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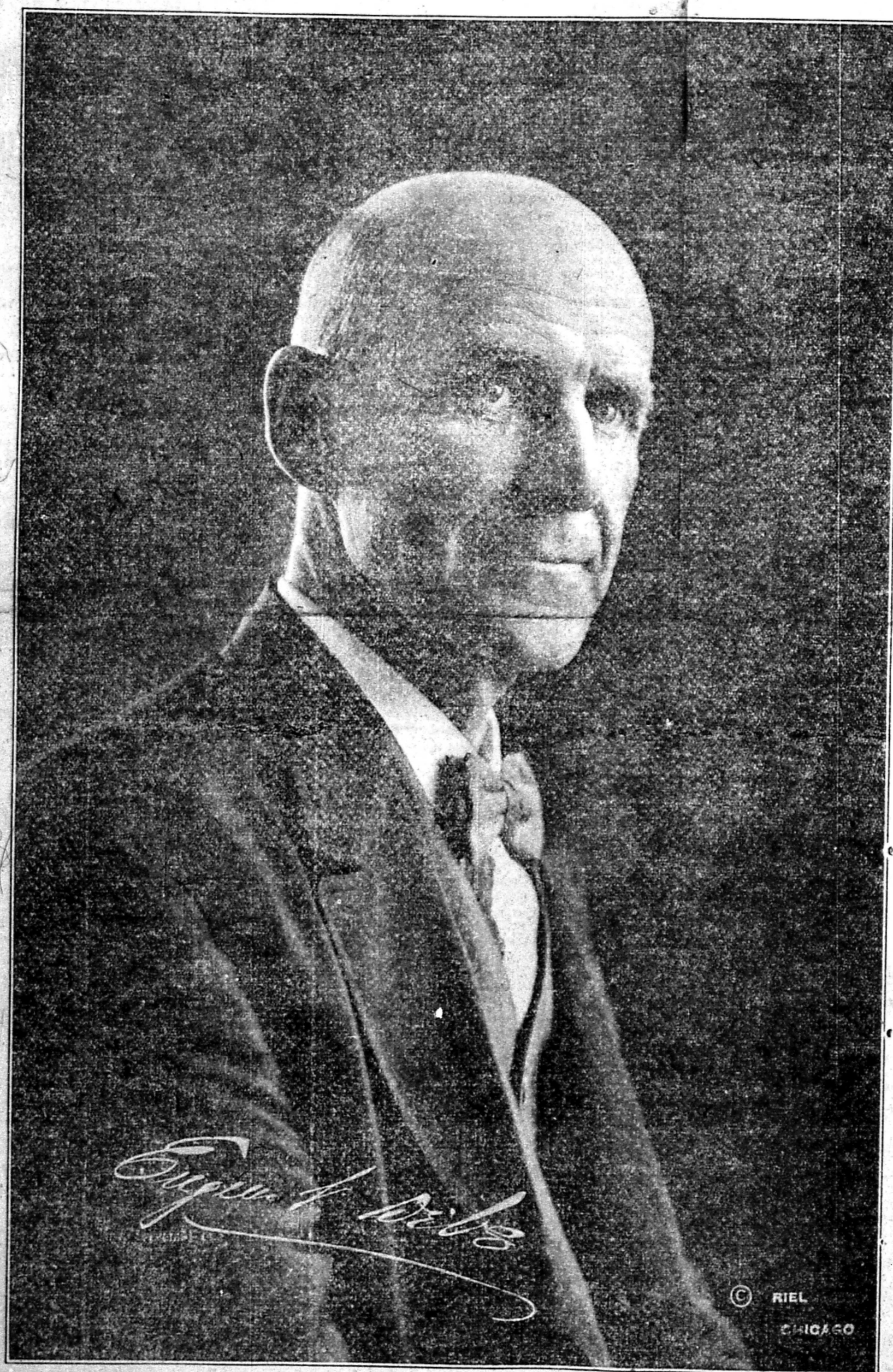
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Our Thanksgiving Day Message to the Workers.



LET US BE THANKFUL—

that altho during the past year, there has been instituted by the capitalist ruling class of this boasted land of freedom a reign of terror against the workers paralleled only in Czarist Russia;

and altho, in this desperate attempt of criminal capitalism to bolster up its falling ramparts, we have witnessed the death of free speech, free press and assembly for the workers and the rape of every Constitutional right heretofore believed an inalienable right of all free men and women;

and altho this annulment of Constitutional liberties has been brought about thru the connivance of armed mobs and the political tools of the capitalist class, in conjunction with the public press and other agencies of capitalism including the public school and the church;

and altho the workers' meetings have been broken up and prohibited, their halls raided, their property destroyed, their newspapers and printing plants wrecked, their editors jailed, their spokesmen mobbed;

and altho threats, intimidation, injunctions, police clubs, riot guns, in fact, the whole political and armed power of the State is now massed against the workers in its attempt to throttle the revolt of the workers against inhuman exploitation—

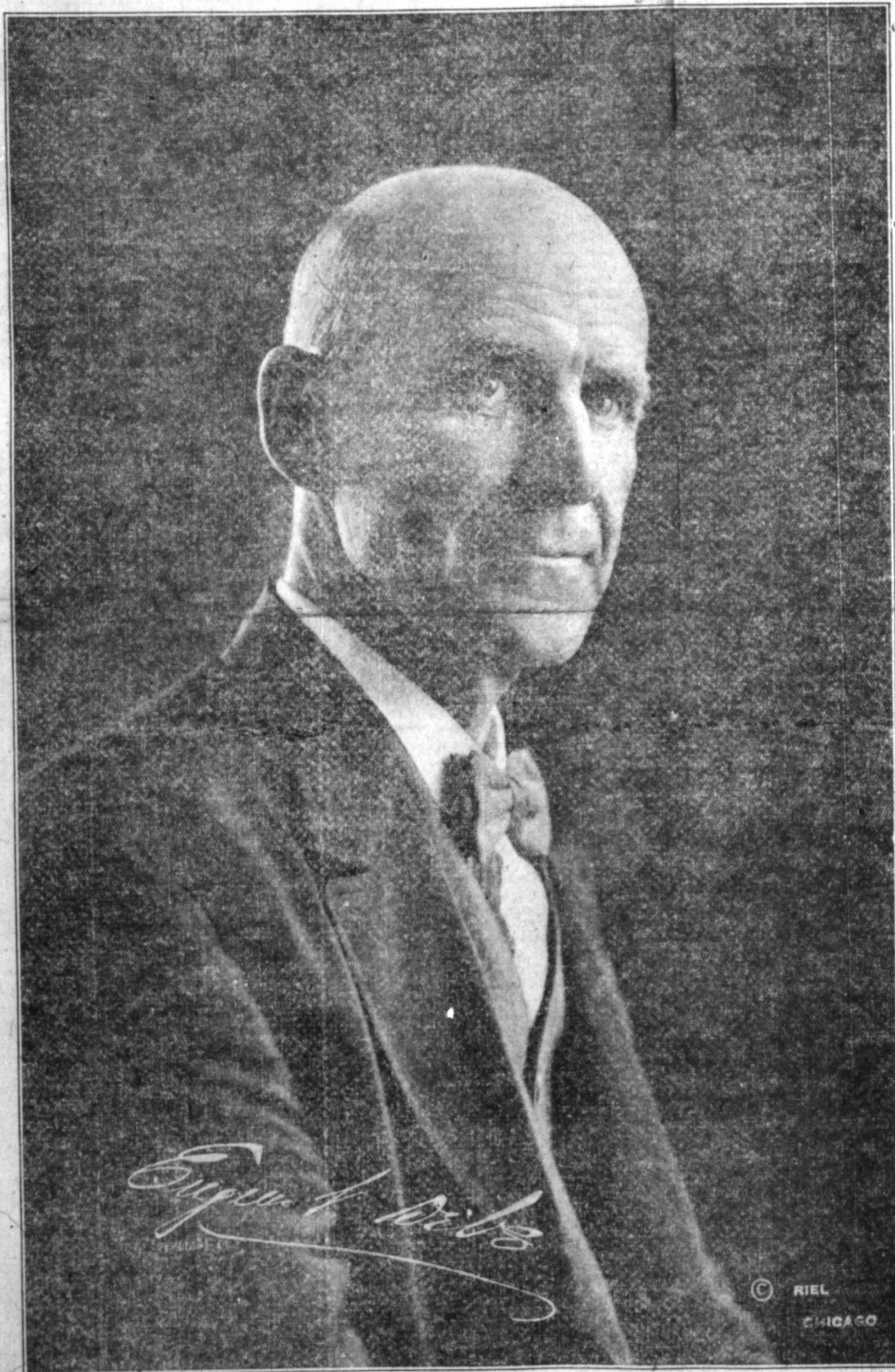
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that in spite of all the criminal lawlessness of capitalism and its henchmen, the love of liberty still lives in the hearts of the world's workers; there are yet fearless men and women, who hearing the call of their oppressed class, step out from the ranks of the toilers, take their place in the steps of their fallen comrades, and with high purpose and courageous resolve take up the battle for emancipation, bare the breast to the assassin's bullet, offer the neck to the mob's rope, enter the prison tombs.

In the breast of the proletariat love of Liberty has found its abiding place. From the ranks of the workers arise the emancipators of the race.

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PATRIOTIC HOUSEBREAKERS WRECK CINCINNATI SOCIALIST HEADQUARTERS.

By Lotta Burke.

A reign of terror was started in Cincinnati Tuesday, November 18, 1919.

Following a meeting of the Robert Bentley Post, of the American Legion, at the Burnet House, A. N. Cooper, who claims to be an overseas fighter for world democracy, incited a few other criminally insane creatures to march to Socialist Party Headquarters, to make an open attack upon the building.

An eye witness to the occurrence says (this eye witness is a member of the American Legion, and has made affidavit) that they arrived at the headquarters 1314 Vine Street, at 10:30 P. M. That before leaving the Burnet House at 3rd and Vine Cooper shouted in the meeting hall, "Who will go with me to get some I. W. W. literature; there will be a meeting there, and somebody will be there."

They entered the building by forming a pyramid reaching the awning rail and opening a window. There were no lights turned on in the building, but the lights show in from the street. They burst open the door of the room. Running down stairs they opened the front door, and let the crowd in. Then they proceeded upon their work of demolition. The American flag was torn from the wall and carried away.

The International Association of Machinists No. 162, and Auto Mechanics Union No. 1042 have their headquarters in the same building. We are of the opinion that the purpose of the attack was to secure for the Metal Trades Association the membership file of the Machinists Union. The Machinists here are strongly organized, and actively engaged in fighting the Metal Trades.

The cowardice of those who made the attack is evident from the fact that they waited across the street until two comrades who were working in the headquarters, up to ten P. M. turned out the lights and went home. The message was then sent to the Burnet House, and the Cooper procession started gathering about two hundred people on the way up. The literature they secured was thrown out the window into the wood block street and a fire started. (To start a fire on wood block street is a violation of a city ordinance.) About five men performed all the destructive work. Robert Marx, who was recently elected Superior Court Judge on the democratic ticket, by about 1500 majority, the only democrat elected to office in the recent election here, who won on his overseas reputation for world democracy, was in the crowd. He is also a member of the American Legion.

Dube, a teacher in the Hyde Park public school was also in the crowd, also member of the American Legion.

The raiders failed at any time during the attack to rouse the sentiment of the onlookers in their favor. A weak response, to repeated efforts to raise a howl of approval, was all the crowd would give. On the contrary continuous expressions of disapproval were made by those present. Lieutenant Messerschmidt with four policemen looked calmly on. It is said that Lieutenant Messerschmidt cautioned the mob not to break in the back door; for he would then have to arrest them. When called upon by chief of police Wm. Copelan, to make an explanation of his conduct in the matter, he pleaded that he did not want to start bloodshed. Crowds gathered at the front windows all day Wednesday, Wednesday eve, and all day Thursday. Papers placed in the window Wednesday morning, following the night of the raid, were eagerly read by hundreds of people. Upon an appeal from the policemen on the beat, acting under Lieutenant Messerschmidt, late Thursday afternoon we look the literature down.

This was done through sympathy for the policemen, who fear for their lives. In making the request the policemen, white with terror, tears in his eyes, said, "we cannot be responsible for what will happen. Those who are reading it, do not understand it." The "Open letter to President Wilson," "Hands off Soviet Russia," and Cincinnati News, were some of the literature the American people cannot understand according to Lieutenant Messerschmidt.

The officials of the city and the press, were forced to admit there was not a particle of cause for the raid. Cooper openly defies them to make an arrest. All of which shows that the American Legion has the police force bluff. Other raids are threatened in the capitalist press. Lawyers of the city have been instructed not to take the case in the courts. The Machinists Union is determined to bring the guilty parties into public disfavor. There will

be no quitting now. As promoters of law and order we are on the job. At our regular meeting Thursday eve. money came rolling in from many organizations to assist us in our legal battle to suppress the mob spirit of the American Legion.

Other organizations, who are bitterly opposed to Socialist principles, contributed to a fund to keep the good name of our old country town clean of mob violence. A prominent member of the Friends of Irish Freedom voiced the sentiment of all decent people when he said, "I contribute, because if they are permitted to do this to you today they will do it to us tomorrow." We assume our new duty cheerfully. We will protect the policemen of Cincinnati from the mob, until they organize to protect themselves.

A cordial invitation is extended to the decent soldiers, and sailors in the Robert Bentley Post, to visit with us at our headquarters, 1314 Vine St., where an unlimited supply of literature is always obtainable. We also inform them if they notify us of their coming, we will serve them with good coffee and doughnuts.

We dislike very much to impose upon them the hardship of being clasped with housebreakers. But, we advise the American Legion to cut out mob activities directed against us. If it comes to self defense we are 100 per cent prepared.

Late Thursday, Hayes and McShane, city detectives, informed us we could have our flag. It was down at the American Legion headquarters. The Machinists flag taken at the same time was returned Thursday by chief of detectives Love. The service flag of the Machinists Union was probably burned.

Our case is in the hands of Jos. Sharts of Dayton.

Albert Rhys Williams on Bolshevism.

Standing room was at a premium in North church, St. Clair & 72nd St. Cleveland, a week ago last Sunday night when A. R. Williams, noted authority on Russia who spent 20 months there during the revolution, described the Russia Soviet system of government and, afterward answered questions for an hour.

He began by distinguishing between the soviet system and communism, which exist side by side; described the revolution, and declared 98 per cent. of the Russian people are fully in sympathy with the soviets and that the allied expeditions against the soviet government will fail.

"Russia today is tattered and weary," Mr. Williams said, "but in spite of the blockade her armies drive forward with irresistible spirit because they have the hearts of the people behind them. The Bolsheviks destroyed the morale of the German troops and to them should go as much credit for winning the war as to the British army. Had the Bolshevik not taken over the government, Russia would have been swept into disorder and anarchy."

Mr. Williams has written numerous pamphlets, his latest work is a larger work entitled "Lenine, the Man, and His Work."

A paraphrase of questions and answers at the close of the meeting follows:

Q.—Are there any in Russia more radical than the Bolsheviks?

A.—Lenine is a member of the "right." There are the left social revolutionist and the anarchists who oppose the Bolsheviks on the one side, and the Mensheviks on the other side.

Q.—Why is Russia more free than the United States?

A.—In America we have the dictatorship of the bourgeois, in Russia they have a dictatorship of the proletariat. But the proletariat is 98 per cent.

Q.—Prohibition in Russia?

A.—Bolsheviks are dry. Denekine and other allied favorites are wet.

Q.—Is it true that the allies have used counterfeit money in Russia?

A.—That is the least of their crimes.

Q.—Where can we get the facts on Russia today?

A.—The Bullitt and Steffen report to the American government is reliable and can be had from any book store.

Q.—Does the government know these things about Russia?

A.—My testimony was taken by Col. House and President Wilson got some of it. When America embarked on the Russian expedition, President Wilson knew better.

A CRANE MAN MARTENS OFFERS PLAN TO SEND RUSSIANS BACK AT EXPENSE OF SOVIET.

ANISE, in Seattle Union Record. "What's the use," he said, "OF CARING About the WORK you do? And yet somehow You can't HELP caring. I guess all men Are artists, more or less, And put a little piece Of THEMSELVES

Into the work of their hands. I work in the shipyard Running a CRANE, And those CONTROLS RESPOND SO to my skill I can almost write my name With the swinging hooks. I'd like to manage a crane For the rest of my life. It picks such big things up So daintily it makes me feel like one Of those old GIANTS Or those ANCIENT GODS, And then The day's work closes And I go home Remembering suddenly That ANY MORNING I may come down to work And find a little SIGN: 'CLOSED DOWN!' And then I know I am NOT MAN, the giant Master of Machinery; But only a little COG In the machine; That SOMEBODY up above Who has the MONEY Just moves about According to his whim. HE doesn't even know That I'M ALIVE, And all the thoughts and dreams Of a thousand men Are NOTHING to him. HE doesn't deign to tell us What he PLANS, Whether it be tomorrow Or next year That he will choose To chuck us out to hell With a careless stroke Of his pen! So what's the use of caring About your work? It just HURTS MORE When you wake up and find That ALL the things you made And put YOUR SOUL in BELONG To some one else, And even the right To do your work tomorrow Is only yours

At the whim of another man! Oh, they buy a man's muscle With MONEY But the piece of HIMSELF That man puts in his work Can NEVER be paid for Except by a common SHARE In controlling his job And in owning the fruits Of his CREATION!"

CINCINNATI NOTES.

The Lecture Committee of Local Cincinnati, herewith urges all members of the Communist Party, Communist Labor Party and the Socialist Party of Cincinnati, to attend the Lecture Course every Sunday Evening at 8 P. M., at the Headquarters 1314 Vine Street.

It is most necessary for all members, Friends and Fellow Workers to attend those lectures, as they are very educational.

The Committee in charge, has done its best to make these lectures a grand success, and now Comrades, it is up to you, to do likewise.

Bring your friends, and fellow workers and spend an educational evening at our Headquarters.

LOCAL CINCINNATI ATTENTION.

I hereby notify all members of Local Cincinnati, affiliated with the Communist Labor Party of America, that on Thursday Evening, our regular Business Meeting, (November 7th) I was elected Collector of said Party, and I therefore wish to notify all members, that after December 1st, you may pay your dues, at my Home, 1315 Vinestreet, on Sundays from 9-11 A. M. and 2-4 P. M.

It shall be my earnest duty, to keep all members in good standing, and I will visit every member more than 2 months in arrears with their dues, no matter if they are living in organized districts or in unorganized ones.

OTTO F. HOEFER, Collector.

Local Cincinnati, Communist Labor Party.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE JUST OUT.

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The representative of the Russian Soviet republic, L. C. A. K. Martens, in a letter to the Hon. Robert Lansing, Secretary of State has formally offered to provide means of transportation from the United States to Russia for all Russian citizens who desire to leave America or whose presence in the United States is undesirable to the government of the United States.

Protesting against the "unwarranted and cruel treatment" to which many Russian citizens in the United States are subjected "by Federal and state officers, as well as by violent mobs acting without any authority," Martens proposes that the Soviet government be permitted to return these citizens to Soviet Russia. The Bureau of the Soviet government in New York has received thousands of applications from Russian citizens whose lives have been unbearable by the treatment to which they are subjected in the United States and who desire to return to their homes.

Calling attention to the reports in the press that it is proposed to deport certain Russians to parts of Russia under control of enemies of the Soviet republic, Martens points out that such deportation would mean certain death and would constitute a flagrant breach of all principles of international law.

Russians Only Too Glad to Leave.

"It is quite unnecessary," says Martens' letter, "for the government of the United States to take the trouble of deporting citizens of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet republic. They are only too anxious to leave... I therefore respectfully suggest that the United States government could be easily relieved of the presence of unwelcome Russian citizens if these citizens of Russia, whose lives are becoming unbearable in the United States, were permitted to leave. I desire to assure you, sir, that the government I have the honor to represent is ready and willing to provide means of transportation from the United States to Soviet Russia for every Russian citizen in this country who desires to return home, or whose presence in this country is undesirable to the government of the United States."

Martens' letter, in full, is as follows: In behalf of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic I have the honor to call your attention to the following facts:

Many citizens of that republic residing in the United States are at this time subjected to unwarranted persecution and cruel treatment by Federal and state officers, as well as by violent mobs acting without any authority. The government of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet Republic has accorded American citizens in Soviet Russia civil and considerate treatment even in cases where active hostility on the part of such American citizens toward the government of Soviet Russia has been proven beyond all doubt.

Only in some exceptional cases, where offenses of a particularly grave nature against the Russian government had been committed by American citizens, were they prosecuted by officers of the law.

Russia Holds No U. S. Prisoners.

American soldiers taken prisoners in the Archangel district, which was invaded by American troops without a declaration of war, have been treated in Soviet Russia with especial consideration, and were unconditionally released as soon as it was practicable to send them home, so that there remains today no American prisoners of war in Russia. Property of American citizens who have complied with the laws of the country has not been interfered with, and wherever any complications have arisen in this respect the government of Soviet Russia has been, and is, ready to adjust matters so as to safeguard the rights and the interests of American citizens.

This attitude has been maintained by the Soviet government toward the United States and its citizens resident and sojourning in Russia, notwithstanding the fact that Soviet Russia, against its will, finds itself in a state of war imposed from without and in the midst of a revolutionary struggle a struggle which naturally makes the conditions in the country abnormally critical. Yet, contrary to the comity of nations, citizens of Soviet Russia in the United States have in effect been denied the protection of the law.

Russians Persecuted Here.

The lot of thousands of Russians in the United States today is exceedingly unhappy, through no fault of their own. Through daily abuse in the press and the prejudice created by a virulent campaign of misrepresentation, their Russian citizenship has become a bar to employment and advancement.

They are indiscriminately accused in the most sweeping terms by government officials of criminal and subver-

sive acts and intents against the government of the United States, of which they are quite innocent.

They have been arrested without warrant and subject to oppressive treatment, against which they have no adequate protection, being citizens of a country whose government is not recognized by the government of the United States.

Within the past few days great numbers of Russian citizens in the City of New York and elsewhere have been arrested and have suffered the most brutal physical violence at the hands of public officials. Their homes and the places where they associate were invaded by public officers and arrests have been made on suspicion of alleged unlawful activities. No effort, however, had been made by the police first to ascertain the probable guilt of the Russian citizens who were to be arrested.

So, for instance, in the City of New York alone, according to press reports, over 1,000 persons were recently arrested, among them many citizens of Soviet Russia, and although these arrests were made in a manner which caused much suffering and physical injury to these Russian citizens, and although property belonging to them was wantonly destroyed during these raids, it developed that very few of them could be held for further investigation and criminal prosecution.

In behalf of the government of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet republic I deem it my duty to protest against such acts.

A number of affidavits bearing evidence to the fact that the lives and liberties of Russian citizens have been threatened without reasonable ground will be submitted to the State Department in a few days.

According to reports in the daily press, a number of citizens of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet republic are being held in custody by United States immigration officers, and it is proposed to deport them to parts of Russia which are under the control of enemies of the Soviet republic. Having no means to ascertain the truth of such reports, I still deem it my duty to call your attention to the fact that such deportation would mean certain death to those Russian citizens and would constitute a most flagrant breach of all principles of international law.

Moreover it is quite unnecessary for the government of the United States to take the trouble of deporting citizens of the Russian Socialist Federal Soviet republic.

Life Here Unendurable.

My office has received thousands of applications from Russian citizens who desire to return to their homes. They had been driven by the political, economic and religious oppression of the Czar's government to seek refuge in the United States which they believed to be a haven for the oppressed of all nations.

They had hoped to make their homes here and to become useful members of the community. Now, however, that they are daily insulted in the press and by public officials, too, with intimations that their presence is not wanted in this country, they are only too anxious to leave. But they are prevented from leaving America by the authorities of the United States, who have made it practically impossible for citizens of the Soviet republic to receive the requisite papers without which they cannot secure transportation.

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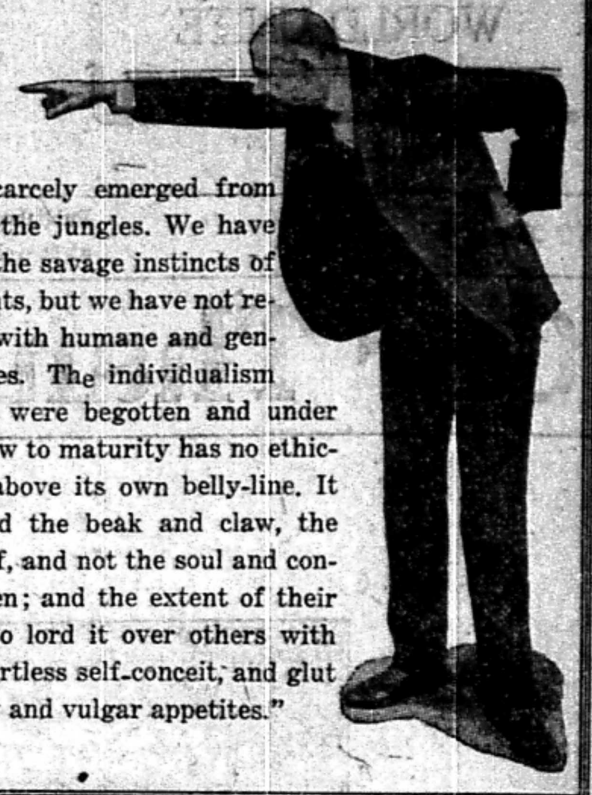
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DEBS SAYS TO YOU



"We have scarcely emerged from the caves of the jungles. We have lost some of the savage instincts of our antecedents, but we have not replaced them with humane and generous impulses. The individualism in which we were begotten and under which we grew to maturity has no ethical standard above its own belly-line. It has developed the beak and claw, the fang and hoof, and not the soul and conscience of men; and the extent of their ambition is to lord it over others with arrogant, heartless self-conceit, and glut their own low and vulgar appetites."

TAFT STANDS ALONE IN CONDEMNATION OF DEBS.

We take the following from the editorial page of the Dallas (Texas) Democrat of a recent issue. Is it not especially significant that of two hundred men in public repute but one, Wm. Howard Taft, stands alone in condemnation of Debs and attempts to justify the life time sentence imposed upon him by the ruling class of the country thru its courts?

T. B. Williams, president of the North Texas Manufacturing Company, of McKinney, has been writing letters to prominent men throughout the country, requesting them to use their influence with President Wilson to have him pardon Eugene V. Debs out of the Federal Penitentiary at Atlanta, where he is serving a 10-year Federal court sentence, because of speeches made against war policies of the government while this country was at war with Germany. Debs spoke as a Socialist. He had three times been the candidate of that party for President of the United States. In one election he polled approximately 2,000,000 votes. Debs has never been what could be classed as a violent-force disturber. He is much of an idealist; an earnest, sympathetic character. He believes in strikes to win what he regards as the rights of the working masses, but he is not an inciter to violence. He was once—about twenty years ago—sent to prison for violating a Federal Court injunction, while the late George M. Pullman, admittedly violated the same injunction, from the other side of the strike controversy, was permitted by the same court to enjoy his liberty and went on a visit to Europe, while Debs stayed in prison.

Mr. Williams wrote a letter to Ex-President Taft, urging him to intercede for Debs. Mr. Taft wrote Mr. Williams a reply. Mr. Williams has furnished The Dallas Democrat with a copy of the letter, with a request that I publish it. Here it is:

New Haven, Conn., Oct. 29, 1919.—My Dear Sir: I have your letter in respect to Eugene V. Debs. I don't sympathize with you in your view of Mr. Debs. His is a most pernicious influence in the community. He did advise treason in seeking to paralyze the arm of the Government when it was needed to defend this country in her hour of peril; and not for the purpose of vengeance, but for the purpose of deterring other dangerous fools like him, a proper punishment had to be inflicted. I have no doubt that whenever the object of the punishment is obtained, the Executive will discharge his duty and exercise such clemency as may be proper.

Sincerely yours,

(Signed) WM. H. TAFT.

Mr. T. B. Williams, President North Texas Manufacturing Co., McKinney, Texas.

In commenting on Mr. Taft's letter, Mr. Williams states that he has written to two hundred prominent Democrats and Republicans in behalf of Debs, and concludes as follows:

Taft stands alone in the replies I have received. I was never so agreeably surprised as when the letters began to pour in, expressing such strong demand for the release of Debs coming from Democrats and Republicans.

Politically, I have no sympathy with Debs. Nothing in Socialism appeals to me affirmatively. Socialistic government in this country would be a calamity. But I am free to declare that my sympathies are all with Debs in the matter of his imprisonment. He ought never, in my opinion, to have been sent to prison, in the light of all circumstances. His imprisonment was not necessary for the public welfare, because he is not an advocate of fire-brand violence. He is sympathetically and altruistically opposed to war and uncompromisingly committed to free speech. His imprisonment has placed him in the attitude of a martyr, in the minds of many dissatisfied elements in this country. It has not had a tendency for tranquillity, but, on the contrary, has stimulated the industrial unrest that is country-wide and dangerous.

The speech for which Debs was sent to prison could not, by any stretch of consistency, be characterized as treasonable. He felt that the Espionage Act, passed by the American Congress, in some of its provisions invaded and annulled the rights of the citizen. He desired to test the Act in the courts and compel the Supreme Court of the United States to face the issue with a decision as to its constitutionality. Proceedings blocked him from his plan and he did not appeal to the Supreme Court; but declared he would "appeal to the higher court of public opinion" and went to prison.

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THE COMMUNITY CHEST.

Camouflage is becoming a national trait, or is it that we merely recognize it when we see it and give it a name which the World War left us as an addition to our language? "Community Chest" sounds much nicer than "Charity Chest". The idea of charity, you know, is becoming unpopular. It doesn't sound just right any more. While to be charitable used to be considered one of the virtues, one which our "most respectable" people could and did readily assume, it has of late fallen into bad repute. It is said that charity debases both the giver and the receiver. Besides it is now largely looked upon as means of camouflage for justice. Its unpopularity, especially with the recipients is growing. They resent it. They prefer just plain every day justice and upon that basis deem themselves quite able to shift for themselves without the doles of degrading charity.

Just to what extent this idea is becoming fixed in the mind of the workers, is seen in the action taken by the Cleveland Central Labor Council when the matter of contributing to Cleveland's Community Chest came before that body. The C. L. C. contributed \$10.00 to the Chest—and \$100.00 to the striking steel workers. Another union affiliated with the printing trades turned the Chest down flat and donated \$25.00 to the steel workers.

The city of Cleveland is raising a charity, no, we mean community fund of \$3,425,000 which is expected to last a whole year and to administer to the needs of all the various institutions of the city which carry on their work thru money subscribed by free donations. Everybody is expected to give to this fund—exempting of course, the recipients.

The promoters have learned the value of mass action—and camouflage. Mass action in this case is aroused by a coalition of all public educational and informative forces of the city. Newspapers, churches, associations of all varieties, are engaged in one great enterprise, to put the proposition over by sheer force of cumulative publicity. The camouflage consists in arousing a "community" spirit by a substitution of "community" for "charity" and by the implied responsibility of all elements of the city in the welfare of the city's unfortunates.

But let us see if all elements of the city are responsible for the necessity of raising three and a half million dollars for the purpose of charity in the great industrial city of Cleveland? A poster used in this campaign is the most eloquent evidence we have to offer as proof of our contention that the "Community Chest" is a substitute for justice and an insult to the people whom it is calculated to benefit. Standing in the foreground of the poster, supported by her two crutches is the figure of little Mary Lamb, one of the unfortunate cripples of the city. Upon her face is a pathetic smile—a very appealing picture we assure you. A picture that appeals to one's sympathies, surely, and we hope also to one's responsibilities as a citizen and also to one's powers of analysis.

So much for the sympathetic appeal. Behind Mary, in the picture, is the Cuyahoga Valley, the manufacturing district of Cleveland, with its forest of smokestacks, belching their black smoke into the heavens. This, we presume is expected to arouse the "community" spirit, the local patriotism of the inhabitants. Some how or other, we are unable to grow very enthusiastic about those smoke stacks. Perhaps its because we have fed furnaces and watched years of our life go up in smoke as it were, while capitalists grew rich from our labors. Besides, the smokestacks do not belong to any who WORK there. They do not belong to the community, but to the exploiters of the community. We recall that for the most part these same steel mills, furnaces and rolling mills have for these last two months been idle, they did not pay the workers wages enough to enable them to care for their families—their little Marys and Tommies, and the hours were so long that not sufficient recreation was possible for them to live decent, human lives. They struck for justice. But Gary and his fellow profiteers have said "no".

The poster is emblematic of capitalism. The worker is exploited in the factory, the mill and the mine of the greater part of the wealth he creates. A vast army of propertyless workers is created by the conditions which permit of no accumulation of property by the workers. He is paid enough to keep himself in working order, and to replace upon the labor market another generation of slaves, very often crippled, either mentally or physically, and that is all. He strikes and the powers of government back up the employers associations.

Capitalism exists for the benefit of the few. Society at large, and the working class in particular, which make up the greater number of the world's population, are not beneficiaries under it. They are its slaves, its charity receivers, its cripples, its defectives. For them it gives no hope, no ray of light from its reaches into their broken lives. Between the workers and a decent human life and a world filled with joy and happiness, it stands menacingly against any advance by the workers toward a better and truer life.

And then it attempts to cast a mantle of charity over its crimes of robbery, debauchery and exploitation.

THE RETREAT FROM MOSCOW.

The spectre of Bolshevism at home has risen to haunt the dreams of the Allies in their plans for the rehabilitation of capitalism in Russia thru support of the Kolchak-Demikin crowd of reactionaries. "Hands off Russia", which has been the rallying cry of millions of class-conscious workers of every civilized country, is now to be the policy of France and England, according to statements made by Lloyd George in the House of Commons last week.

Lloyd George sees national bankruptcy followed by Bolshevism in England unless a speedy retreat is made of British troops from Russia and a strict policy of "hands off" followed in future. Admitting that the Allies had been marching in a fog since intervention in Russia took place, Lloyd George now sees a rift in the clouds, and standing upright, menacingly in that opening is the apparition of workers' control of life and government.

That the forces of the Allies in conjunction with the reactionaries have used with sore disappointment in their adventures of conquest upon the Soviet Republic, is strikingly illustrated by George's citation of the fact that no invasion of Russia ever succeeded. Doubtless Napoleon's historical "retreat from

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Moscow" is in the mind of the Premier when he explains the difficulties of intervention and its dire consequences.

Intervention in Russia has failed to re-establish capitalism. The Soviet government has been welded into a powerful instrument for defense and as an agency of the people in their struggle upward from slavery. Kolchak and Denikin have retreated to the end of their tethers. Kolchak's seat of government, Omsk, has fallen to the bolsheviks. They are done for, for only Allied munitions and food have enabled them to hold out this long against the Soviet power. This support withdrawn, their speedy capitulation will follow.

Every civilized nation is beset with terrific problems of rehabilitation. The workers are restless, on the verge of revolt, demanding a larger share in determining the conditions of their lives. All governmental activities which ignore these demands are looked upon as evidence of the enmity of the government toward the workers. The end of Allied intervention in Russia is substantial evidence, not only of the impossibility of conquering the Soviet government, but is proof of the fear of working-class uprising at home. To the workers of the world goes the credit for the withdrawal of Allied aid to Russian reactionaries.

TWO RESOLUTIONS.

WORCHESTER, MASS., RESOLUTION.

WHEREAS, the rank and file of both the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party accepted and endorsed the principles of Revolutionary Socialism laid down by the 3rd Moscow Communist Internationale, and

WHEREAS, the great industrial strikes and other militant working class manifestations which are now taking place throughout the country are being sorely neglected because of our petty differences, and

WHEREAS, it is the duty of all class-conscious revolutionary workers to unite into one homogeneous body to quicken and to crystallize this revolting spirit of the working class, and

WHEREAS, it now gives aid and comfort to the Imperialists of America to see us divided into separate parties, quarreling among ourselves like petty politicians, and

WHEREAS, we communist comrades recognize that the present is the period of the dissolution and collapse of world capitalism.

Be it therefore RESOLVED

That the membership (the rank and file) of both the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party of Local Worcester, Mass., hereby demand that the central executive committee of the Communist Party and the National Executive Committee of the Communist Labor Party meet on or before Dec. 15, 1919, in Chicago or any other place agreed upon, except New York, N. Y., or Detroit, Mich.

1st.—For informal discussion of basis for a formal Unity conference and a mode of procedure for such a conference.

2nd.—If a basis is then agreed upon, to then and there hold a Unity Conference.

Be it further RESOLVED:

That in the event that the above resolution shall not immediately be acted upon by the officials of both parties, we, the membership of both the Communist Party and the Communist Labor Party local of Worcester, Mass., shall without hesitation issue a joint call for a Unity Conference of the rank and file of both Parties and will ride over the so-called leaders.

In all sincerity we await your immediate and favorable answer and remain

For a United Communist Movement Local Worcester, Mass., Communist Labor Party, Communist Party.

ABOUT OUR CHANGE OF NAME.

Beginning with this issue the Ohio Socialist will appear under the name "The Toiler". This action is in obedience to the instructions of the State Executive Committee issued at the meeting Nov. 10th.

The change is made in conformity with the recent change in Party organization and affiliation. We hope that the confidence which has been reposed by the comrades in The Ohio Socialist will be continued in The Toiler. We shall attempt to keep up the high standard which has made our state paper nationally recognized as one of the foremost socialist papers of the nation.

Subscription cards—and blanks addressed to The Ohio Socialist will be honored the change of name making no difference in this respect.

JUST A WORD.

Printing costs have risen. This week's issue and all future ones as far as we can calculate will cost us \$35.00 more than formerly. This means a big increase in costs in a year. But you can help meet it by getting subscriptions, selling sub cards, agitating in your Local for more support for your own paper. Do it, don't wait for us to holler for help. Just get a sub blank and go after the workers for subscriptions. Do your part, we will try to do ours.

NEFFS, OHIO, RESOLUTION.

COMRADES: At a meeting held Nov. the 6th, 1919, by the English branch (of the former old S. Party) at Neffs, Ohio, the members decided to send the following Resolution to both Communist Parties.

WHEREAS, the existence of two communist parties, both standing upon the platform of the 3RD INTERNATIONAL, organized at MOSCOW, is a crime and only tends to split the revolutionary forces of the American proletariat, and

WHEREAS, there is no difference in principle nor yet in tactics between the platform and program of the Communist Party and that of the COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY, and

WHEREAS, the chief cause for launching two communist parties appears to rest in the shallow personal activities and mutual hatred between so-called leaders of the communist movement of America, and

WHEREAS, a division of communist forces leads to useless expense of means, all of which are contributed by rank and file, and in baseless internal strife between communists, thereby weakening the propaganda among the working class as well as disorganizing the communist forces in America, all of which will reflect badly upon the INTERNATIONAL COMMUNIST movement, and

WHEREAS, the Communist Labor Party has declared its readiness to at any time unite with the communist party on the basis of equality,

THEREFORE, taking all this into consideration, be it resolved by the English branch of Neffs, at a meeting assembled, that we demand immediate unification of the Communist Party with the COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY.

Signed Resolution Committee.

THE CLASS STRUGGLE JUST OUT. Second Anniversary Soviet Republic issue 25c A COPY READ IT

ORDER of Communist Labor Party 3207 Clark Ave., Cleveland, Ohio.

SPARKS

Seven Charters were granted to locals last week. Some were by affiliation and some thru organization of new Locals.

The locals applying for Charters were Akron, English branch which affiliates; Local Kenmore, also a local which affiliates. Lima affiliates unanimously. Comrades organize a new Local at Dayton since the old Local seems to desire to remain on the fence for a while. Locals Conneaut and Urichville affiliate.

The only thing a seat on the fence ever developed was a sore spot. Watch out you laggard Locals that you don't get one.

Herbert Vogt, socialist candidate for Mayor of Massillon, was elected by a plurality of 102 over the Republican candidate.

"Pulpit to plead cause of chest", reads a headline in the daily press. "Chest" seems to have been substituted for Christ in the pulpit.

Remember, for a \$5.00 order of subscription cards, you get a free copy of "Lenin, the Man and His Work". Better send your order in now and make yourself a present.

Twenty one dollars for subscriptions was received from comrade Chas. Baker last week. Comrade Baker has been busy among the miners of Kansas and as usual, is getting good results and holding rousing meetings.

Three yearly subs were received from Nenana Alaska a few days ago. We expect a moderation in the temperature there from now on.

Comrade R. Weinhaus of Newport, Ky., not only boosts the sub list with an addition of four new names but donates a dollar to the press fund as well.

"Yours for a red world" signs a comrade from Huntington, W. Va. And he helps to make it do with six yearly subs.

How about your renewal, comrade. Have you filled out your yellow slip yet? Printing costs are high now days—and they have to be paid. And while you are renewing your sub why not give a little boost by writing in a friend's name for a three or six month's trial? Try it.

Seven new subs from comrade Ben Piggott indicates he's on the job for the emancipation of the worker.

A socialist in action is worth a dozen inactive ones. Just how you are rated, comrade?

And also, and paralleling, a distributor of literature is worth two dozen hole-in-the-corner philosophers. And to which category do you belong?

Comrade A. B. Hollenbaugh of Forestoria, O., remits \$2.50 for new subs. He's a booster.

COMMUNIST LABOR PARTY BEGINS ACTIVE ORGANIZATION WORK.

Three Organizers in the field start things rolling for a big membership for C. L. P. in Ohio.

As you read this, three organizers are hard at work in Ohio organizing new Locals, lining up the old ones for more active and vigorous work, getting subs and selling literature. Following the instructions of the State Executive Committee given at the last meeting held Nov. 10th, the State Office last week started a vigorous campaign for a greater development of the Communist Labor Party in Ohio. Three organizers, Herbert Knecht, Carl Ulrich and J. H. Loucks are now in different parts of the state, visiting locals, Labor Unions and the members in the interest of the Party's welfare and the freedom of political prisoners.

More comrades will be placed in the field as soon as possible. While meetings in some parts the state

Our list at St. Louis, Mo., continues to grow. Reason, there's two or three live wires who know the value of good propaganda. Comrade E. Schwarz is one of them as his list of three shows.

Continuously our sub list grows in the number of new towns added to it. One of the latest is Barre Vt. Comrade F. O. Anderson of that city is responsible.

Get it now—"Lenin, the Man and His Work", by Albert Rhys Williams. It costs \$1.85, or will be sent free to you for an order of subscription cards amounting to \$5.00.

Five new yearlies comes from comrade Wm. Rapp of Portsmouth, O. Some comrades just naturally "keep at it", don't they?

Yearly subs are picking up and they seem to run along the line of five in a bunch. Here's comrade R. L. Thompson, of Charleston, W. Va., with that quantity on his order.

Comrade Anton Soukup of Neffs, is constantly on the job. Not a week passes the we do not see his name on the list of sub getters.

We are glad to notice comrade Horace Shakk of Hamilton on the active list again. A list of four yearlies attests his able bodiness in the revolutionary ranks.

HENNACY ELECTED HONORARY PRESIDENT.

Permission was obtained from President Thompson to reorganize the Columbus chapter of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society, October 17th. I was instructed to notify you that comrade Ammon A. Hennacy was elected Honorary President for life. We are arranging for the national headquarters to send us some of their speakers, and are also urging the professors to take part in our program.

are out of the question, owing to the White Terror instigated by the capitalist class, the workers are quickly learning that meetings are not fundamentally necessary for the growth of our movement.

Such reports as have reached State office since our organizers started work are very encouraging. We look forward to a great growth of our movement in Ohio during the next few months. Comrades are requested to render all assistance possible to our field workers. Help them in their work, help them organize meetings whether large or small, give them a comradely hand when you meet them. Buy their literature, if your Local has gone to smash, give them a hand in reviving it.

Back up the State Office and our organizers. Show that you are in the fight to win.

Comrade Hennacy is now serving the last weeks of a two years sentence for distribution of anti-war literature.

MILDRED VERMILLION.

REMEMBER OUR PRISONERS.

There is a large group of our radical comrades, political prisoners, incarcerated in the Federal Prison at Atlanta, Georgia. Eugene V. Debs is there, John Randolph, Walter Hirschberg, Nicholas M. Zogr, and a host of others.

These political prisoners will be allowed to receive gifts from their friends and comrades between December 10th and December 23rd. They will be allowed to receive canned food, fruits, cigars, tobacco, and, now that the cold weather is coming on, sweaters and warm underclothing.

I shall appreciate it if you will be kind enough to bring this to the attention of your readers and either have them send their donations to you, or, if you prefer, have them sent directly to me at the address below.

I shall be glad to purchase and deliver these things to our comrades. I see them frequently and learn of their needs. They will appreciate the friendship of all fellow comrades and whatever kindness is extended to them.

Do not forget that Christmas comes but once a year and that these prisoners go through a great deal of suffering and that we must do all we can to minimize it.

Again I thank you for whatever publicity you may give this matter.

Yours in comradeship, SAMUEL CASTLETON, 312 Healey Bldg. Atlanta, Ga.

Are the bomb lunatics attempting to put a damper on the Christmas spirit? Every holiday brings forth a bomb scare—just a scare that's all, it helps to keep the "red menace" before the public eye.

LENIN

THE MAN AND HIS WORK By ALBERT RHYS WILLIAMS

and the impressions of

Col. Raymond Robins and Arthur Ransome

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THIS is the first authentic biography of Lenin, and the first account of him in action since his accession to power.

THE three authors tell their story from first hand information. They knew Lenin intimately and have talked with him frequently since his rise to power. Col. Robins was the Commander of the American Red Cross Mission in Russia, and his relations with Lenin were of an official character.

HITHERTO Lenin has remained a mysterious personality. Here for the first time we meet with the real Lenin.

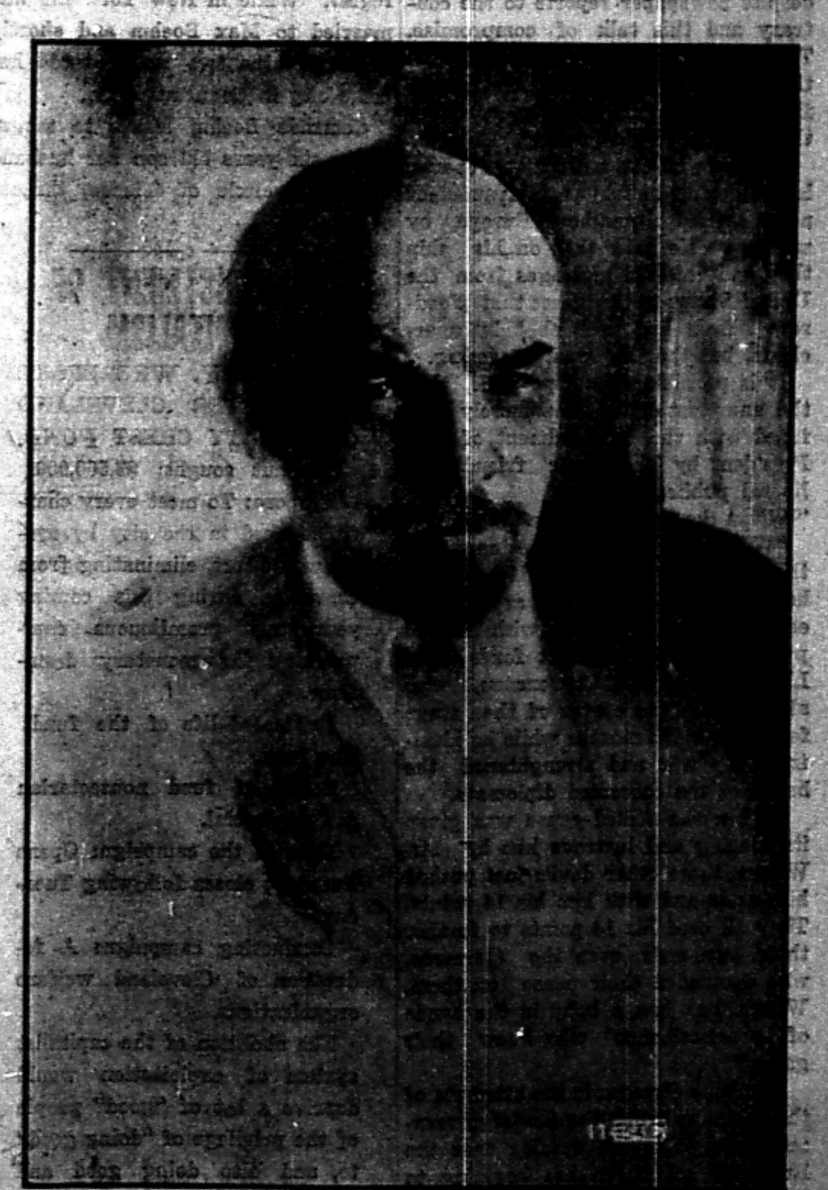
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OLD SYSTEM HAS DIED IN EUROPE, SAYS WANHOPE.

Joshua Wanhope, former associate editor of The Call, is back from Europe.

When he left The Call to take his berth again upon a vessel, he parted with these words:

"The western front is nothing more than a large Socialist soap-box."

Yesterday, with a year gone since the armistice terms were thrust upon the defeated Central Powers, he reiterated that same thought, and brought with him from his visits to England, France, Italy, Spain, Holland, Scandinavia and other countries which have been a panoramic view of conditions that is a vindication of his own prophecy.

"Socialists," he said, "have always predicted that imperial capitalism must breed war. War came; we were horrified by the fulfillment of our predictions, and yet this war has brought an end to the system which we have continually warred against. Europe today is gone, and the old system can never come back."

"Frank Vanderlip came from there and threw up the sponge. He told them the game was up, and they won't believe him. Well, he's dead right. It is up."

"There is no peace today in Europe. There will be none. The world is not going to sink back into a rut again, and the process of erecting governments is to be in the hands of the working class."

Wanhope was asked for his interpretation of the recent French election and the municipal election which the British laborites won recently.

"In Position of Hunter."

"The French," he said, "are in the position of a lion hunter. For years they have lived under the terror of the brute next door. Clemenceau brought them out of it, but they don't know yet whether the beast was killed."

"They are supporting Clemenceau, and probably will for another year or so as a hunter would put two or three more shots in the jungle beast to make sure of its death."

"That's all there is to the French election and that is the sole reason why the Socialists did not again. The terror still exists for those people as it would for any other nation on whose doorstep the blood of their people for four years had been spilled."

"With the British it is different. England has been further removed from the terror of Germany. France stood between her and the actual horror of the war, and in England today, there is going on a process of coalition among the great trade unions which will mean working-class rule for the British."

"And to make that all the more certain, England today has her women standing solidly with the men. These municipal elections are a pretty fair barometer of the trend in England. I attended meetings held by the candidates and the whole burden of the British working class was the workers' control of industry."

"In England today the Syndicalists, the trades unionists and the Socialists are all getting together and they will control the government. The workers have won every strike they have called despite newspaper reports to the contrary and this talk of compromise. Today the British workmen control their government and they are, for the first time in their history, realizing that they have the power."

Speaking of the newspaper reports, he laughed as he told of the fraudulent news carried throughout Europe by wireless. He said that on his ship they had received messages from the United States to the effect that Woodrow Wilson had been shot by anarchists, but that he was recovering.

It is possible, Wanhope feels, that the anarchist bullet was merely confused with the bombardment of the President by his former friends on liberal publications.

"Wilson the Same as Ever."

"Wilson," Wanhope continued, "is the same as he ever was. If you think he wasn't an idealist, you are mistaken. He came to Europe with his 14 points and ran against foxes like Lloyd George and Clemenceau, who allowed him the center of the stage for about eight months while he idealized the war and strengthened the hands of the concealed diplomats."

"When the Allied cause was given its blaring and lustrous hue by Mr. Wilson, these other devils just pushed him aside and with him his 14 points. They all used his 14 points to further their own ends, even the Germans, who demanded their peace on them, Wilson was just a baby in the hands of practical men who knew their game."

Wanhope disregards the attempts of the Allies to crush the Soviet government and it is his opinion that the European statesmen are beginning to become aware of their impotency.

"Lloyd George knows and has said so," Wanhope went on. "Russia is too vast for them and they'll come a cropper if they attempt to go into the country. Besides that, the British are not going to put on khaki again to fight Russia, or to settle the Fiume or Dalmatian question or anything else."

"The Britisher is sitting tight. He doesn't give a damn and knows less than he cares about the Balkans. Russia can't be conquered by alien forces and whether the Bolsheviks stand or not, it won't be outsiders who will settle that question but the Russians themselves."

Wanhope, who has but recently been in Italy, said the church party, which for the first time since 1870 has taken a hand in politics, was probably badly defeated.

"They have lost out in Italy. Few of the people are really religious, whether there or anywhere else, and the vote of the clerical party will show just how strongly the church does stand. I have been in their cathedrals, in those of Belgium and France, and I almost always found them practically empty with a priest talking to a handful in the great churches. This talk of a religious revival as a result of the war is sheer nonsense."

While Wanhope was speaking a revised return of the Italian elections showed that the church party had elected about 39 deputies out of about 500.

IN MEMORIAM.

Comrade Jennie Potter Boehm, a well-known Socialist speaker and agitator, died at her home in Conneaut, Ohio on Nov. 7th. from acute pyorrhea and a complication of other diseases.

Comrade Boehm was a well-known socialist of the more radical school, and her services to the movement will be appreciated by a large circle of friends and acquaintances among whom are many of the best known writers and speakers on the socialist rostrum.

Comrade Boehm was well qualified for the role of an educator on socialist doctrine. She was a member of the Lake Erie College Alumnae class of 1899, and in 1905 took a course in socialism at the Mills School in Kansas City under Robt. Lamont and Geo. R. Kirkpatrick. Here she made the acquaintance of Kate Richards Ohare, Tom Lewis, Martha Beigler, and a host of socialist speakers who have since become famous as socialist educators, all of whom paid tribute to her exceptionally bright mind and her keen analysis of current political events from a socialist viewpoint.

In 1907 Comrade Boehm attended the Rand School in New York City, and was assigned to many speaking engagements in the City and nearby towns. Her many friends here will learn of her untimely death with keen regret. While in New York she was married to Max Boehm and shortly thereafter the two removed to her home city in Conneaut, Ohio.

Comrade Boehm leaves to mourn her a six years old son, her husband and wide circle of friends, throughout the states.

AN INDICTMENT OF CAPITALISM

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The abolition of the capitalist system of exploitation would deprive a lot of "good" people of the privilege of "doing good" to, and also doing good and plenty, a lot of other folks.

The Black Sheep

By Long and Lanky.

CHAPT. VII. Commencement.

The threshing season had been a school of higher education as far as Jack was concerned. He had lost no opportunity to question his companions. He was always eager to elicit from them, what ever information they might possess, on the vast subjects of Sociology and Economics. He improved every opportunity. Even if it were out few idle moments when the machine was not running, or when they were moving from one job to another; Sundays, when they were hunting ducks and geese on the lakes, and the rainy days that made threshing impossible, he changed into continuous lecture periods on these subjects.

Whatever George and Herman would teach him, or discuss in his presence, the boy would outline in a note-book which he kept, in his suitcase. Thus he classified and systematized for his own uses, what these men said.

The threshing season was drawing to a close. It was his commencement. He had to begin the actual application of what he had learned to the problems of working class existence. It was George who called this fact to his attention. Said he: "Well Jack, two more jobs and we are out. I'll hit the cushions for home, and so will Herman, what have you decided to do this coming winter? I would say, come East with us but the East is really no place for a young man of your type. It is too crowded. The West has the better opportunities for self development. It would be my advice that when this job is finished you try to get another, for the winter. Arrange it so, if you can, to have an opportunity to go to school. Remember knowledge is power. It is keenness of mind rather than depth of intellect, that wins in the modern world. Keenness of mind is a result of experience, and experience is bound to come. It will be good, or bad, for you in direct proportion to your wits. Of course this is not a general rule for in the end individual opportunity, and the general economic situation of the country plays the determining role."

"What you mean to say," replied Jack, "is that if I do my best, even then there is a chance that things will go against me." "Yes that's about it. You have not enough of this world's wealth to compel success. You will have to coax it out of life by painstaking manipulation and damned hard work."

"What's the use? If I have fallen into the working class, it will be my destiny to be a wage slave."

"While it is true that you are in the working class, you should never let that fact become a symbol of despair. You are a type that can achieve, and unless you achieve, you will be miserable. Man can only be happy when he gives expression to that for which he is naturally adapted. I realize a working class existence is an impediment to the attainment of scholarship but it is not naturally a barrier."

"Now permit me to ask you just a few questions" the engineer continued, "let us see how well you have learned your lesson in socialism, for it will play no small part in your future activities. Give me your definition of a proletarian."

"A proletarian is an individual in capitalist society whose sole commodity is his labor power, which he is forced to sell under the penalty of starvation," Jack replied.

"What is meant by a capitalist?" "A capitalist is a member of society who controls necessary resources and instruments of production."

"What do you mean by the class struggle?" "The fact that one class owns what the other class needs, creates the social antagonism, which is known as the class struggle. It is a quarrel between makers and takers, over the product of labor."

"What is surplus value?" "Surplus value is the difference between the value of the commodities a man produces in industry and the buying power of the money he gets as wages."

"What commodity has the working man to sell?"

"His labor power. That is his ability to work."

"How is labor power measured in the market?"

"By the clock. We get so much money, for so much time. But here I would like to ask a question. Isn't it evidently unjust to buy labor power by the hour, day or week, when one man works fast and another slow?"

"Your question is a natural one and grows out of your education and training as a child. You think in individualistic terms. Habitually you consider the 'I' the pivot of the universe. You define labor power, but the price of labor power is not based upon individual ability but upon the result of the expenditure of social energy. That is, how many men does it take in a factory, working at an average intensity to produce a certain amount of commodities. The price of labor power, 'wages', is not your value to your boss as an individual. I might better say it is not the value of your time. It is an expression of the value of an average worker's time in your line of work. Let me illustrate. You are a darned good fireman. You get three dollars a day. Cotton Top on the Craig outfit couldn't keep steam up in hell, and he gets three dollars a day. Fireman's labor power sells at three dollars a day."

Modern industry is subduing the 'I' and developing the 'We'. The question of wages is one of supply and demand or of the organized power to demand. Your definition is alright Jack. Just add the world social and then she stands. Now tell me what is the result of labor power?"

"Wealth."

"What two forms may wealth take?"

"Products and commodities."

"How do you differentiate them?" "A product is a result of labor power applied to resources, thru the medium of tools, that does not enter the market, but is used by the producers. Commodities are products of labor that enter the market. They are produced for sale."

"You have told me what surplus value is, now give me a definition of value?"

"I do not know that we have ever discussed that point," Jack answered. "But it appears to me that the value of a thing should be measured by utility."

"Then diamonds, rubies and gold should be very cheap" the engineer suggested. "That definition evidently does not hold water. You will have to find something else by which to measure value."

Jack sat still for a few moments, as he looked out across the drab gray plains that stretched far out until they blended with the horizon. It was as if he tried to call his answer from the distance. At last he said "if utility does not determine value, then it must be supply and demand."

"Then bread would be worth little when you were not hungry. A knife would be less valuable if you happen to possess two of them. That won't do. Supply and demand may affect the price of an article temporarily, that is a great demand may force a price above the value, and conversely a great supply may force the price below the value which gives rise to the tendency for commodities to exchange on an average at something near their value. You must not confuse 'value' with 'price'. Now tell me what value is."

"I'll be damned if I know."

"Well then I will tell you. Rather I'll make you feel me what it is. What is iron ore in the mine worth?"

"In the mine, it is worth nothing."

"What is it worth on the car?"

"Oh, about ten dollars a ton."

"What is the difference between the ore in the mine and the ore in the car? What has been added to it?"

"Labor power."

"Now then, remember this definition; the value of a commodity is determined by the amount of socially necessary labor concentrated in its production."

"If what you say is true that commodities have a tendency to exchange their value, how then do business men get rich?"

"By exploiting their clerks, and occasionally the public a little bit thru temporary monopoly prices. The store keeper sells store service to the public. The service is rendered by clerks who sell their labor power at the price of clerk time. Now if the store keeper in a little village makes profit enough on the work of these clerks in serving the public, that he can buy an automobile then he advertises to the people that he is making more than a living and the result is that another store is built in that village, and store keeper number one, has to bring down his monopoly prices to compete with store keeper number two."

Store keeper number two must sell high enough to keep up expenses and make a living. Now the two stores are giving the same service that at first the one store gave. The only difference is that they have split the profits between the two. Temporarily it may bring down prices and in that it proves the Marxian theorem that on the average commodities exchange at their value. The profit of the store keepers being simply their pay for service rendered."

"That will do for the present, there are others factors still to be considered."

You can see how it is that the store keeper would rather pay a clerk ten than twenty dollars a week. The wages of the clerk comes out of the profit of the business."

"I can see the difference between price and value. Value is the cost of a thing in human energy, price is its cost in money."

It was this discussion that terminated Jack's economic education as far as these men were concerned. The threshing season was over two days later and the machine was put away. The time of parting had arrived, so it was up to Herman to speak the closing word, when they were waiting for their train at Anamoose. Said he, "I will tell you kid, George has told you a good deal about the philosophy of Charley Whiskers, but you will find out that life is the stuff that will put the whiskers on you. In a few minutes we'll be gone, and you will have the problem of finding a new job. It is not easy now that the threshing is over and the cold wind howls across the prairies. Winter is an inhospitable time for a homeless man in this part of the country. Just look at the geese. Great V shaped flocks are hurrying south. The snow is already falling from the lead gray skies. It is time that you decide where you are going to get under cover, and when you have succeeded in getting under cover I can only agree with George that it is up to you, to become so equipped for the struggle for existence that you will at all times be able to compel food, clothing and shelter for your self."

"Let us go to the depot. It's about train time and the waiting room is warm. What I want you to do is this, put the biggest part of your wad between the lining and the outer part of your suitcase. There was a time in this country when the farmers would stick you up on your way to town and rob you of your earnings but now a days, a criminal element follows the working class like trout follow salmon for their eggs. They make it their business to relieve workers of their wad. Be careful of them, and once more let me tell you, get definitely located as soon as possible and make yourself a definite goal."

"You are in the years of life when a man is either made or broken. You must work for your self, for unless you make yourself strong you can't be of any use to any one else. There is nothing so tragically comical, so sublimely ridiculous as altruistic weakness."

Turn a deaf ear to beggars of all ages and sexes. You will meet plenty of them. You understand the class struggle. It's natural result is a yawning abyss of poverty. Remember your pennies cannot fill the abyss. Giving can only drag you down into it. Charity will not redeem the world. Don't practice it. Among men as among animals those who cannot survive must perish. Survival does not depend on charity. It depends on intelligence and organization. You must know and act upon the laws and principles George has endeavored to teach

SKYGAC'S COLUMN.

DEMENTIA CARDINALIS OR ARE THEY ACTING THE BULL OR THROWING IT? BEING A CONTINUOUS FARCE PERFORMANCE

now being staged by the department which is misnamed justice.

A bull has a fit when it sees red. So too does the U. S. department which is misnamed the department of justice.

For over a century this country boasted about being the land of the free and the home of the brave. Now so far has it departed from that high level that the greater portion of its governmental energies are devoted to persecution of all the forces within its borders which are striving to keep alive that spark of love for liberty which makes a man or a nation famous.

Twenty centuries ago there appeared a fabled light in the east and men worshipped it. Its worship was encouraged by all the knaves of christian-dom, because its worship had a benumbing effect upon the masses of the people making them mentally stupid and willing to trade all that they might get while here for a promise of more as soon as they died.

Two years ago another light appeared in the east, but this time it was not a light to herald the birth of a new God but a light denoting the birth of a new democracy — the World's newest Republic of Labor.

Now all who dare to give expression to a note of joy over the fact that the new democracy has withstood the combined assaults of all the forces of reaction and still stands an object lesson and a beacon light to all the oppressed of earth — all who show by word or deed that they are glad that government by the people and of the people and for the people has not entirely perished from the earth, are hounded and persecuted by the department of justice!

The department's official mouth-pieces say they are going to deport all the reds — but they won't. There is not a mill or mine or factory in all the broad land but what has its quota of sensible men and women who are class conscious and loyal to their class. There is neither men money or ships enough to deport the reds from America.

And — besides the government does not want them deported. That is all bluff. The government refuses them passports when they try to go. What the mis-named department of justice is trying to do is to bluff them into quietly creating surplus values for the master class without protest.

Part of their activity is due to a silly case of nerves, a sort of fright over their own impotency to stop the spread of the red, and the other part of their activity is pure bluff, so their silly antics may be said to be, acting the bull and throwing it.

THE NEW FREEDOM.

Once upon a time, in the so-long-long-ago, here was going the rounds of the press quite a long and wordy argument *

* Your business in life is to help your fellow men to stand upon their own feet.

The train whistled in the distance so they walked out on the platform and waited. While Herman had been speaking Jack had deposited the greater part of his money between the lining and out side of his suitcase as Herman had suggested. A small amount he kept in his pocket. He left his suitcase in the waiting room, and accompanied his friends out side.

While they stood there a group of thresher men came upon the platform, some of them carrying suitcases and others carrying rolls of blankets. Two or three were intoxicated with prohibition whisky; these were quarreling and jangling amongst themselves. The others talked quietly, except when they rebuked the erring ones, then they used forceful and picturesque language.

The train pulled in. George laid his hand on Jack's shoulder and said "This is commencement for you Jack, the real battle is before you. Take it from me, always keep your eyes open, and when in doubt, your mouth shut; keep your fist ready and your knees stiff, but be careful, do not close your heart. For what ever may be said there is more good in human nature than there is evil."

The train started and Jack was left alone.

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about whether or not a representative of this great young democracy should be allowed to wear a dress suit when he called upon a king. But — that was so long-long ago. Since that time, representatives of the U. S. A. have fawned upon kings and queens and monarchs. They have worn cute little knee breeches of purple plush cut in the Little Lord Fauntleroy style so popular with autocrats. Once upon a time, Congress used to pass laws that had to be obeyed, but — that was in the days before a court injunction became an object of ridicule.

Now — in the days of the New Freedom the young democracy has made such strides towards royalty that representatives of the U. S. A. are bedecked with crosses and insignia contrary to the constitution. Several prominent citizens now have a "right" granted to them by royalty to be addressed as "Sir" regardless of whether or not their actions merit such a mark of respect.

Now — aping the customs of Royalty is the chief American Diversion. Where the constitution plainly says, "The right of the citizen to bear arms shall not be denied" they have written, No citizen shall be allowed to bear arms except he is in the army and navy or else is a member of the dominant class.

Where the Constitution used to say that the right of free speech should not be denied they have written their espionage act and their fool criminal syndicalist laws. Where we used to pride ourselves upon our inalienable right to utter an honest thought, we now have the Americanized edition of the laws of Royalty making criticism of government or of the elected government officials all the crime of lese majesty. Where we used to offer the right of asylum to all the politically oppressed of all the earth we now have a passport system just like all the rest of the Royal Autocracies and instead of offering asylum to the persecuted we have grown to be the worlds greatest persecutor and have as fine a bunch of political prisoners of our own as any autocracy anywhere ever boasted about.

Such is the New Freedom which has been brought about by the back-woods Bourbon Democrats during the two-term reign of Woodrow the Hypocrite.

FLINGS AND STINGS. B-r-r-rr! Woof-woof! B-r-r-rr! Harken to the ravings of the Department! The mis-called department of Justice! Department of Justice! Jesus! What a farce of a name! Department for doing the dirty work for the dominant class! That is its real name and its real function.

Br-r Woof-woof! B-r-r-r — Going to deport 'em all, Woof-woof! Plain bluff and bull. They are not going to do any such thing. Fact is they wont give 'em pass-ports when they try to leave!

Passports, a new wrinkle in the land of the free! Came into existence along with the espionage act, the doctrine of Lese Majesty and the criminal syndicalist laws. Heaven is now the only country you do not need a passport to enter — and even there it is reported you have to pay the priest that holds the key.

American radicals are to be deported to some island in the Philippines. Foreign born radicals are to be returned to the country of their birth. No more shall the class war rage! But — if the law of the universality of causation is true, will not, the same causes which produced the present crop of radicals produce a second crop? What is to prevent a new importation of radicals? And how will they stop making the homegrown variety?

In the kitchen of life one smells only the smoke and that is about as far as we can get as long as we allow the capitalist class to have undisputed possession and control of all of the necessities of life.