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HARTFORD LABOR IN FIERCE FIGHT

Legislature Used to Defeat Demands of Striking Alteration Hands.

(Special Correspondence.) HARTFORD, Conn., April 10.—This city bids fair to become a second Danbury in the annals of organized labor.

The strike of the 200 alteration hands against the department stores is being assailed by the forces of "law and order," with a severity almost unequalled in labor struggles anywhere else in the country.

Normand F. Allen, the outgoing Chief of Police, who is owner of a department store, and, therefore, one of the parties most interested in the crushing of the strike of the alteration tailors, has placed under arrest fourteen strikers, and pressed the case against them so vigorously that they were all held for trial.

The Dry Goods Association of this town had previous to the arrest of these men brought a \$100,000 suit against the unions, and even the bank accounts of individual members, of not only the Garment Workers' Union, but the bank accounts of the officers of the Central Labor Union, were attached, and real estate where found that belonged to individual members, was also placed under attachment by a Deputy Sheriff of Hartford County.

The crowning effort of the department store owners was their successful attempt to sidetrack an investigation into the conditions under which garment employes work in the department stores.

Thomas J. Spellacy, attorney for the strikers, and State Senator, introduced a resolution asking for an investigation into the conditions of the clothing trade factories, particularly into the conditions prevailing in the department stores. The resolution was adopted by the Senate.

Investigation Killed. It then went to the General Assembly. Here all the manufacturing and business interests, not only of Hartford, but of the entire State of Connecticut, sent lobbies, and pressure was brought to bear upon the Assembly not to pass the resolution in its original form, but to amend it.

An amendment was then framed exempting the department stores from this investigation. With this amendment the resolution was adopted.

So far, therefore, as the present strike in the department stores is concerned the resolution accomplished absolutely nothing and the department store owners triumphed.

The demands of the strikers which were framed recently and a copy of which were sent to each dry goods store proprietor follow: First—Fifty-two hours to constitute a week's work.

FORTY VICTIMS OF MINE ARE BURIED

Gov. Tener to Start Inquiry Into Cause of Throop Disaster.

WILKES-BARRE, Pa., April 11.—Forty more of the seventy-three victims of the mine fire in the Pancost colliery at Throop, near here, on Friday, were buried today.

The whole town was in mourning and practically all of the 5,000 residents attended the funerals, and the services in the churches were continuous.

In some of the cemeteries the victims were buried in groups, four and five in one large grave. These were the foreign-born mine workers, most of them single men. Again the lack of hearses made it necessary for the pallbearers to carry some of the coffins on their shoulders to the cemeteries.

The authorities found in some cases that bereaved widows were so overcome with grief as to be helpless and that they had made no provision at all for the burial of their husbands.

Relief Fund Growing. Already over \$10,000 has been raised for the bereaved families of the victims, and the fund is rapidly growing. It is now being planned by Burgess Simpson and the Relief Committee of Throop to have two "tag days" next Friday and Saturday in all the towns in the anthracite region for the purpose of collecting money for the widows and orphans.

Governor Tener and Chief James R. Roderick, of the State Mining Department, had a conference in Harrisburg today to discuss measures for conducting the investigation which Governor Tener proposes the State shall hold.

Chief Roderick has already made an examination of the workings at Throop. The National Mining Department and the county authorities will also conduct investigations.

Before the Coroner's inquest is held it will be hard to determine who, if anybody, is responsible for the terrible disaster. Statements made by some of the men who escaped would indicate gross negligence in warning the men and fighting the fire.

Alternative In Death. "We then went out for some distance and encountered young Gail. He had given up all hope. He said he knew a way out, but was afraid to tackle it on account of gas. I told him we might just as well die from gas as smoke, and tried to get him to go along. I grabbed his hand and half dragged him. After we had gone a short distance he got his nerve back and led us through the old workings. From there we made our way to the shaft and to the surface."

R. R. SHOPMEN FEDERATE, TO PRESENT DEMANDS

(Special Correspondence.) MOBILE, Ala., April 6.—Last night a mass meeting of all trades employes in the N. O. M. & C. railroad shops in this city was held at Central Trades Council Hall for the purpose of federating.

Two Workers Burned BY MINE EXPLOSION

SCRANTON, Pa., April 11.—Two men were badly burned this morning in the Eddy Creek Mine, in Oliphant, as a result of an explosion of gas.

Your New Spring Suit Is Here

There's no need for you to pay a big price for a stylish, well-fitting suit of good material.

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embody the newest, the most approved styles. They contain the choicest, the most sought-for fabrics in all the newest shades. The workmanship of these Specials is the best. Each has been tailored by an expert.

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BRICKLAYERS ARE ENGAGED IN FIGHT

The Bricklayers' Union is waging a fight against B. Schwarzer, a master bricklayer, who is erecting a building at Webster avenue and 168th street, with non-union men.

Schwarzer has hitherto employed union men on his buildings, in the same section having erected about fifty buildings with union men. The scabs employed on the new building are brought to work in automobiles and taken home in autos under a guard of police.

They all have their lunches at the northwest corner of Brooks avenue and 108th street, and cops are on the lookout for union men speaking to them. The union men claim that Schwarzer has taken this step at the instigation of some concern which has conspired to break up the union.

What Schwarzer's object is in starting a fight against the union after employing union men on his buildings for years remains a mystery, but labor leaders declared yesterday that this was a test case, and if he is successful that more such cases will occur.

Easter Special IMPRESSIVE SHOWING Spring Suitings and Overcoats SUIT or OVERCOAT \$18 To Order

REBEL FORCES IN MARCH ON JUAN

SAY STRIKE IS OVER LIMA, Peru, April 11.—The strike of workmen begun yesterday with sympathy with a small strike in a factory is over.

COURT ACQUITS CONVICTED GIRL

Sadie Odosh Wins Long Fight Against Magistrate Barlow.

Judge O'Sullivan, in Part I, of General Sessions, yesterday, reversed a decision of Magistrate Barlow, in the Woman's Night Court on February 8, when the latter fined Miss Sadie Odosh, a striking waist maker, \$10, on the charge of assaulting a scab, Max Stein, employed by Lesser & Kalb, 28 West 27th street, without first listening to her testimony.

Judge O'Sullivan decided that Miss Odosh was not guilty, and ordered that the fine be returned to her. Miss Odosh was arrested together with another striker, Lena Rabinowitz, while on picket duty near the Lesser & Kalb shop, charged with assaulting Stein, employed by that firm.

What took place in the hearing of the suit was made against Stein and Stein testified that the girls pulled their hat pins and made threats to stick him if he continued to scab. Magistrate Barlow then asked Stein if the girls were dressed the same way as they were when arraigned before him. Stein said they were, and Barlow ordered the girls to remove their hats and it was proven that they wore "Tyroleans" hats which are worn without hat pins.

Magistrate Barlow thereupon discharged Miss Rabinowitz and fined Miss Odosh \$10 without giving her a chance to testify in her own behalf. Morris Rothenberg, of the firm of Panken & Rothenberg, attorney for the Waist Makers' Union, took exception to Magistrate Barlow's decision on the ground that the girl was convicted before she was given an opportunity to testify.

"Yes," exclaimed Barlow, "I admit I erred in the case by fining the girl without getting her testimony and under the circumstances I give you an opportunity to reopen the case and put in a defense."

Rothenberg refused to enter a defense claiming that the court was prejudiced and that the striker would not have a fair trial, and paid the fine under protest. He immediately appealed the case and it was argued before Judge O'Sullivan on March 14.

NO PUBLIC FUNERAL FOR TOM L. JOHNSON

CLEVELAND, Ohio, April 11.—At the earnest request of members of the family of the late Tom L. Johnson, former Mayor of Cleveland, no public funeral services will be held over the remains of "the father of the 3-cent fare," and the body will not be allowed to remain in state for the purpose to view, as had been planned early today.

OPERA FOR BUKUNFT

The Alma Webster-Powell Opera Company will give the famous opera "Barber de Seville" at the Thalia Theater, 44-48 Bowery, to-night for the benefit of the only Jewish monthly journal, the Bukunft (Future).

1,000 CIGAR MAKERS QUIT

(Special to The Call.) CHICAGO, April 11.—One thousand cigar makers employed by the Havana American Cigar Company, a local plant of the Tobacco Trust, struck today for higher wages and better conditions.

The strikers are not members of any union. Late Monday slips were passed around the shops for the purpose of selecting a committee to meet the owners.

The superintendent declared to the committee that he would have to hear from New York first before making any concessions.

This the employees considered a scheme to delay matters indefinitely and one of the tactics of the firm.

All branches of the trade are out. Pickets have been appointed and another meeting with the superintendent will probably be held tomorrow.

WILL HOLD BENEFIT FOR STRICKEN WORKER

Going blind in a little room at 329 Bowery, Tom Schank, a former teamster, is praying for sufficient money to pay his passage back to England, where he has friends and relatives.

FURNITURE MFRS. CONCEDE TO UNION

GRAND RAPIDS, Mich., April 11.—The big furniture strike which has been imminent in this city since April 1 will be settled if concessions offered the 5,000 men by the Manufacturers' Association this afternoon are accepted by the union.

The manufacturers will concede to a nine-hour working day and grant a 10 per cent increase in wages as demanded by the men, together with the recognition of the union.

While the wage increase will not become immediately effective the manufacturers promise to put it in operation in the fall, as the summer slump in the furniture trade is now every day.

There is every indication that the unions will accept the offer.

BROKERS PREPARE TO FIGHT TRUST

The joint executive board of the bakers' unions issued a call to all central labor bodies yesterday asking them to elect delegates to a conference to discuss ways and means of starting an agitation for the union label.

As the new bread trust is soon to start operations the bakers are preparing to start an energetic campaign for the union label. The representatives of the Bread Trust have declared recently that they would operate their shops on an open shop basis.

PHONE GIRLS SOUGHT PROTECTION; FIRED

Sometime ago The Call printed an article which told about spies employed by the New York Telephone Company to watch their girl operators when they left the company's offices at night. This was confirmed yesterday when fifteen girls were discharged from the Bedford Exchange, Brooklyn, because the girls insisted upon having their male companions wait for them near the building at night to escort them home, thus shielding themselves from stunts and insults of the spies.

The telephone company objected to the girls' companions awaiting them. It is said that the manager of the company warned the discharged employes that they must tell their friends not to "loiter" about the offices of the company. The girls pleaded that they must have protection and this resulted in their dismissal.

THE CALL HAS HAD TO SAY A LOT OF DISTASTEFUL THINGS IN THIS COLUMN. THAT IS YOUR FAULT, CAN MAKE IT SAY A LOT OF MORE DISTASTEFUL THINGS IF YOU WISH IT.

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WHY MEXICAN REBEL FORCES ARE SPLIT

Magon Uses "Regeneracion" to Denounce Socialists and Preach a Doctrine of His Own. Other Border Papers Repudiate Him.

Mexico is threatened by the fighting forces of the Mexican Liberal (Socialist) Party and the revolutionary forces who are attacking Francisco I. Madero, as chief. The great surprise of every one was the avowed Socialist sentiment in Mexico has shown extraordinary strength. This show of strength resulted in a serious break in harmony between the two fighting forces...

against Francisco I. Madero and the progress of the Maderista. These attacks on Madero have been exceedingly bitter and coupled with statements unsupported by any proof. Magon not a Fighter. Let it not be lost sight of that Magon has not at any time taken part in the fighting in Mexico. His work has been done in perfect security in the office of "Regeneracion" at Los Angeles, on American soil. John Kenneth Turner, Simon Berthold and other Socialists have been facing the rifles of the Federalists in Lower California, while Gutierrez De Lara, Villareal and others have been doing their work at the front in Chihuahua, Sonora and Coahuila.

Magon here quotes the aged De Silva as replying that the ballot was not what the Liberals were fighting for. "The ballot will not put bread in our mouths; we want land," the men under De Silva were quoted as replying. Thereupon, we learn from Magon, Madero ordered his men to disarm the men under De Silva. Magon exclaims De Lara, whom he asserts was present at this time, urged the Liberals to recognize Madero as chief.

It might be maintained by some that the agreement with the Maderista expired with the alleged perfidious action of Madero in the cases of Cano and De Silva. But if that agreement was repudiated it was done by Magon single-handed, and the information kept from the very persons whom he relied upon to procure financial aid for his party among American Socialists.

Classic Opera on the East Side BARBER DE SEVILLE WILL BE RENDERED BY THE ALMA WEBSTER-POWELL OPERA CO. ON WEDNESDAY EVENING, APRIL 12, 1911 AT THE THALIA THEATER, 44-48 Bowery. ALSO THE FOLLOWING TALKS: 1. Victim Role, by Marie Hilda. 2. Victim Role, by Signer Eugenia Pineda. 3. Comic Selections, by a prominent orchestra. 4. "Woman Who Weeps," comedy. 5. "The Orphan's Voice," Musical Drama, by Webster-Powell Dramatic Ensemble. STERNWAY'S PIANO USED. The Entire Proceeds for the "Zakynth" (Future), the Only Jewish Socialist Magazine. Tickets, 35, 50 and 75 Cents

that a cool reception must be expected. Another unit of the Mexican Liberal (Socialist) party exists at El Paso. De Lara and Villareal have been and still are co-operating with this junta without any friction being reported. That Magon finds himself in a desperate position just now is indicated by a bold-faced and boxed statement which appears in the current issue of "Regeneracion". In this statement Magon warns all Liberals to beware of the activities of Villareal and De Lara, and automatically reads out of the party all persons who in any manner countenance or co-operate with them.

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JAPANESE SLAVES TO SUGAR PLANTERS. U. S. Official Declares Hawaiian Islands is Settlement of Alien Laborers. WASHINGTON, April 11.—That a great majority of the inhabitants of Hawaii are living in vassalage; that for all practical purposes they are owned body and soul by the sugar planters and that the assertion of interested parties that white men can not do the work on the islands is an absolute lie, is the gist of an official report made to the President.

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150 SILK WORKERS GO OUT ON STRIKE

Girls in Shamokin, Pa., Rebel Against Unjust Docking System. (Special Correspondence.) SHAMOKIN, Pa., April 10.—Objecting to the docking system which they termed unjust, 150 girls, employed at the silk mill on Rock street, which is owned and operated by J. H. and C. K. Eagle, left their machines at noon today and notified their employers that they would not return until the system was abolished.

Several girls had again been fined for various reasons, and it was whispered among the workers, that unless they got some satisfaction from the firm, a strike at the noon hour, a general strike, tying up the main department of the plant, would result. The girls failed to get satisfaction, and they struck.

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THE SUPREME COURT AND LABOR That Magnificent Cartoon and Editorial By GORDON NYE.

What Does The Labor Press Mean to The Workers? Reprinted from The Call of April 4.

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IS IT NOTHING TO YOU? A Short Sketch on the Triangle Disaster

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FORM LEGISLATIVE LABOR CONFERENCE Bridgeport Socialists Join With Unions to Push Labor Act.

NEWARK BREWERY WORKERS CELEBRATE Big Union Observes Twenty-Fifth Anniversary With Banquet and Ball.

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Supreme Court, County of New York. In pursuance of a judgment of foreclosure and sale...

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HARVARD, N. Y., April 11.—The second annual convention was held in New York on December 29-30, 1910. At the dinner given the night before...

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## PROBING AND INVESTIGATING

If the industry grows the way it has in the past few months most public officials and many business men will be divided into two camps—those who are being probed or investigated and those who are carrying on the work. Yesterday's papers indicate the extent to which this is being done.

The investigation into the Asch Building fire is on, and the first testimony indicates that the building plans were defective, but they passed in some mysterious way. There are ugly allegations concerning the State prisons, and the matter is to be investigated. New Jersey has a beautiful scandal in connection with the building of the State Capitol, and that, too, must be probed.

A firm of art importers, caught emuggling, has turned over to the United States Treasury the sum of \$1,200,000. A local brokerage firm is being sued for \$800,000 for avoiding the State Stock Transfer law. An investigation is being made in New Jersey into the matter of selling votes. The unsavory Lorimer case is causing trouble again, both in Washington and in his home-State of Illinois. New York City has a Grand Jury that is going to give a lot of its valuable time to the consideration of vice and of the demoralization of the Police Department.

These are only some of the leading items in one day's news. Each day adds more, and the old troubles that have already come up for investigation seem to continue to flourish and do business in the same old way.

To some all this is an indication that humanity is becoming worse and society generally is on the high road to perdition. S. S. McClure, the publisher, finds a different cause. He believes that we do not run our affairs in a scientific and businesslike manner. What we should do is turn control of our municipalities over to men who are perfectly competent to run them, or who are willing to learn how. Possibly this idea could be extended still further, and instead of bothering with such clumsy things as Governors and State Legislatures, the President, in conjunction with the Supreme Court, say, and a small and select Congress, could appoint a small body of men competent to rule the various States in a businesslike way, for the benefit of business generally.

Of course, the cities in the aggregate furnish much more real business than the States do. New York City offers larger, juicier plums than can be had from New York State. In the other cities there is an enormous amount of good picking. And it is that which those in control of cities and States seek.

It happens, however, that the newspapers show there is quite as much more corruption and mismanagement in business as there is in government. Could not the commission idea be extended to the point where everything could be run by commission? We have in this State a Public Service Commission, but its chief function apparently is to make recommendations nobody bothers about following out.

This commission, in most of its performances, seems to go on the immortal principle laid down by Magistrate Dogberry: "If you meet a thief, you may suspect him, by virtue of your office, to be no true man; and, for such kind of men, the less you meddle with them, why, the more is for your honesty." This sort of a commission is not the desired kind, however, if the ideas of Mr. McClure are followed out to their logical conclusion for business, being equally as corrupt as civic administration, should be run by select bodies of experts. He wishes bodies who have practically despotic powers, and will use them in carrying out that glorious idea of reform, a business administration.

But it happens that the most corrupt administrations are, from the standpoint of capitalist ethics, the most businesslike. There is no difference between a business man in politics looting the city for his own benefit, and a business man in industry charging all the traffic will bear. Both are founded in the idea that all social labor, all human activities, may justly be exploited for private benefit. As this works out, no matter what may be the protestations or the claims of those who benefit, it will be found that the returns they receive are stealings, nothing else.

One thing that has given form and impetus to this theory of having our municipal and State affairs run by a commission of "good" men is a growing fear of the results of such shreds of democracy as we have left. There are doubts as to the advisability of letting the people have any say in their own affairs, and in some cases these doubts verge on panic. There is also a hope for the upholders of capitalism in the belief that if all say is taken from the people they can be better kept in subjection. But the plan is weirdly absurd, for it would mean virtually an attempt to trustify all municipal government.

## THE DEMOCRATIC PROGRAM

In Congress the Democrats have a sufficient number of votes to get almost any loot they are after. They are not, however, sufficiently strong to be looked upon as even a reform party, for reform is one of the things they do not wish. But the old workers within the party, those who have seen it defeated in election after election, know now that there is such a manifestation of strength at Washington that some of the governmental jobs will be handed around to them.

This is about the only program that will be presented. Within the Democratic party itself there are signs of a rift, the same as there are signs within the Republican party. So far they are not well defined. There is no program for either side, though up to the present moment all sides seem to be united on the opinion that the working class must not be allowed to get anything it really wants.

With the single exception of Victor Berger, the working class is without representation, and never was that fact more painfully shown than in the party caucuses. There everything was discussed except the big, the pressing, the important questions, the questions that concern most intimately the welfare of the greatest body in this country.

Those things which deal merely with matters of party policy, of party routine, need not for a moment disturb or distract the attention of the workers. They are simply a matter of division of loot, nothing else. As the question is now it is very simple. Those who have had nothing during a great many years have a chance to get at the public crib. What shall be first?

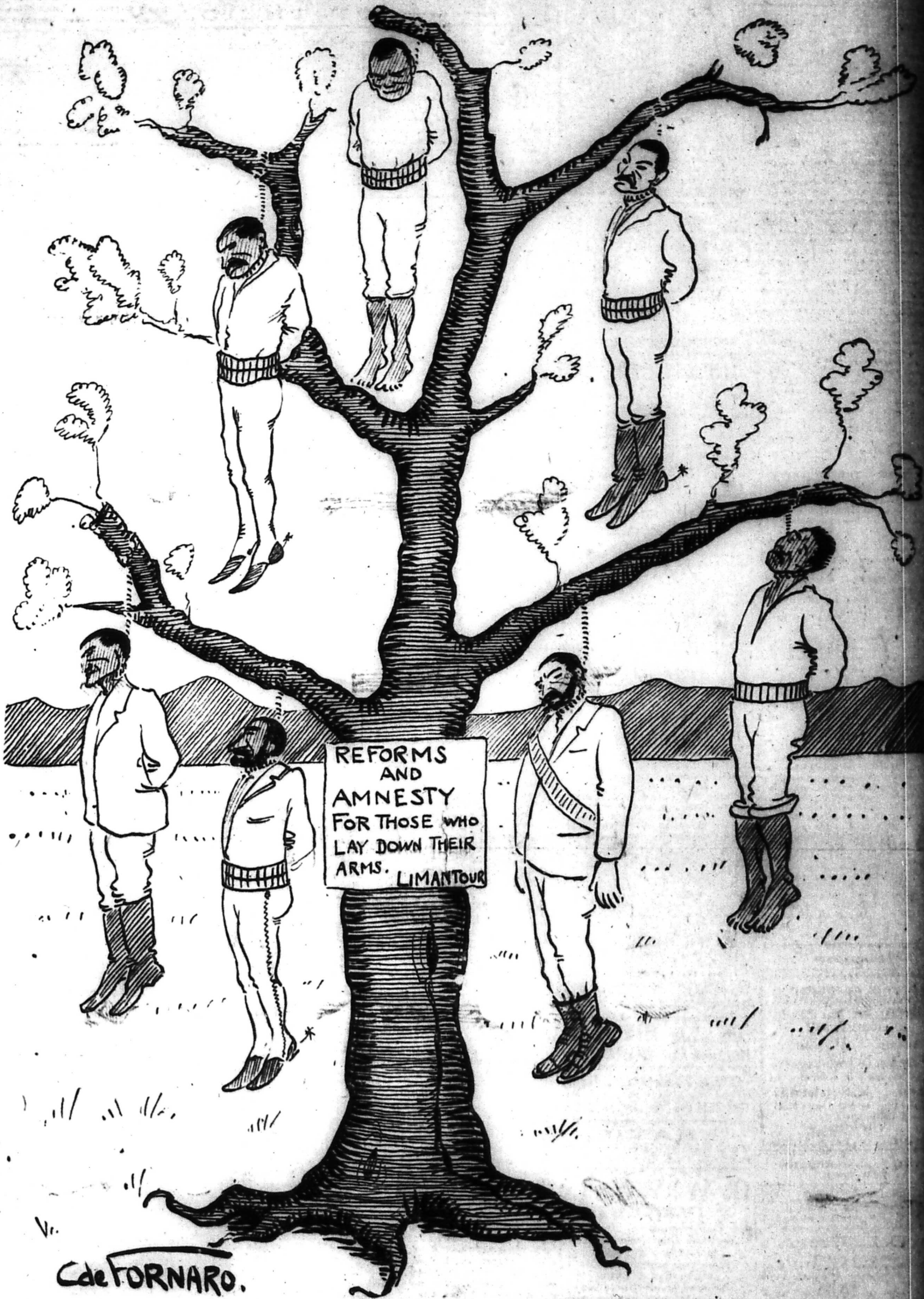
Our legislators no longer gather to discuss matters of class interest. That has been settled. There is but one interest, and that is of the capitalist class. They come together to decide which of the supporters shall be rewarded, and beyond that they have no interest.

## THE DANBURY HATTERS' CASE

Nothing is settled by this reversal by the United States Circuit Court. The only thing is that the case will have to be tried over again, with more costs to the union and with equal chances of unfavorable judgment. In the decision as handed down there is little on which hope can be based, except a desperate fighting hope, a mere chance that owing to insistence and courage some understanding may be driven into the courts of this country. But that is remote.

The case has already dragged through many courts and trailed through many years. No conclusion has been reached. Nothing is as yet definite. No doubt the Hatters will enter with vim on the fight, and they deserve the absolute support of all the workers in this country. But the fight should not merely be concentrated on this case in particular; it should extend to all the cases in which labor is involved.

# THEY LAID DOWN THEIR ARMS.



Cde FORNARO.

And Thus Were They Forgiven.

## THE MENACE OF SOCIALISM.

By CARRIE W. ALLEN.

Father Thomas I. Gasson, president of Boston College, delivered an address on February 5, at Ford Hall, Boston, on "The Dangers of Socialism," and on February 27, James F. Carey, State Secretary of the Massachusetts Socialist party, and a member of the National Executive Committee of the Socialist party, replied to Father Gasson in a remarkable address delivered in Faneuil Hall, Boston. These two addresses have been brought out in pamphlet form by the Socialist clubs of Boston and present an unusually good piece of propaganda literature.

That Father Gasson, in common with many other opponents, does not understand the doctrines of Socialism, is evident from the fact that he speaks of the many brands of Socialism, and then makes it clear that the Socialism which he considers a menace, is State Socialism. He says: "The Socialism of which I speak is that economic social theory which wishes to place the ownership, production and distribution of all goods in the hands of one body, the State."

When asked if there was one state in Karl Marx's "Das Kapital" in which he advocates free love and the bringing up of the child by the State, Father Gasson gave the vague reply: "By following out his teachings, both these things would come to pass."

In the address of James F. Carey, each statement made by Father Gasson is taken up, analyzed, and scientifically punctured. We find no vagueness here, but a direct statement of the Socialist position, the Socialist who has nothing to cover, who does not expect to get Socialism surreptitiously, but invites the world to a frank understanding of the principles for which the Socialist party stands.

Comrade Carey makes it clear at once that there is just one specific brand of Socialism, and that one is summed up in the declaration of principles that "society should own and operate democratically the social tools of production and distribution." This is Socialism, he says, and anything short of this is not Socialism.

Very cleverly and briefly Carey points out the distinction between Socialism and Communism, which so many people mistake for Socialism. The demand of Socialism, he says, is "not for community of goods, but for the collective ownership of the social tools of production and distribution."

In commenting upon the attacks made upon Socialism by the Catholic clergy and others who declare it to be anti-religious and who sound the alarm, Comrade Carey says: "I am not a free lover, and I am not anti-religious, and even if I were, that has nothing to do with my demand for the social ownership of industry. One might be led to believe that in order to love your wife you'd have to starve to death together."

That some individual Socialists believe that the future society will establish a free relation between the sexes without restriction so far as society is concerned, is the personal opinion of those Socialists, and has nothing whatever to do with the principles of Socialism.

working for wages in the factories and shops of this country. Who broke up their homes? Who broke up the homes of their children, two million children 16 years of age, working for you? Who broke up their homes together?"

Comrade Carey in his analysis of the system which points out the fact that during the last ten years there have been 11 million divorces in this country, and these conditions are brought about by the Republican and Democratic parties, not by the Socialists.

In dealing with the religious question Father Gasson that Socialism is religious, Carey says the party believes religion to be a matter, and makes a complete separation of church and state. That some Socialists are materialists and others are not is quite clear. Emphasis is placed on the right of the individual to his home or other personal property, and the necessity of collective ownership of all land.

This is the Socialism movement, and it is in the criticism and analysis of the pamphlet dealing with the Danbury Hatters' case, in which Carey makes his point. It is a valuable contribution to the propaganda literature of the working class.

Who broke up their homes? Who broke up the homes of those hundreds of thousands of women that are being driven into the darkening night upon the streets? Who broke up their homes? Who broke up the homes of the millions of poor women who are