

"It is a right to be maintained in peace or war. It is a right that cannot be invaded without destroying constitutional liberty. Hence this right should be guarded and protected by the free men of this country with a zealous care, unless they are prepared for chains or anarchy.—Daniel Webster on Free Speech.

POOR NICHOLAS ROMANOFF.

The entire working class of America is asked to pause for a moment—long enough to shed a tear for the unfortunate Nicholas Romanoff, who with his family, has been banished to Tobolsk, a miserable village of but 25,000 people away off in Eastern Siberia.

They say the mosquitoes are terrible at Tobolsk. Yes, and the malaria. And who knows but the spirit of the monk, Rasputin, has flown back there to its native home?

Think of it! A miserable village of but 25,000 people in a land where the winter season is eight months long.

To be sure, this is the same Nicholas who was responsible for the banishment of thousands of men and women—harmless, innocent men and women—to places beside which Tobolsk is a paradise. He banished them in the middle of the summer and they tramped thru the sweltering swamps to their exile huts; banished them in the dead of winter and they walked over the rough roads until their shoes were worn thru and their blood made "red roses" in the snow.

But forget the scaffolds, the knout, the dungeons and the red roses in the snow.

Two soldiers have clutched Nicholas roughly by the arms and more cruel still, some vile sansculotte, gloating over Russia's new-found freedom has blown into his ex-ruler's face, smoke from his stale old pipe. And Nicholas wept bitterly.

CAN LABOR FORGET?

To a person constantly reading of events as they concern the working class, it seems almost beyond belief that any class of beings supposed to have been created in the image of God can be as blind to their own interests and remain so unconcerned as do the working class of today.

We have read of the horrors in Colorado, West Virginia and Calumet; of the railroading of innocent men to penitentiaries and to the hangman; of every form of wrong that an organized gang of bandits can conceive for the purpose of of keeping the workers in subjection.

The Mooney case in San Francisco is fresh in our minds, but will we forget it as we have forgotten other cases of its kind? It must be remembered that in 1913 there was a case which parallels these Preparedness parade persecutions. This was the arrest and conviction of Herman D. Suhr, a working man, on the charge of murder in connection with a strike riot which occurred at Wheatland, Calif. The men had gone on strike owing to the unbearable conditions existing at the hopyards where they were employed.

Israel Weinberg refused to give perjured testimony against Tom Mooney. Besides, he was operating a jitney and cutting into the profits of the United Steel of San Francisco. Mooney was sentenced to be hanged. Warren K. Billings, member of the Boot and Shoe Workers' Union, another undesirable in the estimation of the ruling class, was sentenced to life imprisonment, while Rena Mooney was acquitted on the first count, but remains in jail. The evidence of harlots, tools of the Chamber of Commerce and the "efficiency" of the professional jurors counts.

Organized labor of America paid into the coffers of a certain hat manufacturer a sum aggregating \$216,000 as damages because of a boy-

cott instituted by the Danbury hatters. You, brother union man, paid your share.

The class struggle has been brought right to your door so you may have the opportunity to study it at close range. Its object is the same wherever you find it and it is well for the workingman to study that object well, and after you have studied you will probably come to the conclusion that the Chamber of Commerce of San Francisco, in spite of its enormous power over justice, is no worse than the Chamber of Commerce of Astoria.

The question is this: ARE YOU GOING TO SCAB ON YOUR CLASS ON ELECTION DAY?

The emancipation of the working class can be accomplished only after every man, woman and child understands this message of Internationalism: "WORKERS OF THE WORLD, UNITE!"

CHIEF FIRE-EATER TRIPS HIMSELF

VON TIRPITZ MAKES ODD STATEMENT THAT "ENGLAND DESIRES NEGOTIATIONS NOW"—PREDICTS SUCCESS FOR U-BOATS.

Amsterdam, Oct. 14.—Admiral von Tirpitz, former Minister of the German Imperial Navy, interviewed by the Brunswick Landes Zeitung, is quoted as saying: "We can continue to confidently expect a final triumph over England as we continue to sink vessels faster than she constructs them."

"England desires negotiations now while her position is comparatively favorable. The decisive factors are the shipping losses suffered by the Entente and by neutrals who expose themselves to our U-boat war. "No definite time can be fixed for our success. Economically, and as regards war materials, our position today is stronger than that of France or Italy. How far England will be able to make her supplies last cannot be predicted."

"But the decisive factor is that while we supply four-fifths of our economic needs from our own products, England has to fetch four-fifths of hers from overseas. "We are now at the fateful hour of our existence. Germany cannot maintain her position as a world power against England unless her position is founded on might."

TITLES OF NOBILITY

The Irish-American Fashion The Oregon Daily Journal writes: It is one of Colonel Roosevelt's urbane habits to scatter titles of nobility pretty freely around among the citizens of the United States. Since he became a regular writer on the staff of an American newspaper he has thus indulged himself more generously than before.

Most heads of any prominence have by this time been decorated by his pen. Few indeed from President Wilson down can be found, who have not been honored with the Colonel's various equivalents of the iron cross such as the titles, "disfrag," "coward," "graven," "spy," "crook," "jack-ass," "traitor," and so on which in his choice vocabulary are terms of endearment and honor, as Balfour said of certain Irish epithets.

Some may believe that the Colonel's latest shower of honors was somewhat too liberally bestowed, since he awarded it wholesale to 200,000 men who have always heretofore been looked upon as hardly eligible to the title of "traitor."

There are 141 Finnish Co-operative establishments in America with assets at approximately \$2,500,000 and doing an annual business of four and a half million dollars.

GOOD FOOD IS BEING BURNED

MAYOR OF DULUTH FINDS DEALERS KEEP PRICES SOARING BY DESTROYING SURPLUS STOCK.....

Duluth, Oct. — Large quantities of good vegetables, eggs and other produce are being sent by local commission houses to be consumed at the city incinerator weekly.

This was the amazing news revealed by the News-Tribune, and the facts were admitted by the commission men themselves. Mayor Magney has been conducting an investigation of this matter for some time, with the object of obtaining concrete evidence before exposing the practice.

On a recent visit to the incinerator the mayor observed that quantities of wholesome onions were being destroyed, and upon inquiry was informed that such was a frequent occurrence; that especially on Monday mornings were immense supplies of produce disposed of.

Immediately after the mayor's visit he received a communication from the Fitzsimmons-Palmer company stating that the latter would be willing to send its partly decayed produce to some depot designated by the mayor for the purpose of having the edible stuff separated for use as may be directed.

The commission firm had evidently learned of the activity of Magney and had undertaken this method of diverting attention from its destruction of food-stuffs.

The fact of the matter is that prevailing prices of produce on the Michigan street commission row have been much higher than those obtaining in the Twin Cities, in many cases from 50 to 100 per cent greater. One way of maintaining these abnormal prices has been to keep stocks down to a minimum by destroying the surplus amounts, the manipulation serving to establish the high prices.

The Michigan street monopoly of commission houses has in the past made it impossible for producers to dispose of their wares direct to the consumers. The monopoly has not only robbed the people of Duluth, but has also extended its control to the iron range.

"We shall all be equal when death claims our mortal clay," is a beautiful sentiment, but lacking in truth. The worker's life from beginning to end is a second-class life, and his death is a second-class death. I believe it was Ryan Walker who said: "The worker is given a second-class birth, lives a second-class childhood, meets and marries a second-class mate and reproduces more second-class beings to compete with him and his kind in the world's labor markets. He finally falls sick from a second-class disease and dies a second-class death. He is buried in a second-class lot, a second-class marker is placed at his grave, while a second-class preacher extols his many second-class virtues," which more than likely will give him a second-class place in heaven.

"And we have come to be one of the worst ruled, one of the most completely controlled and dominated governments in the civilized world; no longer a government by free opinion, no longer a government by conviction and the vote of the majority, but a government by the opinion and the duress of small groups of dominant men."—Woodrow Wilson in The New Freedom.

TEXANS BEING TRIED ON CHARGES OF CONSPIRACY

Abilene, Tex., Oct. 14.—Members of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective association who attended that organization's convention at Cisco last February, voted to buy guns and adopted a resolution urging members "to force everybody to go to war, from the president to county constables," according to testimony introduced by the government in rebuttal today. Forty-one members of the organization are being tried for conspiracy against the government.

HIGH SCHOOL STUDENTS OBJECT TO TRAINING

New York.—An increase this year of from 40 to 80 minutes in the school day here for military training was given as the cause of a strike today of a number of high school students. Miss Anna Lederer, as head of a students' committee, told an aldermanic committee on public welfare, that 600 students had struck and that 4,000 would follow unless military training was discontinued.

MEN WITH DEPENDENTS EXEMPT FROM SERVICE

Shreveport, La.—Receipts of a ruling by Provost Marshal General Crowder which says registrants for military service should be exempt if their families are dependent mainly upon them for support, regardless of whether the parents or relatives of the registrant or his wife are financially able to support them, was announced late today by the western Louisiana exemption board.

It is expected several hundred men sent from this district to Camp Pike near Little Rock, Ark., will be discharged under the ruling.

BRITISH PUT BAN ON CABLES TO HOLLAND

Amsterdam, Oct. 14.—Great Britain has stopped all commercial cable communication with Holland until such times as the Netherlands government places an absolute restriction on the transit of sand, gravel and scrap metals through Holland from Germany to Belgium.

20-YEAR TERM FOR ESPIONAGE CHARGE

Davenport (Ia.), Oct. 11.—Judge M. D. Wade, in Federal Court, denied a motion for a new trial for Daniel H. Wallace this morning and sentenced him to twenty years in prison for violation of the Espionage Act.

DRAFT LIFE BUT PROTECT PROFITS

In 1916 the Steel Corporation's net income above taxes and all expenses of conducting its business was better than 271 million dollars. Its average profits for each of the three years before the war were 63 million dollars. Subtract 63 million from 271 million and you have 208 million left, which represents the Steel Trust's excess war profits for 1916—they have almost doubled since.

But take 80 per cent. as a war tax from the 208 millions of excess profits and the Steel Trust will still be making 107 millions a year net profit. One hundred and four other American corporations are prospering similarly because of the war, but the Senate propose to tax the excess profits of all these profiteers only 31 per cent. for the war, although freely drafting the lives and property of the American people. This is such a cold-blooded outrage it is difficult to speak of it calmly. It is the plain duty of the National Government to take 80 per cent. of the big incomes and all of the war profit above a reasonable return on the capital actually invested. The people should demand this and be satisfied with nothing less.—Arthur Capper.

AVENGE BELGIUM! HOW ABOUT ATROCITIES COMMITTED IN ARIZONA?

"We find it highly significant that just as the American nation is setting forth in its righteousness to avenge the Belgian deportations upon the German Kaiser, our own Kaisers, sitting in the persons of the Phelps-Dodge Corporation of Arizona, should round up 1,500 free citizens in to corral, herd them into a train of stinking cattle cars and ship them into the middle of the desert. "Our United States army has to go and rescue its own citizens from its own Kaisers and feed them and shelter them and try to find something else to do with them besides send them home clothed in their rights, which is the one thing it dares not do."—Chicago Herald.

There are now over sixty Co-operative stores in Illinois run on the Rochdale plan. These have been built up in the past three years.

FELLOW-SUFFERER.

A humane society had secured a show window and filled it with attractive pictures of wild animals in their native haunts. A placard in the middle of the exhibit read: "We were skinned to provide women with fashionable furs." A man paused before the window, and his harassed expression for a moment gave place to one of sympathy. "I know just how you feel, old tops," he muttered. "So was I."

OUTVOTE THE HOGS

A law which prohibits a citizen and taxpayer (all workers are taxpayers directly or indirectly) from voting on propositions which concern his welfare, is wrong—undemocratic—and should be amended. It is by reason of such a law, disenfranchising the average laborer as it does, that the passage of such sinister laws as the anti-picketing ordinance now in effect in Portland is accomplished. This measure, when it was before the people for adoption or rejection, carried because the enemies of labor voted solidly as against the few of the working class having the right of franchise under the law. In some of the European countries it has been the practice to allow as many votes to a citizen as he owned cows and hogs. The case is parallel. It was the practice, when one of these "prominents" returned from the polls, to hear the remark that he and his hogs had again outvoted the people. Why not organize on the political as well as the industrial field and outvote the hogs?

Educate the "dead-heads"—those who benefit by your efforts in the interests of all the workers. There are but few so low in the intellectual scale that they will not recognize the truth that what there is of justice to the worker, has been secured through the efforts of organized labor. The non-union workmen (frequently a person who has not the courage to call himself a competent workman and seek the aid of unions) pays no dues for the support of the organization of his craft; he is a dead-head, and, while professing a belief in certain rather nebulous ideas of liberty, helps to fasten the chains of slavery on himself and his class.

The commission representing the government in the ship-building controversy met with the ship carpenters the other day at the Labor Temple. Speeches were made by various members of the commission, each appealing, it is said, to the carpenters' patriotism and sense of duty and asking them to disregard their demands for the time being. "When the war is over," it was said, "will be the time to settle all grievances." It is not likely that the yard owners objected to the plan proposed.

The prodigal son had just sneaked in the back way between two days. "Owing to the greediness of the beef trust," explained the old man, "we are entirely out of fatted calf, but here's a can opener."—Indianapolis Star.

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

The time has arrived when the workingmen of the country must unite! Organized capital is strongly united in its efforts to crush the rightful demands of the workers. The so-called capitalist papers are always trying to form public opinion against the workingmen. They publish news and articles in the interest of the master class only.

The workingmen of Astoria and vicinity know this to be an absolute fact. The workingmen of this community can see there is only one paper in Astoria that is publishing the facts about the strike and that paper is "The Daily Toveri" (The Daily Comrade).

This paper has been published in the Finnish language only, for about ten years, but we saw the urgent need of a paper that could be read by the English-speaking people also, so we decided to do all we could to let all the people know the real facts about the strikes and all other matters important to the workingmen, which are kept dark by other papers.

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Local Notes

Carpenters Wanted.

A telegram was received in town this morning from Eureka, California, asking for fifteen good ship carpenters. The wire stated that their fares had already been paid on the ship 'Breakwater.' They don't seem to think that a union shop is un-American in Eureka. Or may be they like us if we are bad.

How Can We?

There is to be a big Liberty Bond rally in Astoria tonight. We shall rally; of course, but we shall rally, of course. But bonds on the installment plan or any other plan when they can hardly buy bread. Don't forget that the shipyard companies won't let the men come back until they come with cringing knees. However, if rallying will do any good, we will rally.

Rogers Wants Good Men.

Negotiations are now under way for an agreement with the Rogers Ship Company. Before the day is done Mr. Rogers may have all of the good mechanics in Astoria in his employ. The other companies, it is reported, will try to import some sheepherders from the desert to build ships for them.

Ask For Evidence.

The government investigation board now in session in Portland has wired down here to the union for sworn affidavits of the notices which were posted on the shipyard gates about Sept. 13, when the men were locked out.

This looks like real business. May be somebody else will do a little worrying now.

Shipbuilder Surrenders.

Word has just come to the Toveri that the Someson Shipyard Co., of Columbia City, Oregon, has surrendered to the ship workers' demands there and will resume work at once under the union shop. Who'll be next?

Should Cook-house Pay.

The Brix Logging Co., of Astoria, together with the Wisconsin Co., of Portland, and the Booth-Kelly Co., of Eugene, are discussing this important question in the Pacific Logging Congress now in session in Portland. "Should the cook-house pay?" Oh, dear. Why not?

Neighbors on Guard.

Company H, Third Oregon Infantry, consisting of 125 men, who have been doing guard duty at the Hammond will and the shipyards, were yesterday withdrawn. A company of coast artillery men from Ft. Stevens replaced them, no one having intelligence enough to think of this before, it seems.

Manager Ed. Wright, of the McEachern yards, so press re-