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What the Republican Party will Do for the Unemployed

EXAMPLE IN SIMPLE ARITHMETIC

Take 23.

Multiply it by 23.

Divide the product by 23.

From the quotient subtract 23.

And that is what the Republican Party will do for the Working Class.

What the Democratic Party will Do for the Unemployed

What Mayor Moore's Party will Do for the Unemployed



STRAWS

The Socialist wind is blowing. Here are two straws that show it.

FIRST. The Democratic party candidates had a meeting last Monday and decided to revise the Democratic platform. They have discovered that "any old thing" will not answer for a political platform this spring. They have learned that the Socialist party has a platform which is a platform—one fit to stand on. So this is the report of that alarmed Democratic meeting:

"One important conclusion reached was that the platform or principles which the candidates will present to the people after the nominations are determined on February 3, will be set forth in a formal way at a meeting to be held after the primary election. This will not involve an abandonment of the platform formulated at the city convention recently held, but the declaration will be more complete and responsive to the issues which the candidates believe the Democratic party holds to be essential to good government."

"Essential to Good Government" is good.

But what the workmen of this city want just now is, "What is Essential to Good Living." There can be no "Good Government" when "Good Living" is denied the workers.

The Socialist party is organized to provide a "Good Living" and then "Good Government" will take care of itself.

But it is a good sign that these old fogey Democrats who still fancy Andrew Jackson stand for all that is good, are getting worked up to present day issues.

Anyhow it is a straw.

SECOND STRAW. The "P.-I." had an editorial on the question: "Why not give the vag a job?" That was Tuesday, the next day after the big outdoor meeting of the Socialists under the "P.-I." windows.

There at that meeting, the editor heard things. He heard the Socialists had a platform demanding and promising "Work for Unemployed." So he waked up and threw a straw into the wind he felt blowing about his ears.

Brainerd asks: "Why not give the Vag a job?" By "Vag" he means the Unemployed man who is looking for a job. If you are employed, you are just a common wage slave. If you are out of a job, you are a "Vag"—latest police court condensed for Vagrant or Vagabond.

What the editor of the "Post-Intelligencer" suggests is the "plan of establishing vagrant camps, where tramps and hobos could be put to some useful task, and where a small wage could be allowed in addition to 'board and keep,' in all proper cases, would unquestionably be an improvement over the present system. No city has a moral right to force its 'undesirables' into some other city. Nor is it good for men of this type to drive them from one place to another."

This, you will observe, is the first capitalist echo of the Socialist demand, "Work for the Unemployed."

The Socialist says, "Public Improvements to set at work the Unemployed."

The Capitalist way of mimicking the Socialist is, "Establish Camps for Vagrants." The "P.-I." even asserts there is a state law providing for such "camps."

All right. We won't quarrel about names. If there is such a "state law," the Socialists will make good use of it. If a "small wage" is allowable under that law, the Socialists will see that it is made at least a "living wage."

Certainly, Mr. Brainerd, we will have "Camps for the Workless Workers," whom you call "Vags and Undesirables" because your Capitalist employers have shut down the Machinery of Production and turned Ten Thousand men out of jobs in this city alone and millions of men in this country.

"Camps for Vags"—that is the Republican straw in the Socialist wind which whistles a sweet song to all wage workers and the refrain is, "Work for the Unemployed."

Before election on March 3, you will see the wind laden with Capitalist straws flying on the Socialist wind.

But don't mistake the Straws for the Wind. If there was no wind, you'd see no straws.

Another Straw

Since writing about the Republican and Democratic straws on the Socialist wind of "Work for the Unemployed," an "Independent" straw has been discovered cavorting along on that same free breeze. "The Star" is a pretended "Independent" daily in Seattle. It is really a mock Labor sheet, always on the side of Capital.

In its issue of Jan. 7, this independent dependant of Capital gives a new story about a certain Mr. Varnum appearing before the Chamber of Commerce to urge said chamber "to bring pressure on the City Council to have that body at once order a resumption

of public work under contract and to employ thereon the unemployed now in the city."

That sounds like an extract from the Socialist party platform which a thousand people are now distributing throughout the city and which the daily papers dare not print. We hereby challenge "The Seattle Daily Star" which has flouted at its masthead "The Only Paper Which Dares to Print the News;" to print the Socialist party platform of Seattle, or even to print the simple fact that said platform pledges the party to use the entire legislative and executive powers of the city government to provide work for the unemployed on city improvements.

Here is another of Mr. Varnum's urgent demands on the Chamber of Commerce: "To have the council order all street improvements that have been held up because of the financial flurry started up under the direction of the Board of Public Works."

We might almost suspect said "W. S. Varnum" must be a Socialist in disguise, playing some gruesome joke on the staid Capitalists of the Chamber of Commerce, actually recommending the very thing the Socialists demand.

But note Why Varnum did it and Why the whole city will be talking the same thing in another month. Because the Socialist proposal is so practicable and appeals so directly to the interests of the unemployed thousands, that the Capitalists are in deadly fear these Socialists will get the votes of these unemployed thousands.

But note again. If the platform of the Socialists, by its mere announcement, has created such a panic among the Capitalists, what will their actual election do? Is it not plain as a totem pole that the best possible way for the unemployed to get what they want is to shout for the Socialist platform and vote for the Socialist party?

If the Socialists are elected, they will certainly give you what you want. And if they get a big vote, the other fellows will tumble over themselves to give what you want. So the only way to get what you want is to hustle for Socialist success.

Here Is a Corker

"The Times Special Service" has a despatch from Colfax, Wash., to the effect that "P. W. Cox, Marxian Leader in Whitman Co." is in favor of Republican U. S. Senator Ankeny.

Now we don't know Cox, but we do know he is no "Marxian," if he supports any Capitalist party candidate for anything political.

Here is the first of the dispatch: COLFAX, Tuesday, Jan. 7.—An unobtrusive, kind-faced man stood in front of Mart Maloney's Colfax hotel. He spoke in a soft, gentle voice, and his eye lighted up as he proclaimed his principles. It was P. W. Cox, Socialist leader of Whitman county, who is known and liked by every one here.

"Yes, I am a Socialist," he said. "I have believed in Socialism for a long time. Many years ago I raised a good crop on my farm, but when it had been marketed I discovered that some one else had received the profit of my labor, while I had practically nothing. That experience started me. I decided that conditions were wrong, just as they are wrong today—when with unbounded prosperity we cannot market our wheat, and really feel the pinch of hard times. I came out of my investigations a Socialist, a confirmed subscriber to the doctrine, the basis of which is a belief in universal brotherhood."

We know too that Cox is no Socialist from the last sentence quoted from him; for "a belief in universal brotherhood" is not "the basis of Socialism."

In the first place the basis of Socialism is not a "belief" in anything. The basis of Socialism is a series of facts known as economic development. The chief of these facts is the class war, the very opposite of brotherhood. There may be brotherhood in the class, but certainly not universal brotherhood. This "farmer Socialist" loveable and hopeful, so loveable that he advocates the election of that enemy of the Working Class, Levi Ankeny, plainly has no conception of Marxism, that scientific Socialist movement which is the outgrowth of the system of Wage Labor and Capital.

Of course we are aware that this dispatch was sent out by the Ankeny Press Bureau, which is spending money freely to advertise him, as his own successor. But all the same, if Cox is correctly reported, he is no Marxian, no Socialist and no leader.

So we are not surprised at the "Kind-faced" conclusion of Cox, as follows:

"I don't care what may be my belief politically—that doesn't cut any figure. The thing for us to settle is whether the real merit of Levi Ankeny entitles him to a seat in the Senate. The pioneers will all agree with me that Levi Ankeny can be trusted to represent this state and to look after his work honorably and well."

Evidently, Cox should join W. T. Mills, who is now fraternizing with the Seattle Clergy for the benefit of the unemployed.

What the Socialist Party will Do for the Unemployed

"WORKINGMEN OF ALL COUNTRIES, UNITE! YOU HAVE NOTHING TO LOSE BUT YOUR CHAINS; YOU HAVE A WORLD TO GAIN!"

We, the Socialist Party of Seattle in convention assembled, proclaim our allegiance to the Socialist Party of the United States and of the State of Washington, and affirm our unflinching adherence to the principles and the program of international revolutionary Socialism.

In presenting our candidates to the working class and those in sympathy with it, we base our appeal upon the following declarations as our PLATFORM OF PRINCIPLES.

1. The Great Present Problem

The greatest problem before the American people is the Problem of the Unemployed.

This is true at all times and especially true during Hard Times. Wage Workers have been more numerous than jobs ever since the Reign of Capital began in America some Fifty years ago.

The "Industrial Revolution" by which "Labor Saving Machinery" does the World's Work, introduced the "Industrial Reserve Army," an army of propertyless Workers, including all grades, from the so-called "Honest Workingman" to the miscalled "Hobo."

This Problem of the Unemployed constitutes also the real Problem of the Employed. For so long as the Unemployed remain to take the places of the Employed, just so long will wages be held at the Subsistence level. This "Law of Wages," which allows the Employed, on the average only a bare living, which overrides all questions of rent, taxation or living expenses, is directly dependent on the continued existence of the Unemployed. Only by the Socialist Abolition of the Unemployed Army created by Capital, will the Employed army Emancipate themselves and Wage Workers secure the full product of their toil.

2. Problem Aggravated By Panic

A Business Panic like that now in progress, aggravates this ever-present Problem of the Unemployed. It lets loose thousands of hungry and houseless men and women in every city. "Crimes against Property," especially all sorts of Petit Larceny, multiply because these people will not consent to starve.

"Coxey Armies" spring up, being half-organized attempts to solve this imperious Problem of Bread.

In Seattle today there are at least Ten Thousand of these Unemployed Proletarians. This whole Puget Sound country swarms with them. They are putting up rude shacks and tents everywhere, seeking to "grub" an existence in the woods and along the shores. They throng the Police Station at night as "Sleepers," overwhelm the Police Court as "Vags," and supply endless material for the infamous "Chain Gang."

3. Capitalist Class Responsible

Something rational must be done for these unemployed masses or they will do something irrational for themselves.

The Socialist Party was founded to cure this chronic disease of Capital. It alone can permanently solve the Problem of the Unemployed. It alone can furnish even a temporary solution in a rational and peaceable manner.

This is the Socialist contention, namely, that the Capitalist Class, which owns the Machinery of Production and is in possession of all governmental agencies and therefore has control of all the jobs, IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE PRESENT BREAKDOWN.

In one word, the Working Class are the victims of the incapacity of the Capitalist Class. Capital has failed, at least temporarily, and Labor suffers the awful consequences.

So long as Capital remains at the head of affairs, Capital must accept all the ensuing responsibilities.

Multitudes of laborers are always hunting jobs in the best of times, but they do manage to exist and Capital therefore keeps them contented. But now, when Capital has gone bankrupt, when Capital closes its mills and leaves the workers to starve, now as never in prosperous times, the Socialist proposals must be heard and heeded.

4. The General Solution

The permanent solution of the Problem of the Unemployed offered by the Socialist Party, is to transfer the Machinery of Production from the inefficient hands of Capital to the efficient hands of Labor. The Working Class must finally supplant the Capitalist Class because of the utter failure of the latter to "make good" as Manager of Society.

No Society can permanently endure in which wealth is produced abundantly for all but appropriated by a few, while the masses barely subsist. The masses will rebel and conquer.

Such a permanent solution is not possible in an isolated Municipality. It can be achieved on no less than a national scale.

5. The Local Solution

Therefore the Socialist Party demands and promises this temporary and local solution, namely: The resources and credit of the City of Seattle, all of which have been produced by Labor but retained by Capital, shall in the present crisis and want, be used to provide work and bread for the Unemployed; such provision to be continued till the Capitalist Class resumes its abandoned functions, reopens its silent factories and thus provides subsistence for its employes in the normal Capitalist way.

In one word, Capital must settle its Workingmen's Liens first of all. These workingmen can foreclose their liens through the Socialist Party. These starving slaves can capture the City Government for themselves and provide for themselves by means of their own Party.

The Socialist Party definitely pledges itself, if its candidates are elected, to exercise all municipal authority to institute public improvements sufficient to provide a living for the City's normal quota of the Unemployed and to use all the public powers to raise the money to pay their wages.

6. Summary

(A). Through the Socialist Party the Working Class always demands that the control of Modern Social Production be taken from the palsying grasp of Capital and transferred to the strong arms of Labor.

(B). Through the Socialist Party also, the Working Class in Seattle at this present hour of Capitalist disaster, demands and will take from the Class in Possession, the means of life, of which the Working Class is now deprived through the bankruptcy of the dominant capitalist class.

(C). First, last and always, the Socialist Party stands for the interests of the Wage Workers as the only progressive class and, whenever entrusted with political power, the Socialist Party will exercise that power solely in the interests of the class it stands for.

7. Instant Demands

1. The Socialist Party demands and will give Free Speech on Free Streets.

2. The Socialist Party will abolish the Chain Gang as the enemy of Free Labor and an insult to the Working Class.

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SEATTLE'S LAWLESS CITY ADMINISTRATION

By Edwin J. Brown

Edward Haffner, the same man who in last week's issue of "The Socialist" I told you had been jailed without warrant or authority or law, and railroaded to Mayor William Hickman Moore's Chain Gang, will furnish material for this week's story, and at the same time will furnish brain food for the weary wage slaves who are told by the clap-trap political parasites of Capitalism that in our free America every man is equal before the Law, and they can prove it by the Declaration of Independence and the Constitution of their (the Capitalists') United States.

In the days of Rome, the citizens were said to be equal before the law, and have the same rights, but the slaves were not citizens. The word man and person has been substituted in our country for the word citizen in Rome, and while in contemplation of Law every person in the United States is presumed to have the equal protection of the law, yet the law by its administration may be lawless, and arbitrary, and as the Supreme Court of the United States has said, be administered "with an evil eye and unequal hand," so as to oppress one class and favor another.

Because of the fact that our governments National, State and City, are capitalistic, we have one law for the Capitalist Class and another law for the Proletarian Class when it comes to the administration of the law; and because the officials having been placed in office by the Capitalist Class, they naturally as human beings must, though unconsciously it may be, favor the class who are their political bosses and masters.

Would the experience that I related about Edward Haffner in last week's "Socialist" and that which I shall relate in this story, befall a capitalist, or one who is regarded as belonging to the upper crust of society?

On Friday, Jan. 3, 1908, I instructed Haffner to go up to the County Jail and watch for the Chain Gang which is now being organized by one Mr. Maloney, who was formerly Business Agent of the Carpenter's Union. While Haffner was standing about 60 feet from the County Jail, a deputy who had seen him there a week before while he was being milled and hammered by Owen Roberts, took it for granted that he had no business on earth, and jailed him again. The following morning, glaring headlines in the Seattle "Post-Intelligencer" would make one suspect that Edward Haffner was found trying to pass files, bucksaws, coal-chisels, anvils, pile-drivers, cork-screws, and tallow-candles to the prisoners of the county jail, through the windows, and one would imagine that the people of Seattle once more felt that the eagle eye of the present city administration had spared them from an attack by that awful gang of hungry hobos on the chain gang whom we recognize as wage slaves under capitalism, had they been liberated by Haffner's, tallow candles.

But how about poor Haffner? A stranger in a strange land, called and miscalled the "land of the free and the home of the brave." Mind you, Haffner had on his person when he was taken in, two little files which he uses to file his orders, he being what is termed a rough work carpenter. He had also a couple of candles, and he being a Jew, it is the custom of his race on Friday night to light these candles.

Nothing having been discovered that would keep Haffner in the County Jail, he was now taken to the city jail on Saturday and there turned over to the city authorities. And, again, we read in the capitalist daily papers that Haffner was now in the city jail because he had given a check and had obtained money under false pretense. Haffner was therefore compelled to lie in Seattle's condemned jail from Saturday until Tuesday and at his trial before the Honorable Judge John B. Gordon, we developed the following facts:

First: It was the same second-hand man who complained to the police about Haffner and for which he was jailed without process of law the first time, who now claimed a check had been given, and whom Haffner has since brought suit against. It developed further, that the check was developed for Haffner's tools, which he thought he was going to identify and purchase back, but instead of being allowed to do so, he was railroaded to jail and then to the chain gang. The check was not paid because it was on a Savings Account and could not be paid unless Haffner's bank book accompanied the check to the bank. But Haffner was not charged with having passed a bogus check. He was again charged as a disorderly person, and as there was absolutely no proof of disorderly conduct, Judge Gordon dismissed the case, after scolding me (which he should have done) for allowing Haffner to go up near Roberts' Chain Gang without myself going with him as a bodyguard.

I write this little story not for Haffner's sake alone, but in the hope that I may attract some proletarian wage slave to the moral it teaches, namely, "That one class in society through the powers of government, governs class in society." The capitalist class governs the wage-earning class. The Democratic and Republican parties are strictly capitalistic. The Socialist party is strictly proletarian, and if any wage worker thinks he has any voice in this government, one term on Seattle's chain gang, or in Seattle's condemned black hole, or a trip through Seattle's red light district, which pays \$60,000 per year under the present reformed city administration as a bounty for being allowed to commit crime, will come mighty near convincing him that he has very little to say about what he is pleased to proudly call his country.

You howl about the Courts, but they are not to blame. You denounce the law, but the law is not to blame. "When any form of government becomes destructive to life, liberty and happiness, it is the right of the people to alter or abolish it, and to institute new government, laying its foundations on such principles and organizing its powers in such form as to the people shall seem most likely to effect their safety and happiness," declares the Declaration of Independence, framed by our forefathers, and penned by that great democrat, Thomas Jefferson.

"I would as soon a man had me chained to a log as for any man to control the means by which I live," said the lovable Abraham Lincoln.

What are you howling about, why don't you wake up and learn your lesson? If the great majority of the people like to eat the horns, hoofs and feathers, while the master class eat the juicy steaks and tender turkey, its their choice; but the Socialists know that the sin of the world is the ignorance of the world, and that prejudice, ignorance and egotism have formed political scales before the people's eyes, or made them politically party blind drunk, and in either case many are unable to distinguish between beef, turkey, hoofs and feathers. The true Socialist knows the difference, and while he has to take his share of hoofs and feathers, he has discovered the cause of his industrial indigestion, and knows from a scientific analysis that the victory of his own class introducing the Co-operative Commonwealth, will cure all his diseases.

The courts, being capitalistic, should support the institutions of capital; and in doing so, they must construe the law in the interest of the master class for whom the wage workers have voted into official position these self-same courts.

The trouble is the property-less class are unconscious of their class interest, and therefore unorganized, and when they become class conscious and organized politically, they will elect their own courts, and their judges being class conscious will have no trouble in making laws in the interest of the class who possess the powers of government.

It requires no proof to convince every last wage earner and the great majority of all others that they have

A NEW THING - PARADES TWICE-A-WEEK

Mondays and Thursdays at 8 p. m. Both at Pike Place and Pioneer Place. From now till Election, March 3.

Two parades will be formed from Pike Place and Pioneer Place to University Street.

Learn how to march. Don't stream along, part on sidewalk and part in street.

Everybody help form in squads of four, ten feet apart. Take the right hand of the street.

We will see if the Police will interfere with peaceable parades. Remember, the lines of march will begin at Pioneer Place and Pike Place at 8 p. m. Mondays and Thursdays.

From Pioneer Place, take east side of First Avenue to Cherry Street, thence along Cherry Street to Second Avenue, thence along east side of First Avenue to University Street.

Line of march from Pike Place will be along south side of Pike Street to Second Avenue, thence along east side of Second Avenue to University Street, there meeting the column from Pioneer Place.

The banners will lead the processions unless the Police arrest the banners. Something new on the banners every night.

All Socialists should be on hand and practice marching in squads of four ten feet apart.

We need about fifty such to set the example to the rest of the crowd. Such a parade will grow as it progresses along the streets. Before election time our Socialist Parades will be the features of the week. Moore and Wappy will have their hands full with these parades.

no control over the means by which they live. This is the aim of Socialism, that people shall be masters of the machinery of production and distribution, and the workers who then produce the wealth will have the power to democratically manage the wealth they produce instead of having the wealth they produce plutocratically manage them as it does now.

You see, don't you, why we have millionaires, and hoboes? The big thieves who go to our senate and the little hungry thief who goes to the chain gang?

Don't you see that Haffner was jailed without warrant and railroaded to the chain gang, beaten until he was bloody and sore, starved until he was sick, because capitalist law is administered in the interests of capital?

Well, if you don't, it's because the scales are still in front of your eyes, and you ought to keep on eating hoofs and feathers, and may be some day the feathers will awaken your mentality, and the glue will help you hold on to a few scientific truths until you lose your prejudice and cast your vote in the interest of yourself and the class you belong to. For mind, I tell you, just as long as wage workers vote for Moores and Wappensteins, Moores and Wappensteins will jail wage workers; so take your jail, chain gang and black hole, hoofs and feathers and shut up, or be a man and a Socialist.

What has "Labor Mayor" Moore given Labor during his whole administration? Just one thing, namely, Mike Maloney, street superintendent and organizer of the chain gang. That is all. Mike gets Three Thousand Six Hundred Dollars a year. But what do you get, you common carpenter?

You have not registered, have you?

Why don't "Labor Mayor" Moore and his man Mike Maloney open up some street improvements and set the rank and file to work? Because Mike is too busy organizing the Chain Gang and banking his little \$10 a day.

Will you register tomorrow?

The Socialist Party was organized eight years ago in Seattle. It has been faithful to the interests of the working class in this city. Not a single act of the Party can be named which was against the wage worker. The Party has earned the confidence of every Proletarian in and out of the Unions.

Why have you not registered?

Tickets are out for the Free speech Fest in Egan's Hall, Jan. 25, Saturday evening. Judge Gordon's court will be reproduced in a skit written by Tom Sladden. It will be immense. Splendid musical numbers by Muriel Window and others. Vaudeville stunt by Abe Herschlin. The whole ending in an old time Socialist dance with Cumm's orchestra to lead. Proceeds go to Socialist Party and Press. Great chance to make enough money to pay the campaign expenses. Everybody boost.

The Socialist candidates will be nominated Feb. 3. That is the law for all minor parties.

Walter Thomas Mills will probably end up with becoming a preacher again. He is out of the Socialist Party and can get no appointments with Socialist Locals any longer. Next he offered his services to the Labor Unions in Seattle, but they bit not the bait. Now, he advertises himself for a series of addresses in various churches in Portland, Oregon, leading up to a grand scheme for setting the world right. He must be hard up indeed. He even claims that his meeting with the preachers in Seattle was attended by the Mayor, the same Mayor who nightly jails members of the Socialist Party, as well as by "members of the Chamber of Commerce." Here's hoping Mills will become eminently respectable and land in a Methodist pulpit where he belongs.

The Chamber of Commerce has a committee appointed to devise ways and means to set the unemployed to work. Another effect of the Socialist Platform.

Next Sunday night, at Egan's Hall, Second Avenue, between University and Union Streets, a Debate occurs between Attorney Jacobson, an independent Republican, and a representative of the Socialist Party, either Tom Sladden or H. M. Wells.

Jacobson affirms that it is advisable for Working Men to vote as Independent Republicans and Sladden will deny. Jacobson has 20 minutes to open. Sladden follows with 30 minutes and Jacobson closes with 10 minutes. Things will be lively.

In addition, an unusual musical program will be given. The highest class amateur musical talent in Seattle is constantly heard at the Socialist meetings in Egan Hall, Sunday evenings. Muriel Window has been engaged to take the place of Lois Feurt who has gone east on a Vaudeville circuit. Both are brilliant pupils of Mrs. Hornbrooke. For this Sunday, Jan-12, Miss Kremer, one of Prof. Evstaveff Rose's most promising piano pupils together with Prof. Hadley's star pupil on the Violin, will appear.

These Socialist audiences have made a reputation for their keen appreciation of the best in music and the artists say it is a delight and inspiration to perform before them.

HOW TO BECOME A TRAMP

The man had been working in a logging camp. The camp closed down and he was thrown out of work as were 90,000 other men employed in the lumbering industry of this state. With others of his class he came to town, hoping there to find something to do or to "ship" to some other camp.

In a short time he went broke, not because he had squandered his earnings on poodle dogs, diamonds, monkey dinners or champagne suppers, but because his masters had robbed him of all he produced and thrown back to him only crumbs enough (in the form of wages) to keep him alive while at work. He was living on "coffee and sinkers." For four days he hung around the Free Employment Office.

Finally, one morning he got a job. It was eight miles out, he spent 5c for car fare, he had 15c left.

He went to work, dinner time came around, but he could not afford to eat, he had only 15c.

He worked the rest of the day, a meal would cost 25c, he had only 15c, so he walked back to Seattle (eight miles); here he bought and ate a 10c mulligan.

He had 5c left, that would not buy a "hole in the wall" in the dirtiest, filthiest lodging house in town, besides he needed the 5c to ride back to work on in the morning.

So he went to an old outhouse, where he could not possibly interfere with any one.

About 3 o'clock in the morning one of Hickey Moore's "thunderbolts" gave him a call, informed him that he was infringing upon the sacred rights of private property and invited him to spend the rest of the night in Seattle's condemned jail, so that he might be on hand when court convened that he might explain to the judge what right he had to be broke.

Every evening for several weeks before this Socialists had been arrested for attempting to answer this very question. It made no difference whether we addressed audiences of six people or 500 people, whether we obstructed the streets and sidewalks or not we were arrested, arrested no doubt because we advocate a system of society in which men and women would not be hungry, shelterless, frozen and ragged, because they produce too much food, lumber, fuel and clothes, and because the introduction of this new system would put the master class out of business and make it impossible for human skunks of the Moore-Wappenstein-Gordon-De Bruler brand to prostitute their petit-intellect for a mess of pottage. I was in the receiving cell of "Hotel Wappenstein" when the aforesaid victim of capitalism was ushered in.

He was very indignant; you'll probably agree that he had a right to be. He had been doing the best he could to perpetuate his miserable existence and besides he was still hypnotized by what his masters' lickspittle Press had taught him about American justice, liberty, equal rights, etc.

He felt sure that the judge would turn him loose when he heard his story. I answered, "I feel sure he will turn you loose on the chain gang for several days."

He seemed surprised, said he didn't think I had much respect for the courts of justice.

I told him after he got better acquainted with what he called the courts of justice his reverence for them would be somewhat shattered.

Well, to make a long story short, he was taken into court in the afternoon, lined up with about 20 other box car and outhouse "criminals" and handed a bunch of sweet American liberty to the tune of eight days on the chain gang.

In conclusion I want to ask what I consider an appropriate question: When our masters allow us to work they rob us of all we produce save a bare subsistence. When we have produced so much that they can't dispose of our products they turn us out to starve. Then if we are caught begging the price of a meal, or found loitering in a box car or outhouse, or loitering about in the early hours of morning, we are arrested and put on the chain gang and compelled to work for our board and a lousy bunk in a condemned city jail.

Now the question I want to ask is: Which is the most humiliating and which will bring the best results, to be arrested as a vagrant or as a thief?

In other words, would it not be more manly to be arrested for helping ourselves to some of the wealth we have been robbed of, than to be arrested as vagrants and beggars?

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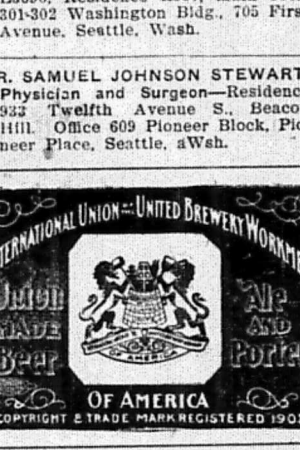
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THE MONDAY NIGHT ARRESTS.

We were again given a view of Moore's Mixture of Mental Mediocrity and reversion to methods consistent with the Stone Age, which is the resort of fools and the maggot brain, in place of reason and the exercise of that intelligence which is expected of a human being except when possessed of a fiend-like hatred of every principle of common honesty and a political job under the morally decaying influences of Capitalism in its highest development.

Two meetings were held, one on Pike Place and another at Pioneer Square, between eight and nine o'clock. No speaker was allowed to say more than a few words. Reserve forces of police were stationed at each place. Eight speakers were arrested and also two comrades with banners reading: "You are out of a job because you have produced too much," and other such concise statements of truth.

After the arrests the Pike Place crowd, numbering seven or eight hundred people, marched to 4th and Union, next the "P.I." building, and listened for an hour and a half to addresses by Comrades McCorkle and Titus.

The Pioneer Square crowd also bade the police force by, and went up Cherry to Second and up Second to University and there heard Comrades Herschin and E. J. Brown. Neither of the two latter meetings were molested by the police though the same conditions prevailed as at the first named points with the exception of Pike Place, which is more deserted after six o'clock than any of Hillman's suburban additions.

No, we weren't requested to pay fines for the benefit of the Dear Taxpayers. No, not quite. The Seattle Police Court apparently assumes that since Socialists won't work for the taxpayers on the chain gang they might as well get out of it as cheap as possible. So the ten comrades spent a night in jail which at last has been ventilated as a result of our agitation of the Board of Health, and were released in court Tuesday morning by order of Judge Gordon.

Egan Hall has become the "Meeting Place" of a thousand voters each Sunday evening. Not another organization, political, religious or fraternal, can gather such a number of men together regularly in Seattle. Socialism is the class-conscious workingman's religion. It represents to him not a life in the "tight rolled scroll of the future" after he has slaved himself into the grave, but a happy, useful life on this good old earth and a guarantee of a full and complete life for his children.

Speaking of gatherings of working men reminds me of a comparison. Some have been wondering what had become of that bit of superfluity cast off by the revolving wheel of Revolutionary Socialism in Seattle, better known as the Fusion or Mills element.

Let it be known that the Mills grind exceeding slow for Walter Thomas just now. While Local Seattle spoke to a thousand people last Sunday night, the Little Giant occupied a back hall that no one could find with almost a hundred people.

Today, Wednesday, he gathered unto him a goodly number of people at the Y. M. C. A. under the auspices of the Seattle Ministers' association and unfolded to them a plan to help the unemployed. The special feature of this conclave was the presence of 20 sky pilots which accounts for the goodness of the crowd. When Rank Opportunism joins hands with Sanctioned Reactionaries on a scheme to help the worker—and does it, then will we indeed gather figs of thistles.

Every member should make it a point to pay his dues before the first of each month. Then is when we have the heaviest expense—the rent, and it has to be paid. Don't get behind. It's easier to pay dues regularly than to catch up once you are behind. Besides you risk losing your right to take part in the official proceedings of the Party.

A chorus is soon to be organized which, when properly underway will be another valuable addition to the musical side of our propaganda meetings. Besides, its usefulness in our monthly entertainments will be of great significance.

What are you doing toward securing new members of the Socialist Party? While it is true that Local Seattle does not want on its membership rolls people who do not understand Revolutionary Socialism and do not stand for it on each and every occasion, the Local does want every Revolutionary Socialist in Seattle in its membership.

Let us recognize the value of organization. It is only through the most thorough and complete organization along scientific revolutionary class-conscious lines that we can be most effective as a political party.

The wage worker organized along these lines would be a force which could and would secure to itself all government functions and through that the social ownership of the means of life.

Explain to your fellow wage-slave the Socialist Party plan of organization. When he understands the fundamentals of Socialism and the meth-

NEW CONSTITUTION OF LOCAL SEATTLE

ART. I. NAME

SEC. 1. The name of this organization shall be Local No. 1, Socialist Party, of Seattle, State of Washington.

ART. II. OFFICERS AND MEETINGS

SEC. 1. The officers of this Local shall be a Secretary, a Treasurer, a Literature Agent, a Membership Committee of three members and an Executive Committee of five members.

SEC. 2. These officers shall be elected at the last regular business meetings in the months of December and June, and shall take office on the first day of January and July respectively, and hold it for a term of six months or until their successors are elected.

SEC. 3. It shall be the duty of the Secretary to notify all members of the Local one week in advance of any meeting for the election of officers.

SEC. 4. When an officer is unable or fails to perform his duties satisfactorily, his office may be declared vacant at any meeting of the Local, provided notice of said action has been given by any member in open meeting at least one week previous to such action.

SEC. 5. Vacancies may be filled at any meeting where such vacancy occurs, subject, however, to the approval of the first meeting held after the expiration of one week after said action. Pending approval or disapproval the member so elected shall be considered an officer of the Local.

SEC. 6. The Local shall hold at least one regular business meeting a month. After the times for regular meetings have been decided upon, no change shall be made before written notice is sent to all members. Special meetings may be called by the Executive Committee and notices of same shall be mailed to all members 3 days before such meetings.

SEC. 7. The duty of the Secretary shall be to keep the minutes of all business meetings, do all correspondence, keep record of all receipts, make collections, and turn same over to Treasurer, carry out business instructions of Executive Committee, call business meetings to order and keep members busy in work for Local. The Secretary shall report to Local at each business meeting. The Secretary shall receive such compensation for his services as the Local may direct.

SEC. 8. The Treasurer is to receive all moneys and keep itemized account of same and pay out same as authorized by Local on order of Executive Committee. The Treasurer shall report to the Local at least once each month.

SEC. 9. The Literature Agent shall keep on hand such books and papers as the Local shall from time to time direct. All moneys received by Literature Agent above \$25.00 shall be turned in to the Treasurer to be retained by him in a separate fund. The Literature Agent shall choose assistants, if necessary.

SEC. 10. The Executive Committee shall carry out the decisions of the Local and have charge of the business of the Local when Local is not in session; render reports of its doings at each business meeting of the Local and be always subject to reversal by the Local.

ARTICLE III. BUSINESS MEETINGS
SEC. 1. Chairman of business meetings shall be elected at each meeting and chairman of propaganda meetings shall be elected at business meetings. Vacancies may be filled by the Executive committee.

SEC. 2—Order of Business:
1. Call to order by Secretary.
2. Election of Chairman.
3. Reading of Minutes.
4. Roll Call of Officers.
5. Bills and Communications.
6. Reports of Committees and Officers.
7. Unfinished Business.
8. New Business.
9. Good of the Local.

SEC. 3. Ten per cent of the members in good standing at the beginning of each month shall constitute a Quorum for that month; provided, a Quorum shall be never less than ten members.

ART. IV. PROPAGANDA MEETINGS
SEC. 1. Propaganda meetings of this Local shall be held at least once a month.

ART. V. MEMBERSHIP.

SEC. 1. There shall be a Membership Committee composed of three members elected in the same manner as the other officers of the Local. Each application for membership made out in the form prescribed by the state constitution shall be first submitted to this committee, who shall report at the next regular meeting of the Local. In case the report is favorable and there is no objection from any one, said applicant may be admitted at that meeting. In case the report is unfavorable or the Membership committee wish further time, or there is any objection to the consideration of said application at that meeting, the matter shall be postponed until the next regular meeting of the Local. In case the consideration of an application is postponed, the Secretary shall, if requested by a fourth of those present, send out immediately

od of party organization he will gladly come into the party and consider it the greatest honor of his life to help achieve that for which the Socialist Party exists—the emancipation of the wage class and by that the destruction for all time of class rule.

Our meetings on those streets where we are allowed to hold meetings are a success in every way. The people now are in a frame of mind to listen to Socialist doctrines. A great many have nothing to do but to think about their present unemployed condition. Naturally they are interested in the party program which proposes to help them out of their distressing condition. A great deal of Socialist literature is now being sold at these street meetings.

The time is ripe to scatter the prolific seeds of Socialism. Capitalism has again succumbed to one of its periodic illnesses and lies abed nursing itself waiting for the outflow of its superfluous energy materialized in wealth products.

SEC. 2. DUES—The dues of Local Seattle shall be fifty cents per calendar month. Members may be excused from payment of dues by vote of Local for sickness and for being out of work. Members when in arrears for dues for one month are in bad standing; when in arrears for three months they shall stand suspended, and when in arrears for six months, they shall be dropped from the membership rolls.

ART. VI. RULES.

SEC. 1. All questions shall be decided in accord with Roberts' Rules of Order, where this Constitution does not specify otherwise.

SEC. 2. Amendments to this Constitution may be made at any regular business meeting providing such amendments have been proposed at least one week before, in writing, and have been read by the Secretary at a business meeting before the adoption.

ART. VII. REFERENDUM.

SEC. 1. Twenty (20) per cent of the membership in good standing may call for a referendum on any act of the Local.

SEC. 2. Ballots for all referendums shall be mailed to each member by the Secretary as soon as it is time for them to be sent out. Such mail shall be addressed to the member's latest address.

SEC. 3. Referendum ballots shall be signed by member voting, enclosed in a sealed envelope and not opened until they are counted at a regular meeting of the Local or by a Committee elected by the Local. The time and place of the count in case it is by Committee, must be specified, and the count shall be open to inspection.

You know registration last year, 1907, is no good for this year, 1908.

Portland Notes

Mr. Workingman, did you ever read a standard Socialist book, subscribe for a revolutionary Socialist newspaper, or attend a Socialist meeting addressed by any well-posted Socialist?

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But, Mr. Workingman, woman or child, you probably think you are living in a modern period and have an idea that you are living in a free country and think that investigation is no crime. Under those conditions, no doubt, you will want to read something new, that is, new to you. In short, you will want to read some standard Socialist book and a revolutionary Socialist newspaper and also hear a lecture on Scientific Socialism.

In that event, could you find your way without a guide to the place these Socialists books and papers are kept and where these Socialist speeches are delivered?

Of course you could; we all know, you all know, and the whole world knows that the reading room and headquarters of the Socialist party, branch, of Portland, Oregon, is located at 309 Davis street, corner Sixth, and all of us know that that's the place in Portland the standard Socialist books, the revolutionary Socialist papers and the Scientific Socialist speeches are to be found.

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The Goldfield Situation

By Ida Crouch-Hazlett, Special Correspondent

GOLDFIELD GRAND JURY ACTS.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 29. At yesterday's session the grand jury of Esmeralda county, of which George Wingfield, the vice president of the Consolidated Mines Company is a member, formally passed a resolution recommending that a board of arbitration be appointed to act on the industrial situation.

It is suggested that the board consist of twelve men, four to be selected by the mine owners, four by the miners, and these eight to select four others.

The miners have signified their willingness at all times to meet the mine owners in conference. President Mahoney says they are not seeking any audience with bodies that ignore them, but the operators will find them ready to listen to any advances.

The "Nevada Workman," organ of Goldfield Miners' Union, is getting a good deal of amusement out of the fact that William Erb, secretary of the Mine Operators' Association, and Henry Webber, a wealthy and prominent member of that organization, were arrested Christmas night for obstructing the peace, raising Cain generally, indiscriminate shooting and other commendable acts calculated to make of Goldfield a veritable city of dreadful night. A deputy sheriff took them in charge and they were later released on bond. The next morning in the justice court Mr. Erb was fined \$20 and the case of Mr. Webber was continued. These are two of the "law and order" gentry that are raising heaven and earth to have the miners' union destroyed, on the grounds that it is an organization of lawless men.

They are typical of the rest. No where can a lower, more ignorant and more indolent set of the capitalist class be found than among the mine owners of Goldfield, and the "Workman" says it is up to the miners to secure an injunction in restraint of the Mine Operators' Association on the ground that it is an organization of drunken soaks and rowdies.

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IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 29, 1907. Events are moving forward rapidly in the affairs of the industrial circles of the great gold camp the last few days.

On Thursday, Dec. 26, the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company, through its vice president, George Wingfield, filed a lengthy complaint in the United States circuit court at Carson City, asking for the dissolution of Goldfield Miners' Union No. 220. Sensational allegations were made in the application for injunction. The union was designated as "incendiary, illegal and contrary to sound public policy." An order was asked for restraining the union from holding meetings pending the action of the court.

As a foundation for the action the Consolidated Mines Company swears that "the local union is really a criminal society and a conspiracy to agitate questions that tend to subvert the general principles of government." The bill of complaint says "one of the cardinal principles of the organization is continuous warfare between employer and employed, that the union is in restraint of trade and clearly illegal."

It is stated with authority that the institution of these proceedings in the United States court may be traced directly to the order of President Roosevelt.

Besides the local union itself being made defendant, the Western Federation of Miners is called upon to make reply to the complaint, as well as all officers of the local union and those serving upon committees who are cited "appointed to carry out the unlawful commands and conspiracies of aforesaid organization." The document reads like a page from the ancient witchcraft organizations. It is

ludicrous in its medieval ignorance and asininity.

The operators also complain that Union No. 220 is a part of another larger organization known as the Industrial Workers of the World, which has in its ranks not only the miners but all other laborers of the Goldfield mining district.

A history of the alleged atrocities of the Western Federation of Miners throughout Colorado, Idaho and Montana, including the Steunenberg case and all other crimes and horrors with which the great labor organization has been slandered is freely rehearsed, including the sentence, "so powerful has the union become that the ordinary officers of the law have been unable to cope with it."

The Goldfield mine operators have really achieved an intellectual feat in defining the grand principles of the class struggle. The document would really make a good revolutionary propaganda sheet for the contest well known to the Socialists doctrines that have been so widespread over the country. But all this grand array of class logic failed to have the desired effect on Judge Farrington of the Federal court and even a temporary restraining order was denied. January 3 was set for the hearing of the petition for the injunction.

Acting President C. E. Mahoney says of course the Federation will take some action against the injunction to dissolve it, but no such injunction has been granted as yet.

WAR OPERATIONS.

It is amusing the gaudy the mine owners are in to "protect" their property. They have been thrown into hysterics ever since the order came for the recall of the troops Monday, Dec. 30. What they want is for the powers of government to be exercised to enforce the industrial conditions they wish to impose upon the slaves that dig out their gold for them.

Under the existing laws there can be no state militia in Nevada. All kinds of pressure has been brought to bear upon Governor Sparks to get him to convene the legislature for the purpose of obtaining some adequate guarantee that the state powers will place their forces at the service of the operators.

Sparks has violated the United States constitution in calling for the federal troops without the mandate of the legislature, and Roosevelt has violated the constitution in sending them here without this authority. Strenuous Teddy has felt this and it has rankled under his collar bone somewhat. All of the influential have tried to get Sparks to get that legislature together. But Sparks was "set." He wouldn't call it. But he prayed Teddy to keep the troops here. Teddy says he wouldn't unless that legislature was called.

But, behold, the belligerents take another think, and on Dec. 28 Roosevelt telegraphs the Governor that if within five days he will issue a call for a special session of the legislature he will continue the troops in Goldfield during the period of three weeks. If within five days the call has not been issued the troops will be withdrawn. Sparks now up against it. His negative condition is softening, and it looks as though, true to their historic mission, the capitalist factions would get together against the working men.

Sparks' idea of protecting capitalism is by raising bands of legalized desperadoes similar to the Texas Rangers. Texas Rangers are the Nevada governor's clear ideal of the bulwarks of civilized society.

There are other various wild ideas of a state police to take the place of a state militia.

In Governor Sparks' letter to the president he complains that the three thousand union membership is constantly armed, and that arms are kept in the union hall. He says nothing, however, of the 500 stand of arms kept by the mine operators at the Montezuma Club, their headquarters, and the Consolidated offices. He says the communist and anarchist must find new fields.

BETWEEN THE DEVIL AND THE DEEP SEA.

He refers to his plan of a state constabulary along the line of the Texas

Rangers, which was turned down emphatically by the legislature.

The fact is that Governor Sparks stands alone, the pitiful football between the mine owners and the Federation men. The legislature turned him down cold at its last session. When he asked for hired murderers to kill the union men, it answered with a shrieking "No," and a rousing whoop for Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, and a resolution denouncing the injustice done them by the denial of a speedy trial.

No wonder Governor Sparks is afraid to bring the heavy expenses on Nevada of a special legislature to authorize federal troops stationed at Goldfield, when he has every reason to believe that they would give him the g. b. so hard that it would make him dizzy.

No wonder he went off and got drunk when he knew the mine owners were after him to make him howl for troops.

No wonder he stammers out all kinds of excuses of why it is inconvenient for geographical reasons and otherwise to convene an extra session. Senator Newlands has joined his pleadings to Senator Nixon's and has implored Secretary Taft, who has advised with Secretary Root—all officialdom with its hydra heads together to go out and squelch those murderous miners.

What will the governor do now? Will he or won't he? And if he does do anything will it be the devil or the deep sea? the lady or the tiger?

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Goldfield, Nev., Dec. 21, 1907.

Yesterday Capt. W. L. Cox, personal representative of Governor Sparks in Goldfield during the trouble, received a telegram from his chief stating that an extra session of the legislature was called to meet on January 14, an adding: "If we fail to get proper relief we will try martial law in Goldfield."

In his call the governor questions the constitution of the state, which provides that a legislature so called shall transact no business except that for which it was convened. The governor further says that the object of the session is to adjust by legislation, if possible, the controversy existing between the miners and mine owners at Goldfield. The old sickening requisition is made for "law and order." The capitalist class hypocritically uses this phrase whenever it wishes to oppose law and protect disorder in its own class.

Troops to Remain.

As President Roosevelt said the troops would remain three weeks if the call for the extra session was made within five days, more comfortable quarters are being arranged for the soldiers.

The condition of an armed camp with absolute quiet and peace throughout the whole district.

The tone of the governor's telegram shows that he is not overly confident that he is going to be able to whip the legislature into acquiescence. He was not able to do it at the last session, and has cause to be dubious. His flat-footed declaration that martial law will be ordered here if the result of the assembly's work is not satisfactory to him, arouses the conjecture as to who will be in charge of the city in such an event, provided the troops are ordered withdrawn by the legislature. There is a pronounced element among the legislative members that is opposed to any military demonstration so long as the sheriff has said that he would maintain peace and order here if he had to deputize every able-bodied man in the camp.

Nothing to Arbitrate.

The grand jury at its session on Saturday passed recommendations for an arbitration board to sit on the industrial situation. The proposal was that it be composed of twelve members, four to be chosen by the miners, four by the mine owners, and these eight to choose four others.

Mr. George Wingfield, president of the Goldfield Consolidated Mines Company, was a member of the grand jury. When seen in his office as to the probable outcome of the suggested plan he said he was not present when the grand jury passed the resolution, but that nothing would come of it, as the operators positively refused to have anything to do with the Western Federation, and they had nothing to arbitrate. He said the mine owners had a definite program, that they had had seven or eight strikes in the last year and could do nothing with their properties, and they meant business, that the properties would soon be operating with non-union men.

He denied that the trouble here was a matter of stock manipulation. It will doubtless be quiet here till after the legislature convenes January 14. IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

Goldfield, Nev., Jan. 3, 1908.

The industrial atmosphere at Goldfield presents the impression of armed and opposing forces during a truce. According to the report of the picketers at the meeting of the miners' union Tuesday night, 16 scabs had quit during the week and 68 were working on that day.

In spite of all to the contrary that the daily sheets are trying to convey, the town is full of dupes, more than 50 being in constant requisition. At the request of the Federation the hearing of the answer to the complaint of the mine owners against the union has been postponed until January 10.

Roosevelt has evidently felt that democratic Governor Sparks was endeavoring to draw him into a political trap by beguiling him to order out the federal troops in a peaceable strike, and thereby draw the wrath of the Federation voters upon him next election. But his strenuously sidestepped gracefully by throwing back this responsibility upon his wily excellency and demanding that he get the support of his legislature if he wants government aid.

CAPITALISTIC PROP.

The opinion seems to be widespread that in case the mine owners and Governor Sparks fail to get legislative support to their military scheme, Diamondfield Jack will have the mobilizing of some sort of legalized state

thugs to make trouble among the men who won't work. When the slave won't work he must be made to work.

Diamondfield Jack is the administrative Thurgerton representative. His real name is Jack Davis. He and Sparks were Texas Rangers in the Lone Star state years ago. No wonder Sparks favors that form of rounding up the working class. Its associations are familiar to his rum-soaked brain.

Later, transferred to barren Nevada, Diamondfield Jack ranged the cattle of Sparks through Southern Idaho. The usual war was on between the cattle and sheep men. In this section of the country it took a somewhat different phase and developed into a fight between the Mormons and gentiles; the Mormons defending the sheep business and the gentiles the cattle ranges.

The report is that Sparks wanted some sheep herders killed, that Davis rode forty miles one night and back to do the deed and establish an alibi. He was tried for the crime, convicted and sentenced to be hanged. The tale is really thrilling. Sparks had put up half a million dollars for his defense, and through his instrumentality Davis was pardoned. The Mormons had cut the telegraph wires and messengers had to outride the wind to get the reprieve to the condemned man before the sentence was executed. The black cap had already been adjusted and Sparks' right bower retains cap and the rope as interesting relics among the souvenirs of his adventures.

He has roamed over quite a patch of the globe hunting the latter, some of which he found in the South American revolutions. He at one time owned some of the richest prospects in Goldfield, Diamondfield as it was called then. Most of these he has lost at this time, his wife has left him, and he is generally down at the heel. No doubt to organize a Nevada constabulary for his friend Sparks, even though he had to do it sub rosa, would be a welcome revival to him both in his interests in life and in purse.

CAPITALISTS FIGHT FOR PRODUCT.

Everything points to the fact that

IDA CROUCH-HAZLETT.

WAITING FOR THE PETTIBONE VERDICT

By Jessie M. Myer, Special Correspondent

It proved an intelligent move when the defense decided to rest its case and rely upon the Haywood rulings for acquittal.

However, many were apprehensive because the defense had stated it would make no argument. They were afraid the prosecution would seek to take advantage. Hawley made sure he would not be answered before he made his grand harangue. He stood before the jury, tore and twisted and mixed up the evidence, misrepresented the indictment and perverted the law. Again and again he accused the defense of cowardice for not putting its star witnesses on the stand. He said Pettibone dare not testify, Haywood dare not, that Easterly, Davis, Alkman, Mallich were there but kept mum. These declarations did rattle a juror or two until they took into consideration the state of Pettibone's health and the fact that the remaining testimony was identical with that given in the Haywood case.

The testimony of the prosecution was all in and none of it tended to connect the defendant with the killing of Frank Steunenberg. The testimony of Orchard had not been corroborated. The law could not convict.

But Hawley stood for more than 3 hours before the jury, a living lie. So plain his perversions, his flattery and his hypocritical reference to Orchard's fear of God that it acted somewhat as an emetic to the entire crowd. Judge Wood made it his specialty to rectify the gravest of Hawley's misrepresentations. He advised the jury that it was their duty not to take into consideration nor rely upon an attorney's opinion. That they must decide upon the evidence only.

In his instructions he reminded the jury more than once that Pettibone was on trial only for the killing of Steunenberg, and that "the evidence of corroboration under the statute as to the killing of Steunenberg, as an independent transaction, is not sufficient to warrant a conviction."

The instructions, while not unfavorable to the defense, were more binding than in the Haywood case as more stress was laid upon the possibility of a general conspiracy among the leaders of the Federation.

The jury retired about 9 o'clock Friday night. The crowd dispersed from the court room except Pettibone, his wife and attorneys and a few friends. Until nearly midnight a crowd lingered on the outside. About 11 o'clock Pettibone became sleepy and retired for the night. Mrs. Pettibone waiting at his bedside. It was only a few minutes until Pettibone was sleeping as sound as a child. At midnight Perky and Hilton retired and among those remaining were Moyer, Anna Adams, Max Mallich, Billy Easterly, Coates, Breen, Nugent, Whittell and wife. There was a continual sally of mirth and wit mixed with some solicitation. Peter Breen and Max Mallich made our sides ache with laughter as they clashed their Irish and German wit. Nugent was the thermometer of the crowd. Whittell and Clifford lulled us with snatches of song and verse and girlish Mrs. Whittell caressed and teased us all. Anna Adams stirred the red fire and mothered the crowd. She scolded us if we tried to eavesdrop, but, dear girl, it was all right when she tipped lightly and listened to/catch a word of that precious, pending verdict.

At midnight, some of us went to lunch and brought back some for those who remained. As the hours wore on, we urged one another to nap. Moyer said, "I'll never close my eyes until George is safe."

Max Mallich stretched out on the prosecution's table, placed a stack of law books under his head and his pipe in his mouth and soon was sleeping heavily. Long in the chill of the morning Anna Adams shook Mallich, saying, "Get up Max, you've got a cold already—go doze by the fire." Max mumbled.

We received intimations from time to time how the jury stood, eight to twelve, ten to twelve, but one or two, so slow! At daylight we came and went wearily.

At last, about 10 o'clock the court room began to fill. It was evident a verdict was not far off. At 11 a. m., after almost 15 hours, the jury was ushered in. They had come to an agreement. And when the clerk read the verdict, "Not guilty," a mighty chorus of joy went up from that immense crowd. Pettibone peacefully listened with sparkling eyes, Mrs. Pettibone burst into tears. The throng gathered around to congratulate; but Pettibone felt that it was his first duty and privilege to thank the jury one by one as they passed out. Pretty soon the man who has been Pettibone's constant guard while here came up and ordered him to put on his overcoat, carefully bundling him up, he said, "Well, Pett, old boy, this is my last order. Be good to yourself."

After leaving the court house Pettibone and his party walked across to St. Alphonsus hospital. Though Pettibone is not a Catholic there stood, eagerly waiting for him, a group of sisters, the priest and bishop anxious to congratulate him. All day they kept the holy altar uncovered, and offered up prayers for his release.

Pettibone's first stroll down town was greeted by that happy-go-lucky song, "I'd rather be on the outside a-lookin' in, etc." In the evening Pettibone and his wife, Moyer, Easterly, Anna Adams and little son, Davis, Coates and your correspondent assembled for supper at the Boston. The band played our favorites among them "the Marsaillaise." We felt like an assemblage of poets while we listened. At last Mrs. Pettibone broke the silence saying, "I do feel patriotic to-night."

It was the most intensely happy party I've ever been in. Some one remarked passing by us, "They look like they had all just got out."

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