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POSTAL CLERKS AND HITCHCOCK'S ECONOMY SCHEME. BY AN EMPLOYEE

(Special to Solidarity.)
Having been requested to write something concerning the working of the "economy" plan inaugurated by Post Master General, Hitchcock, I will endeavor to comply.
These are absolute facts, but as I have no desire to join the army of unemployed just yet, and you will agree with me that it is large enough at present, my name must be withheld.

Teddy's Slave Order.
An executive order issued by "Big Tooth" still remains in force, said executive order reading as follows:
"All officers and employees of the U. S. of every description serving in or under any of the executive departments, and whether so serving in or out of Washington, are hereby forbidden, either directly or indirectly, individually or through association, to solicit an increase of pay or to influence, or to attempt to influence in their own interest any other legislation whatever, either before Congress or its committees, or in any way under which they serve, on penalty of instant dismissal from the government service.
No, friends, this is not an order issued by the Czar of Russia, but an order issued by T. B. who those mouthings always proclaimed him the friend of Labor.
Under this order, if anything was wanted by government employes, it was necessary to ask it of the head of the particular department in which you may happen to be employed, and if he saw fit to grant it, it would recommend it or disapprove of it.
Old and New Conditions.
As I go along I will make some comparisons between our old conditions and new, this being necessary.
Some few years we were granted an increase in wages, Congress passing a bill fixing that the maximum pay of letter carrier shall be \$1,200 per annum, but when they got the \$200 Layrease all at once, no, the officials of the department, that bill to read that it will be given with the beginning of fiscal year, and the other \$100 after.
"humane" order, which we call rule, specifies that should any remain away from duty for a period of time, he shall be notified that he must report his duty the following day, falling fully with which, his resignation is and should that not be forthcoming, dismissed from the service.
I think, a man having entered when in his prime, and having put in 30 years of service, all the best of his life, and probably contracted some disease or some other disease, due to

DON'T WANT ANOTHER FIGHT

Missoula Officials Refuse to Prosecute I. W. W. Speakers for Fear They Might Again Invaide That Town.
(Special to Solidarity.)

Missoula, Mont., March 25.
Last Saturday, Fellow Worker Hayes and myself were arrested on Front Street in this town. I had finished my talk for the evening, when a United States soldier army used against the workmen? and of course I rehearsed a little of the past history of the strikes of America. A city police officer, anticipating trouble, pulled two soldiers out of the crowd. A short time after that, a lieutenant whose name I have since learned to be Brooks, appeared and called me a damned anarchist. I asked him for the definition of the term. Of course "murder machines" are not supposed to use their brains, and he either couldn't or wouldn't answer the question, so I answered it for the crowd myself.
Crazy as the proverbial milk of the same army to which he belonged; aid being used to having his crawling lackeys when he whistled. Lieut. Brooks snapped his finger at me and said, "I represent the army." I told him that he was a fine looking representative of cheap murderers; and from the left of the crowd, while I was not looking, another of these infernal significant characters sprang out and struck me in the face, knocking me off the box. Immediately a couple of our boys were on this guy, and the lieutenant, who was really responsible for the trouble, "screwed his nut".
The police came, and Hayes, the soldier and I were arrested. The soldier was released at 12 P. M.; Saturday night, and notwithstanding the fact that there were all kinds of fellows willing and anxious to our bail, it was not until 6:30 Sunday afternoon that I was released and then only after great pressure had been brought to bear by S. P. and I. W. W. members, who also threatened habeas corpus proceedings.
I was called to appear for a hearing at 9:30 Monday morning. After using every means to persuade Judge Small (by name and by nature) to release Fellow Worker Hayes on bond, the effort was given up in disgust. So when 9:30 came, in company with about a hundred workers and sympathizers, we marched to the court room, where we met Hayes with an officer being brought to trial. We were told to return at 10:30, and went away under the impression that the usual routine would go through with before coming to our cases.
While Hayes was still in the court room, the city attorney came in and told the judge that if the I. W. W. pretty nearly drove him crazy over a year ago, and that these cases, as far as the court is concerned, had better be dropped before it was too late, or else the I. W. W. would have their men flogging in here in great numbers.
So the cases were thereupon dismissed.
Score another victory for the I. W. W. Yours for the 8 hour work day,
JAS. B. SHEA, Sec'y Local 40.

PRINTERS' UNION AND THE PUBLISHERS' ASSOCIATION

In No. 63 Solidarity referred to the fight of W. R. Hearst and his Chicago papers against the International Typographical Union, and the same tactics displayed by the latter toward that "friend of labor." It was shown how the Publishers' Association displayed the class consciousness of the bosses, while craft division and the alleged idea of "identical interests between slaves and masters" rendered the printers' union like a foot ball in the hands of their exploiters.
Additional information is here given with reference to another of the allied printing trades organizations—the International Pressmen and Assistants' Union of North America.
Time and again have the printers contended that their unions were unassailable and by reason of "strong organization and conservative dealing with employers through contracts" they had been enabled to secure for themselves better wage and hour conditions than almost any other crafts. And while industrial unionists have contended that their peculiar situation in our industrial system has afforded the printing trades advantages not so easily gained by other crafts, at the same time we have contended that due to craft division and mutual scabbiness through contracts, the printers have gained little compared with what they should and would get by united action.
The dominant craft in the allied printing trades is the International Typographical Union. It controls 50 per cent of the vote in "Printing Trades" Councils, and thereby practically dominates those bodies in its own interest. For all practical purposes, each craft fights its own battles with the bosses alone, the others remaining at work under contract, thereby enabling the bosses' association to easily compromise or whip each union in turn.
On the other hand, as was shown in the Hearst fight, the Publishers' Association acts as a unit, on the principle that "an injury to one publisher is an injury to all."

A Capitalist Crime

(Special to Solidarity.)
New York, March 30.
New York was yesterday the scene of one of the most horrible sacrifices of working class life to capitalist profit that ever afflicted the metropolis and perhaps the nation. One hundred and thirty-four working girls and men were killed and 1000 injured in the fire that gutted the ten-story "fireproof" building of The Triangle Shirtwaist Co., at Washington place and Greene-st. Trapped in lofts, with doors locked, to keep them at work, and with no fire escapes down which they could descend to safety. The party in the horrible display of corpses, The bodies were charred, smashed, ripped open, headless, without arms and legs, roasted and distorted by all the agonies of sudden and violent death. It was sight such as Dante must have beheld in the Inferno and such as only a Dore could imagine.
At the time of the fire the owners of the Triangle Shirtwaist Co. were safe at their homes with their wives and children, while the owners of the building was enjoying the pleasures of Palm Beach, Florida. The lowest company ran an open shop, which is now vindicated.

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THE I. W. W. IN MEXICO

The following letter from a Mexican insurrection, dated at Los Angeles, March 10, comes to Solidarity from the general secretary at Chicago:
Fellow Worker:
The I. W. W. is marching straight ahead to victory! We were told to return to the red flag flying on the battle field of Mexico, and during the thickest of the fight we lost two away I. W. W. boys, one from San Diego, Calif., and the other from Hollywood, Calif.—Antonio Fuentes and J. R. Pesqueira. Both died at the foot of the red flag. None are left but the principle embodied in it is well recognized by all.
It was the I. W. W. boys who first took Mexicali, Mexico, Jan. 20, 1911, and it was the I. W. W. boys who fought and won the bloodiest and most famous battle of Mexico, Feb. 15, 1911. Next day after the fight I was taken across the line by the Red Cross, suffering sickness. A couple of days afterwards the principle embodied in it was taken to El Centro jail. Three days afterwards U. S. detectives took me to Los Angeles where I was turned loose after a whole day's questioning in

Plea to the Socialists

Interesting and important developments are taking place throughout this country: the supremacy of the capitalist class in the shop, the mill, the mine, etc. It must first be strong economically; all else follows. Once the working class develops economic power it develops the power to dominate society. If this is not true, then socialism is a falsehood and the Socialist Party is without foundation in fact.
Now, if this is not true, and the working class must organize as a class into one big union. It must have the concentration of capital with the concentration of labor. This is prevented from doing by the old form of trades unionism that is supported by the Civic Federation, and the leaders of which betray the working class on every occasion, as witness the Bethlehem steel strike, the Yonkers elevator strike, the Chicago garment workers strike and last, but not least of all, the New York express drivers strike, one of the most barefaced betrayals of labor in all the history of the American labor movement.
The Socialist Party is not in favor of one big class union. It favors neutrality in matters relating to trades unions, as if there could be neutrality where labor is being betrayed in labor's name; and where its own members are being victimized and their ballot undermined. This policy binds socialists to their own workers. It compels them to refrain from aggressive unionism in behalf of revolutionary unionism. It further binds them to the perpetuation of Gompers and the Civic Federation, and through them, of the capitalist class and capitalism.
As a socialist and a wage worker, I write urges all Socialist Party members to unite with their fellow workers in the I. W. W., in the aggressive upbuilding of revolutionary industrial unionism, in the knowledge that once that is accomplished there will be real and not impotent political action, as at present. Industrial unity first, last and all the time; that alone will secure working class triumph in all its manifestations.
Workers of the world unite in the industrial revolution of the world!—this is the modern setting of an old rallying cry, demanded by modern conditions.
An S. P. Voter.

TIPOS CIRCULAR

All Crafts in the Printing Industry Form Industrial Union.

Typographical Union No. 49 receiving following circular, copies sent to all local unions of the... Accompanying the circular is a preliminary statement that is intended in the same connections...

to watch the fate of the propositions. The "Typographical Journal" publishes this circular and comments unfavorably on it in its March issue... The "Journal's" argument is a sample of craft selfishness and stupidity...

are affiliated and their number is growing. The old reformist leaders are actively opposing to this movement. Large meetings are being held where the two different points of view are discussed... Revolutionary Syndicalism in Australia. In Melbourne, the capital of Victoria...

I. W. W. PREAMBLE. The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of working people and the few who make up the employing class, have all the good things of life... Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system...

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UNITED STATES AND MEXICO

A Call to Action. Comrades and Fellow Workers in the Revolutionary Movement in America: The Mexican workers have been fighting valiantly for many weeks for the right to live and for better economic and social conditions...

INTERNATIONAL MOVEMENT

(From the "Bulletin International.") Condition in Sweden. The old trade unionism in Sweden is more and more attacked by the well organized employers. The old unions were successful until the last years when the conditions changed. At present the employers attack, whilst the workers have to defend themselves... The look-out in the Swedish book trade, ended in a compromise, rather more favorable to the employers than to the men.

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LOCAL UNION 432. Members take notice that a special meeting for the purpose of instructing delegate to the National Convention will be held on April 10th when final instructions will be given. Members not receiving their papers should communicate with the Secretary when the same will be sent on to them. J. H. BEYNOLDE, Financial Secretary.

