

Thomas Jefferson believed that the only censorship that was safe, if our liberties were to be preserved, was the right of the people to censor the government. His successors have reversed the process. Now the government seeks to censor the utterances of the people. As one of its officials has put it—"Keep your mouth shut." Jefferson showed that the only way to keep our liberties was to do just the opposite. Here is what he said about censorship:

"NO GOVERNMENT OUGHT TO BE WITHOUT CENSORS, AND WHERE THE PRESS IS FREE NO ONE EVER WILL."

LAWS AND BAYONETS

The conviction of the McEachern Company's labor agent yesterday in Spokane, ought to make an impression on the most credulous mind in town.

Since the beginning of the Astoria shipyard strike, the only party that has violated the law is the McEachern Ship Company. While the soldiers were pacing the streets with loaded guns to cow the spirit of the strikers who had done nothing but quit work, the McEachern Company, in utter disregard for the law which they had invoked against the men, sent their agent up to Spokane to bring in strike-breakers.

The fact that the McEachern company disclaim responsibility for the acts of their agent, as was done at the trial of the company in Astoria a few days ago, is neither here nor there. Everybody who has arrived at the age of discretion almost, knows that the law does hold a company responsible for the acts or omissions of its agents, such acts being within the scope of the agent's authority.

And does it look reasonable anyway, that the McEachern Company would have a man in their employ who had no better judgment than to do the very thing he was cautioned not to do? And do it over and over again?

The revolting truth is, that corporations rarely if ever obey any laws which stand in the way of profits. The law is for the working class, and the jails too. Likewise the sharp bayonets of the soldiers whose commands trace back to some financier.

The working class have almost no rights, and the quicker they learn it the better. And if the illegal importation of men by the McEachern Company contributes to this knowledge, then it was not so bad after all, as it might have been.

Further, there is no use in weeping about it. Since workingmen quit praying and went to organizing, they have made remarkable strides toward freedom. And in Russia they are free.

As for the McEachern company, they violated their word to the strikers and their agent grossly violated the laws of the land, just as corporation tools do everywhere. Some day, maybe, when most of the fools are dead, the working class will discover the joke that has all along been played upon them. The Russians did, and Russian workmen today are free.

HELP YOURSELVES, YE WORKERS!

"The workers of the world have in every age and nation been the world's slaves. They have toiled and produced in poverty that their masters might revel in luxury. They have never yet risen to the dignity of manhood nor ever yet known the true meaning of life or enjoyed the real blessings of freedom.

And now, at last, after having struggled through abject slavery and degrading serfdom, a glimmer of class-consciousness is beginning to dawn on them and for the first time in history they are coming to realize their power as a class and to dream of their coming freedom.

The Socialist movement is the crystallization of the class-consciousness of the workers, the concrete expression of their dreams and aspirations, and under its vitalizing and inspiring influence they are developing the

knowledge that is power and preparing to conquer the world in the name of the workers who have created all there is of wealth and culture and civilization, and whose industrial emancipation will mean a new world and a glorious new era for the human race.

Education and organization are the paramount factors in the impending social revolution and these the workers must develop and employ themselves.

Oh, ye workers, learn how to educate and organize yourselves! No one on earth, not even God himself, can do this for you. You can and must educate yourselves and organize your class to overthrow the cruel, despotic power that oppresses you, and set yourselves free.

Learn by the bitter experience of the past. Cease to be divided into warring factions. Get together regardless of race or nationality, creed or sex, and make common cause in the great struggle that is destined to shake every monarch from his throne and banish slavery in every form from the earth.

Get together, ye workers, industrially and politically, be brethren in fact and realize that you rise or fall together and that only when you stand united, only when you have developed the power of solidarity, only then can you shake off your fetters, rise to the dignity of manhood and freedom, and become the sovereign rulers of the world.

EUGENE V. DEBS.

COAST FRAMEUP GANG RAILROADS 2 MOONEY MEN

IMPORTANT WITNESSES IN BOMB EXPLOSION SCANDAL SUDDENLY JAILED ON FALSE CHARGES

San Francisco, Oct. 18.—The legal octopus which has fastened its tentacles upon the five labor leaders in the now world-famous preparedness parade bomb explosion case has caught two more victims.

This time the clutches of the frame-up beast, which is still menacing Thomas J. Mooney and his co-defendants, have been fastened upon two members of the Young Peoples' Socialist League—David Jay Smith and Hermann B. Smith.

Because David Smith was to be a vital witness in the case of Israel Weinberg, now on trial in connection with the bomb trials, claiming to have met him and ridden in his jitney a mile from the scene of the explosion at the time it occurred, he is now being held with his brother in jail on what is alleged to be a hastily trumped-up charge to enable District Attorney Fickert to dispose of an inconvenient witness.

First Attempt Fails

Robert Minor, who has been identified with the Mooney defense, and aided in the exposure of that frame-up, speaking of the arrest and conviction of the two boys, said today:

"When San Francisco was in the terrible condition of terrorization immediately after the Mooney arrests, David Smith was the first to offer himself at headquarters for the defense. David had personal knowledge that the men were innocent, having met Weinberg on the street on the afternoon of the crime. Hence, he became a vital witness.

"Because of this, Fickert had him arrested on a fake charge of running a fake 'suit club' concern. This was too flimsy, and had to be dropped.

"The Weinberg case was coming up, and something had to be done to get rid of Dave. It was learned that Dave had been for three days a nominal member of a pacifist organization. Therefore, when Daniel O'Connell, president of the American Patriots, and others were indicted

by the federal grand jury, Fickert succeeded in having the two boys included by an obliging United States district attorney.

Fickert Again Prevailed

"Dave, being a law student, and Hermann both conducted a brilliant defense, a fact which even the judge had to admit.

"All were convicted, despite the fact that there was not one iota of evidence justifying the conviction of the Smith boys. O'Connell got seven years, and the boys one year each. Dave is 19, Hermann 21.

"Thus Fickert got rid of a witness.

"The boys cannot appeal their cases because of lack of funds. The defendants cannot get a transcript of the farcical conviction except by paying \$600 for it, of which the Smith boys' share is \$200. The boys are hand-to-mouth workers, who supported their mother before being arrested, so they can do nothing unless they get outside aid.

"The convictions are under two counts, one under the espionage act and the other on a charge of opposing the draft. The maximum sentence that could be imposed was 22 years and \$20,000 fine."

Minor has issued an appeal for funds for the Smith boys. Contributions should be sent to the Smith boys at 1256 Market street, San Francisco.

THOUGHT CONTROL TO BE THE ISSUE AT BUFFALO

FARMERS WILL SOON JOIN WITH LABOR TO VOICE SENSE OF OUTRAGE, SAYS ANDERSON.

(From The Call's Washington Bureau.)

WASHINGTON, Oct. 18.—Assurance that the struggle to maintain a free press in America had just begun, and that the great mass of organized labor and of the organized farmers would soon voice their sense of outrage at the suppression of the entire critical press in national affairs, was given at labor headquarters today.

Progressive labor officials declare that the issue will be made paramount at the Buffalo convention of the American Federation of Labor. Conservative labor officials said that there must be no infringement of the constitutional right of free discussion in the United States.

"The fact that all the Socialist dailies in New York have been brought under the ban, or warned, in the midst of the municipal campaign, will attract attention from all over the country," said J. F. Anderson, vice-president of the International Association of Machinists. "Socialists in the trade union ranks will look upon it as discrimination, and men who are not Socialists will realize that their turn may come next, as soon as they make a fight against exploiters.

"This sort of thing is likely to result in a majority protest at the Buffalo convention. Certainly it will weld the workers together all over this country, to fight the harder for what labor is bound to have."

Samuel Gompers, president of the A. F. of L. is said to have had no knowledge in advance of the suppression of the papers supporting Hillout in New York and of the Socialist press at large. Other officials refused to be quoted.

The impression was given, however, that even the anti-Socialists in control of the A. F. of L. offices this year are disturbed by the prospect of a free fight at Buffalo over the big speech issue.

Caught between their hatred of all American Socialists, their past record of insistence upon free speech, the unknown attitude of certain of their recent converts from the Socialist party as to this press gagging and their anxiety as to what the labor delegates in convention may do, the standpaters are vastly uneasy.

What alarms the administration officials and labor standpat-

NEW WAY NOW OF DRAFTING MEN

Washington, Oct. 20.—Provost Marshal General Crowder has announced a new method of choosing men for the draft. Questions are to be sent every registered man not in service, on a fixed date. All registrants will be required to return the sheet within seven days. Men will then be classified according to economic worth, in five classes. Class one will probably be composed of sound, single men without dependants, who will be first called; class two next, and so on. Work of the local boards will be greatly simplified by this method, it is thought.

AMERICAN SCHOONER IS SUBMARINED

London, Oct. 20.—The American schooner "Less Brighter" was submarined, the admiralty announced today. Nine members of the crew landed safely.

Zeppelins Downed By French Defenders

Paris, Oct. 20.—French defenders downed three raiding Zeppelins. Anti-aircraft fire near Saint Clement destroyed one, another fell in flames near Raimervillers, and at least one other was destroyed. Official statements did not give details, but it is reported that more than three were destroyed.

SYRACUSE FREE PRESS, SOCIALIST, IS BARRED

Syracuse, N. Y., Oct. 18.—The Socialist Syracuse Free Press has been barred from the use of the mails under the espionage act. It is an important Socialist organ in central New York.

TO SHOW POOR HOW TO STARVE SCIENTIFICALLY

New York, Oct. 17.—How to bake war bread and war cake and how to arrange food-saving menus will be the subject of demonstrations by the United States food administration and the New York food aid committee at the electrical exposition this week.

There are to be two food conservation kitchens at the Grand Central palace. One will be under the food aid committee, and will specialize in the baking of war bread and war cake. The other, conducted by the New York division of the United States food administration, will show how to prepare war menus. In addition to the actual cooking demonstrations there will be lectures on the different phases of food saving, and charts showing the relative nutritive values of different foods.

ARGENTINA'S R. R. STRIKE CONTINUES UNABATED: CABINET FACES CRISIS

Buenos Aires, Oct. 18.—The railway strike is continuing with unabated determination on the part of the strikers. All attempts at a settlement have failed.

Exclusive information forecasting a cabinet crisis was semi-officially confirmed today. The ministers are hopelessly split on the German issue.

PROPOSED STRIKE IN SEVERAL STATES IS CALLED OFF

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 19.—The strike of 3,000 coal miners called for yesterday morning in all mines operated by members of the Southwestern Interstate Operators' association in Missouri, Kansas, Oklahoma and Arkansas was called off tonight, according to Alexander Howat, president of District 14 of the United Mine Workers of America, following receipt of a telegram from National President John White, of the Mine Workers, saying that the proposed strike violated the terms of the

terms most is the possibility that the Socialists may win the New York election, and thereby advertise to the world that American Socialism is keeping up with the tide of Socialism abroad.

national agreement recently signed in Washington between the operators and the miners.

Hundreds of Mines Idle

Springfield, Ill., Oct. 19.—About half of the big shipping mines and several hundred of the smaller shafts in Illinois are idle today when an order to the 70,000 miners of the state to resume work at once was being transmitted through President Frank Farrington, the miners' state president, from Dr. Harry Garfield, federal fuel administrator.

Scattering early reports to the offices here of the Illinois Coal Operators' association indicated more mines shut down. In the extreme south part of the state, it was said, the mining industry practically is paralyzed.

Miners said today they were given to understand that the new wage agreement reached at Washington would be effective without delay. Operators, on the other hand, pointed out a clause making the increases contingent upon an advance by the fuel administration in Illinois coal prices. They declared that present coal prices are prohibitive of wage increases.

LEADERS ADVISE MEN TO RETURN

Washington, Oct. 19.—Labor union officials telegraphed to the fuel administration that they were advising the Illinois coal mine strikers to return to work. Fuel Administrator Garfield will not announce what action he will take in event of the men refusing to return to the mines, beyond his telegram saying he is prepared to invoke all powers of the government to prevent diminution of the coal supply.

CHICAGO FACES FAMINE

Chicago, Oct. 19.—A three days' coal supply is all that remains in this city today, according to coal dealers, who said that unless the strike of more than 15,000 coal miners in southern and central Illinois is settled before Saturday night or the government intervenes, a serious shortage will result.

NEW YORK SHORTAGE

New York, Oct. 19.—Retail coal dealers here are refusing to accept orders for immediate delivery and express concern over the prospect of one of the most serious coal shortages in the city's history. Some dealers are reported to be demanding \$9.25 a ton, or 50 cents more than the price established by Harry A. Garfield, federal fuel administrator.

FARMERS' BANKS ARE GOOD PICKINGS

(By United Press.) Grand Rapids, Mich., Oct. 20.—Four robbers blew the safe of the Farmers' State Bank at Alto last night and secured fifteen thousand dollars. They then traveled twenty miles further and robbed the Farmers' State Bank at Middleville, taking twenty-two thousand dollars more, but happened to overlook one bag containing five thousand dollars.

BELGIAN GOVERNMENT LOSS ENORMOUS

Paris, Oct. 20.—The Belgian government estimates that Germany has damaged Belgium over a billion and a half, excluding the enormous losses resulting from cessation of Belgian industries. The German are now reported to be stripping factories of all equipment.

WHAT CONSCRIPTS WILL BE EXPECTED TO DEFEND

Salt Lake City.—B. L. Winchell, traffic director of the Union Pacific Railroad company, says that the only solution of the great economic problem now faced by the United States is the importation of Chinese labor. He says at least 500,000 Chinese are needed here now, and would be welcomed with open arms by the employers.

Capitalists who are forced to submit to government regulation of their business and setting of prices during the war, will, after the war, doubtless demand a return to the status quo ante.

MANY LIVES ARE LOST WHEN TRANSPORT SINKS

The first American transport, the Antilles, was sunk on Oct. 17 with a loss of about 70 men. The Antilles was inward bound bringing home many officers, of whom nearly all were saved. Those killed were mostly of the crew and a few soldiers who were quartered on lower decks. Notwithstanding the escorting patrol boats, the submarine approached unseen, sending a torpedo under the most vulnerable part of the ship. The ship almost parted in two and sank in five minutes.

The report of the sinking of an American destroyer proves to be false, as it is now officially stated that the boat was only damaged and afterwards reached a British port.

According to the various reports of the British admiralty, the shipping lost by the allied countries last week totalled 25 ships of all sizes.

Evacuation of Petrograd Planned

The evacuation of the Reval naval base indicates that the operations at the Gulf of Riga are immediately more threatening than was at first believed. During the present war the fortifications at Reval base were greatly improved until it was considered to be a first class fort, constituting one of the Petrograd outer defenses in the Gulf of Finland. The other important defenses are Viborg, Kronstadt and Sveaborg. A committee of evacuation has been appointed in Petrograd which is to prepare for the removal of the capital to Moscow if that is necessary.

The German fleet at the entrance of the Gulf of Riga is formidable. According to the last official statement from Petrograd it consists of 10 dreadnaughts, 10 cruisers, 50 destroyers and 10 submarines. It was foreseen that the Reval forts (Baltishport) could not withstand such great force and the garrison was ordered to evacuate.

The Germans have now occupied the island of Dagoo as well as Moon island.

Air Attacks.

German zeppelins were seen last Thursday night over the Gulf of Finland and the Gulf of Riga. Twenty bombs were dropped on Pernau, in Esthonia. Ten persons were killed.

Italian Submarines for Russia!

An official report from Rome to Washington announces that the small Italian submarine San Georgia has safely reached the port of Archangel, Russia. The boat is to be transported over the land to the Gulf of Finland. The submarine made the entire trip under its own power. Many others are to follow.

The St. Louis woman who shot her husband for absence at dinner-time only did what nearly all wives have felt like doing.

Aid the Enemy.—"Many a feller is sorry his love-letters weren't censored."—Columbus Citizen.

"United We Stand, Divided We Fall"

The time has arrived when the workmen 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 workmen. They publish news and articles in the interest of the master class only.

The workmen of Astoria and vicinity know this to be an absolute fact. The workmen 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 workmen, which are kept dark by other papers.

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Local Notes

Portland Doing it Now.

That the batch of 63 men arriving at the McEachern yards about three days ago were shipped here by a Portland slave agency is the information furnished by one of the men who did not know a strike was on until he came down town with the toothache. He immediately quit on hearing the news.

The above facts should be brought to the attention of the State Labor Commissioner, and this agency put out of business as was done to the Lawrence outfit the other day in Spokane. It is this kind of practice which has driven the working class in many instances to strike on the job—a last but fearful weapon.

Wilson Yards May Start

It is learned from authoritative sources that an agreement has been practically concluded between the shipworkers' union and the Wilson Company by which the men will return to work Monday morning.

Peace Conference.

R. A. McGinnis and Frank Hannen, business agents for the union shipyard workers of Astoria, are in conference today with local ship building companies with likely prospects in sight that a temporary settlement at least will be effected.

Mass Meeting Sunday.

A meeting of the shipyard workers of Astoria is being held this afternoon at Logan Hall and a big mass meeting will take place there Sunday afternoon, at which a speaker from Portland is expected to address the gathering.

Will Try Something.

It is reported that McEachern's scissorbills will try to launch the ship today that was all ready to enter the water when the strike occurred.

If they succeed in doing this without killing some one it will be a surprise. They should leave the big jobs alone until the union men return, if they ever do, and confine themselves to building pens in which to shelter their traitorous bones from the winter rains.

Nine More Soldiers.

The local exemption board Friday certified nine more men for the army, which completed Clatsop county's quota for the draft.

The men are: David Hughes, of Portland; Charles E. Knapp, of Knappa; Tenes Mathison, of Seaside; Clarence Larson, Leja Singhof, Knute Sigurd Andresen and Sittom Carl Linville, of Astoria; Hugo Lindfors and John H. Voltoi, of Westport; all of whom are to leave for Camp Lewis November 2.