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POOR WAPPY! IT IS TO LAUGH!

Seattle Bastile Closed by Board of Health

MAYOR FIRES THE HEALTH BOARD



IT IS TO WEEP

This cartoon is used by courtesy of "The Morning Times." Moore is the "Labor Mayor," always a Democrat. Thomson is the most powerful Republican in the City Hall, chairman of the Board of Public Works for the last ten years, likely to be next Mayor. The sudden closing of the City Jail through the exposures by the Socialists makes the officials weep while the public laugh.

The whole city of Seattle is laughing at the Mayor and his Chief of Police. They have been outwitted by the Socialists. "Labor Mayor" Moore hates the Socialists. He has decided they shall not speak on the streets of HIS city. HIS Chief of Police shoved the Socialists into the lowest dungeons of the city bastile. Now those Socialists have told what they found in that awful jail. Result: The Board of Health condemns the City Jail and orders it disused. Now the Mayor and his twin, Wappenstein, are in a hole, a worse hole than their own jail. They can't use their own jail. The Chief says he can do nothing. He must put his prisoners somewhere. He appeals to his twin, the Mayor, to help him out. The Mayor storms. He threatens to remove HIS Board of Health for doing their duty—BECAUSE THE SOCIALISTS FORCED THE SITUATION. And the whole town looks on and laughs. The Mayor and his Chief, Billy and Wappy, both put in a hole by the Socialists, unable to use their hell home to imprison the Socialists. It is too funny. And the worst of it is, the Socialists are right. That's what hurts. We give the details on this page.

HOW IT STARTED

At their meeting Tuesday night, Oct. 1, the Anti-Fusion Socialist club of Seattle decided to send the following committee to the Board of Health: Hermon F. Titus, Jas. D. Curtis, Sam Williamson, John Downie, B. Kubaski. The first three members of this committee met the Board of Health Monday evening, Oct. 7. Reporters from all the daily papers were there and made very full reports, from some of which we quote.

NO PYROTECHNICS

The board held a meeting last night in the offices of Dr. Grant Calhoun, in the Alaska building. It was a short meeting and there were no pyrotechnics, but there was evident at all times a determination to bring to an end the reign of disease over the city prison.

"The board was addressed by Dr. Hermon F. Titus, who spent two days in the worst cell the jail has to offer, for enunciating the Socialistic doctrine on the public streets; by Professor J. D. Curtis and by Sam Williamson, speaking for the working class, who also spent a day in jail for having used the highway for a forum."

TITUS TELLS EXPERIENCE

"Dr. Titus addressed the board dispassionately. He gave a calm recitation of the facts as he found them, and during the course of his remarks he was seconded by Health Officer Calhoun, who read the strong letter

he had already addressed to Mayor William H. Moore upon the subject. Dr. Titus recounted the loathsome and intolerable conditions which obtain, and pointed out no less than four instances in which the City of Seattle is violating its own ordinances every day that it permits a prisoner in the jail under the present state of affairs. "The city jail," declared Dr. Titus, "is a place of detention and not of punishment. The man incarcerated there goes in with the presumption of innocence upon him and not the verdict of guilt. Such men as are sent there for punishment are minor offenders. They have transgressed only the ordinances protecting the peace and quiet of the community, and yet I say to you, as fellow physicians, that a sentence to that awful place is often a sentence to death. "I am informed upon authority that the county jail has accommodations for 100 more prisoners than at present housed there. Chief Wappenstein declares that if the city jail is closed he can keep the prisoners in greater comfort and in better health in an old stockade he has his eye on. If this is so, gentlemen, what is to prevent you condemning that plague-stricken hole as a nuisance? No one will object to such action. The police themselves favor it; it is killing many of them. Wherever you go you will hear the people demand it. It would be humane and a popular act. "We do not ask anything impractical at your hands. We do not ask you to turn these prisoners loose upon the streets, although God knows it were better to do that than keep them where they are."

A number of copies of the "Pinkerton Labor Spy" still on our shelves. The book to show your trades-union friend to open his eyes. Price, 25 cents, prepaid.

PROF. CURTIS PROTESTS

"If there was a private stable in this city conducted in as unsanitary a fashion as this city jail, you gentlemen would not tolerate it one day," said Mr. Curtis. "Mr. Osborne is a blind man, and a cultured gentleman, and he was forced to stand for eighteen hours, because there was no place for him to sit and his self-respect would not permit him to lie down amid the filth of the floor, reeking with disease. In all that time, while he was given a kind of food and coffee, he was not given a drop of water, which was monstrous."

WILLIAMSON STRIKES OUT

Sam Williamson spoke on similar lines and straight from the shoulder for the working man. "The working man is in jail more often than any other class," said he. "He comes into town with his pay upon him. He spends his money freely. Maybe he gets drunk. Maybe he becomes boisterous and he lands in jail. I submit that neither drunkenness or boisterousness should be punished by death, and in that foul hole as I found it, death or disability are on every hand. "In cell No. 2, in which I was placed with eighteen other prisoners, there is only about 200 cubic feet of air space to a man, and we fairly fought for a chance to get a few whiffs of cooler air through the window in the cell door. "I have seen thirty-five men in that cell at one time interrupted Dr. Calhoun, and some day they will find a dozen or so dead in there if something is not done."

THE HEALTH BOARD'S ACTION

Tuesday noon, October 8, the Board visited the jail in a body. Dr. Loughary, the President, Dr. I. M. Harrison and Dr. Ivar Janson, accompanied by the health officer, Dr. Grant Calhoun. After two thorough investigations they issued the following report: "After a thorough examination of the city jail, at the corner of Third avenue and Yesler way, we, as a board, find the condition unsanitary and unfit for human habitation and use as a city jail.

"First—It is lacking the necessary air space according to the ordinance of the City of Seattle. "Second—The toilets are not constructed according to the plumbing ordinance of the City of Seattle. "Third—It is overcrowded and it is our opinion that it will be impossible to obtain the necessary air space according to the present construction. "Therefore, it is hereby ordered condemned for jail purposes, and the health officer is hereby authorized and instructed to serve notices of such condemnation according to the ordinances of the City of Seattle. "J. B. LOUGHARY, "IVAR JANSON, "I. M. HARRISON, "Members of Board of Health."

ORDER POSTED

On Wednesday, October 9, this order was posted on the jail part of the City Hall: "The board of health of the City of Seattle hereby certify that that part of this building used as the city jail according with section six (6) of article ten (10) of the city charter, it is hereby ordered and required that all persons vacate that part of this building used for jail purposes, until such a time as the said portion of this building is placed in a sanitary condition, and for the following reasons: "1. Lack of sufficient air space. "2. Inadequate drainage. "3. The plumbing is not in accordance with the ordinances of the city of Seattle. "All of which have rendered said jail unsanitary and unfit for human habitation, and unfit for use for city jail purposes. This order to take effect immediately. "Dated Seattle, Wash., October 9, 1907."

LABOR MAYOR IS LUKEWARM

The mayor and the superintendent of buildings appear to be lukewarm about the matter, officials declare, because the Socialists assisted in bringing the condemnation proceedings to a head. In case the administration declines to act promptly, these points, made by prominent lawyers of the city, may be interesting to them: "The board of health, according to the corporation counsel, acted legally in the condemnation. The board is the supreme power in municipal sanitation, therefore: "Any citizen incarcerated in a place officially declared to be as vile as is the jail, need not remain there for one hour. He can sue out a writ of habeas corpus, making for his showing before the court simply the condemnation notice of the health board. "Any citizen incarcerated in the condemned city jail has a most excellent basis for action for damages against the city for jeopardizing his life and health.—From "The Times."

COZY PLACE FOR SOCIALISTS

"There will always be a cozy place around here for these Socialist street speakers, no matter how much they condemn this jail," said Chief of Police Wappenstein last night. "It may be all right to condemn this place. I do not say that it is sanitary. But there certainly must be some provision made for a jail for the city prisoners. "This agitation at this time is due to the Socialists and they believe they can cripple us so that we cannot handle their cases. They can take it from me that if they hold street meetings here October 15, as they say they will, there will be a jail somewhere for them to be taken to. It is up to the council to provide me with a jail that is satisfactory to the health board. Until they do that I guess the old one will have to do."

WAPPY WAILS

"It will be almost impossible for us to conduct business at the county jail," said Chief of Police C. W. Wappenstein this morning before the action of the board. "In the event that the board of health orders the city jail closed. When we are making from thirty to forty arrests a day we couldn't drag every prisoner up that hill. There must be plenty of office room and we couldn't get that at the county jail. "If the old jail is closed at once there will be only one thing left to do and that would be to establish a stockade and guard the prisoners within the enclosure. Now that cold weather is coming on, I don't see how we could do that."

Those "Undesirable Citizen" buttons are going fast. Only a very few more left. The price is still 5 cents, by mail prepaid.

SOCIALISTS DID IT

At the city hall the charge is openly made that the mayor is against the jail condemnation, because Dr. Hermon Titus, the socialist orator, was instrumental in convincing the health board that the place should be condemned. Moore has been a consistent enemy of the socialists ever since he was in office, issuing the orders for their arrest when they speak upon the public streets—an order that has aroused comment all over the United States.—Seattle "Evening Times."

MAYOR FIRES HEALTH BOARD

The latest news, as we go to press, Thursday night, October 10, is that "Labor Mayor" Moore is so crazy mad that he will remove the Board of Health for doing their duty. He says, as reported in his official organ, "The Star": "IF I CANNOT HAVE OFFICIALS UNDER ME WHO WILL TAKE ORDERS FROM ME THEN I WOULD BETTER GET OTHERS WHO WILL DO SO."

On this "The Times" quotes a "high official" (Republican) as saying: "If the mayor takes such action he will be politically dead and buried for all time to come. Moore is aware of the condition of the jail building. He is aware that it is vile. But the fact was brought to his attention by the Socialists of the city. Moore has persecuted the Socialists for speaking on the streets. He hates the party. Socialists say that the jail is vile. Of course, as they say so, it must be perfect. That is the mayor's reasoning. Common humanity is not considered."

MOORE'S ORGAN ABANDONS HIM

Whether or not the condemnation of the city jail has arisen from agitation started by the Socialists in their war with the police, the city administration is not justified in dealing with the situation from any standpoint but that of public good. The source of a reform has nothing to do with the principles of right and wrong involved. The principles involved are the same whether the movement is brought about by the efforts of the highest (the Socialists?) or the lowest in a community.—From editorial in Seattle "Star," Oct. 10.

FOWLER'S ESCAPE

Arthur E. Fowler made his own escape from the Steilacoom Asylum. Now its superintendent declares Fowler was practically cured—after only two weeks' confinement. "The Socialist" will have something to say about the Insane Methods of treating the Insane in this state—all about this Fowler case.

OUR DAILY RED EXTRAS

Every day this week "The Socialist" has a "Red Extra" sold on the streets, containing Red Hot Stuff, too. We shall continue this work with "POLICE COURT SPECIALS." Here is a sample. To-day, Thursday, Oct. 10, City Attorney De Bruier, in the presence of Silent Judge Gordon, and with his consent and approval, made use of the following language: "Here, you two officers, take this prisoner down to First avenue to his express office. If he does not dig up those pieces of baggage, you take a rawhide to him and lay it on till the blood runs."

Lest We Forget

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FALL OF THE CITY BASTILE

CHIEF WAPPENSTEIN BLAMES THE SOCIALISTS FOR THE CONDEMNATION OF THE VILE HOLE.

There is great rejoicing today all through the underworld as far to the East and North and the South as the news has had time to travel. The Seattle city jail has been condemned. In importance to those most vitally interested the announcement can only be compared with the fall of the Bastile. That jail is known to every experienced crook and hobo in North America, and to say that it will be missed is putting it lightly. Even things that are painful are sometimes dear to us through mere association, and the distant evil-doer who reads or who hears through the mysterious channels of the underworld of the passing of what is sometimes called the Hotel de Wappenstein cannot help having something of that same mixture of feelings which a man experiences when he grows big enough to realize that his father is not able to lick him any more.

Great things often culminate from small beginnings and if the spirit had not moved Dr. Titus to declare upon the public streets the apparent fact that he is "a free-born American citizen," that jail might have continued until the street cars in a certain warm climate bore the legend, "Skating in Sheel Park," or until City Engineer Thomson finished the new municipal building—which is about the same thing. But Dr. Titus aimed at the emancipation of his fellow man and—got rid of the jail. There is nothing like aiming high and shooting often. One is bound to hit something through mere ambition and perseverance.

We also shall miss the jail when we come to show our friends from the East about the city. This jail was one thing upon which we could depend for a thrill. Boston has her Old South Church, New York has the Flatiron Building, Chicago has the Stock Yards, but we had the worst jail that ever happened. No matter how worldly or how blasé a man happened to be, he could be depended upon to come upstairs after an inspection of the dungeons and the usual practical joke of a few minutes' incarceration in the "black hole," with the perspiration standing upon his forehead, a catchy feeling in his lungs and a look in his eye that was not good to see. There was no chance of his forgetting Seattle after that. Even if the exact figure of our bank clearings did escape his memory he could always place the city and recall it as the "place where the jail is."

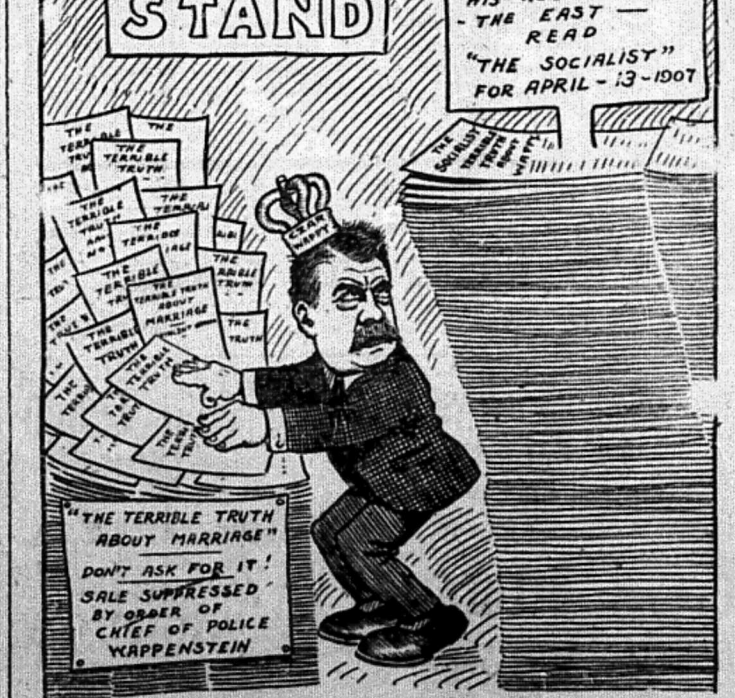
It has not yet been decided what we are going to do with our city prisoners. We may have to chain them to the Totem Pole. Or perhaps things will reach such an embarrassing state that the police will be compelled to politely request law-breakers to desist and thereby avoid placing the city, and especially the police department, in an unpleasant predicament. At any rate it looks as if the good old days of the cockroach and his brother investigators of the physical side of criminology had gone for good—or evil. We'll get pinched, but we shall miss it. There won't be the same old jail. —From Editorial in Seattle Morning Times

LATEST!

Fowler at Labor Temple

Arthur E. Fowler is now out on parole from the Western Washington Hospital for the Insane, as it is understood he is practically cured. He was most widely known before his appearance as organizer of the Japanese-Korean Exclusion League in the role of cartoonist for "The Socialist." On Sunday night at the Labor Temple, he will give examples of his cartoon drawing. His speech will be in the nature of a greeting to his friends after his recovery. Thousands of workmen in Seattle appreciate his tremendous exertions in their behalf and he has had their warmest sympathy in his illness resulting from overwork and nervous strain. He will make no formal speech, but give an entertaining talk, illustrated with some of his drawings. It will be an opportunity for his many friends to congratulate him.

NEWS STAND



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