
Seattle Labor Paper Wrecked by Sailor Mob: Men in Naval Militia Uniform Destroy Part of Plant, Burning Nearby Hotel.

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SEATTLE, Jan. 6 [1918].— Armed men in naval militia uniforms held up the printing plant of the Seattle Daily Call, a Socialist and labor newspaper, endangering the lives of hundreds and causing a fire which burned out a nearby hotel.

A job for the Red Cross society was on the machines when the raid was made. Three linotypes and 4 presses were ruined but enough was left in the wreck so that the paper, which has antagonized the big shipbuilding interests, was issued today.

Trade unions are rallying to its support, the outrage bringing into plain view a clear lineup between the labor-baiting group of employers, who mask their venom under a patriotic guise, and the union men. The damage is estimated at \$100,000.

Union Men Menaced.

Six union printers who were working in the plant were in constant danger from the rioters. The big press on which the paper was printed was saved.

The passions of the people in this city, which has seen the greatest development of working class spirit of any city in the United States in the last 2 years, are fanned by organizations like the Four Minute Men, which are packed with members of union-hating organizations.

They are charged with being stalking horses for the open shop employers of Seattle and they have the backing of the Chamber of Commerce.

It is feared that a violent war will open against labor in Seattle as it did in San Francisco, only in this case the capitalists opened the battle by attacking the citadel of the workers — the vigorous daily which they have established within the last 6 months.

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