the North Side Municipal court, when he assessed a fine of \$50 against each of them this morning on a charge of blocking the sidewalk at Sixth and Main streets last night, where they held a meeting.

Apparently the organization has made good its assertion that the members here would be re-enforced by members from other cities in the controversy with the police over the right to hold curbstone meetings. Only one of the men tried this morning gave a Kansas City address. The others had come from other cities since the campaign opened, they said.

They smiled as they walked back to the holdover; and each one said: "Thank you, judge; that's what we want."

"I'm sorry that I can't make it \$5,000," Judge Clark told them.

They refused to be sworn when they gave their testimony. A patrolman said a crowd of several hundred persons had gathered at the corner last night and that the street and sidewalks were blocked.

"The sidewalk was not blocked," Don D. Scott, 1834 East Ninth street, said. "There was not a vehicle on the street all the time we were there. The crowds came because of the advertising the police have given us. They are to blame for the fact that so many were on the street. If we are guilty then the Salvation Army is guilty and so are newspapers which display the results of ball games to crowds on the street."

"Are you a convert?" he was asked.

"No, I have been a rebel a long time, a rebel against capitalism," he replied. "Every man in our organization has as much power and as much right as any other member. We have no president because we do not believe in fakers. We don't believe in the Samuel Gompers-John Mitchell idea of running a labor organization. We follow no Moses out of the bullrushes."

"I'm for all honest unionism, and honest strikes," Judge Clark replied as he assessed their fines. "But it's my impression that you and your kind are the cause of much of the sentiment against organized labor. You are the cause of the strife and riots in labor strikes, because you work in strikes not for the benefit of labor, but against the federation of labor."

The men against whom fines were assessed were: Louis Rachstein, St. Louis; C. A. Brown, Chicago; Fred Chrest, Portland; Joe McDaniels, Spokane; F. B. Farris, Omaha. As long as they have to go to jail they do not care how large their fines are, they said. One of the men, G. A. Brown, asserted that they would be released in a short time, because public sentiment would be turning their way so strongly that the police would have to recognize it.

M. J. Bowden and C. F. Steckham, Kansas City Socialists who were spectators last night at the meeting and were arrested, were discharged.

All of the men were as well dressed as the ordinary laborer. Their ages ranged apparently from 25 to 30 years. Scott, who acted as spokesman for the six, has been a driver for a towel supply company, he said, and attended the meeting last night after working hours. The occupations of the others varied from steam fit er to tailor. None of the others has been working recently, they said. All of them are of slender build, between five and one-half and six feet tall.—Kansas City Times.

### MEMORIAL MEETING.

The Seattle I. W. W. will hold a memorial meeting in commemoration of the death of the Chicago martyrs who were judicially murdered November 11, 1886. The meeting will be held at the I. W. W. hall, 211 Occidental Avenue, Sunday, November 12, at 7:30 p. m.

Good speakers, good singing, all workers are invited.

We still have plenty of those 25c sub cards. Get a few today.

## Free Speech Established in Kansas City! Big Victory for I. W. W!





