

SOCIALIST'S COLUMN

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A PREDICTION FULFILLED

In the issue of March 3 the Appeal said this:

"You have the power to prevent this crime as the working class at no previous period in the world's history has had the power to prevent the masters from working their will. You can arouse that spirit of public protest, and make it so strong and so vigorous that the indignation of the outrage will sink into their bones like the cravens they are. You did it two years ago, when you made this nation ring with the miners' side of the Colorado troubles—and you can do it again. Safe is fancied security through the ignorance of the multitude, the mine-owners think they can do this deed before the popular mind grasps its enormity! But they reckon without considering the facilities which the working class has at its command to carry intelligence and the truth to the remotest hamlet in the nation. As I write this the postman hands me a letter from Comrade Simons of Chicago:

"I hope," says Simons "it is not necessary to urge upon you the tremendous crisis created by the arrest of the W. F. M. men. To my mind this forms one of the most urgent calls to action ever created in this country. They are going to legally murder these men unless such a sentiment is aroused in the east that they dare not do it. The Chicago papers are filled with stuff showing clearly a national conspiracy and they absolutely refuse to print anything telling the truth. It is up to the Appeal to save the day. Send a man to Idaho at all costs. We must have some means of getting the truth before the people. If the Appeal will help we can make this country ring."

"And the Appeal will help! Its magnificent organization is at the command of the working class in this the gravest crisis which it has ever faced. Already the Appeal's staff correspondents are speeding on their way to the scene. And ere many days have passed its big press will be swiftly peddling its papers to the million telling of the latest attempt of the corporations to fauce upon the Socialists and labor movement their own criminal... And what is most important: EVERY NEWSPAPER IN THE UNITED STATES WILL HAVE LAID ON THE DESK OF ITS EDITOR EVERY WEEK THE TRUE STORY OF THE LABOR WAR IN THE WEST! And their editors cannot escape the responsibility of keeping their constituency in ignorance. The argue-eyed Appeal army will see that they can not plead they did not know. These stories which the Appeal will print will be written by trained newspaper men, who will be on the ground, and their narratives will carry conviction that will outlast all the cleverly concocted lies and editorials which the Associated Press and the daily newspapers can set in motion. And yet so potent is the truth that it will arouse the most sluggish blood to fiery heat."

Thirty days have scarcely elapsed since the above words were written and bang hot from the big press to every state in the union. The result came sooner than I expected. I believed it would take at least sixty days to break the organized conspiracy of silence. But the Appeal army rallied to the call promptly—and the result is plainly apparent. Monster protest meetings are being held every night—the daily press has reluctantly joined, forced into the

arena to battle for the miners of the west by the aggressive members of the Appeal army. Thus is shown the value of initiative, enterprise and courage. This campaign of publicity has but commenced. We can save these men, and give an impetus to the movement for which they stand that will break the chains of wage slavery from the ankles of every man, woman and child in this fair land. But it will require heroic work. So on with the fight!

(A Cleveland, O. bonafide, who, for purely economic reasons requests that his name be withheld, sends an editorial from the Daily Press of that city with the following note: "I sent the last two copies of the Appeal to Ben to the city editor of the Cleveland Press with the following result. I enclose you the editorial, which appeared April 4 and which I think is very good and explains the situation fully. I would suggest that you send the Press a copy of the Appeal every week, as if you cannot do this I will send him my copy each week after reading it.")

The importance of this editorial will be understood when it is explained that the office of the Cleveland Press is headquarters for the Scripps-McRae league, which controls, besides the Press, the following daily newspapers: Cincinnati Post, Toledo News-Bea, Toledo Times, Columbus Citizen, Akron Press, St. Louis Star-Crested, Kentucky Post, Los Angeles Record and Seattle Star. The Press editorials are syndicated, appearing simultaneously in all the papers of the league and reaching all the readers of their enormous combined circulation, which is estimated at 1,000,000 each day.

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CHARGES AGAINST BOURNE UNTRUE

Municipal Association Report Disproves Anonymous Slanders

BACKED BY NO EVIDENCE

Many Witnesses Called, but None Can Testify to Any Improper Conduct in Headquarters in 1937 or 1938.

That the charges of improper proceedings in the Bourne headquarters at Salem were not founded on fact is the conclusion of the investigating committee of the Municipal Association, which has reached after spending several days taking testimony. The committee makes no endorsement or recommendation concerning the choice of a United States senator, for it was not appointed for that purpose. The committee, consisting of three responsible and disinterested citizens of Portland, was directed to investigate the truth of charges that were widely distributed in Portland. The investigation was undertaken at Mr. Bourne's request, because the charges were of such a nature that, if true, a moral issue would be involved in the contest for the senatorship.

The men appointed were all strangers to Mr. Bourne, he never having met one of them prior to the time the investigation was undertaken. Two of them he never met until after the committee had completed its investigation. It is known that one or two members of the committee entered upon the investigation with impressions unfavorable to Mr. Bourne. The report is therefore without bias in its favor.

All Witnesses Cross Examined.

The committee not only cross questioned every person who came before it but sought out every person who could be located who pretended to know anything of the facts. Many persons were found who had heard rumors but none who knew the accusations to be true.

On the other hand a number of prominent men who were frequent visitors at the Bourne headquarters and who would have seen improper conditions if any existed testified that they saw nothing wrong. Men who lived in the Bourne headquarters refuted the stories that had been told by Bourne's political enemies.

The committee not only sought direct, positive testimony, but inquired of those who possessed hearsay evidence, but were unable to find even by that means any one who would say that the charges against Mr. Bourne were true. The committee also advertised its sittings so that any person not personally requested to appear might come in and tell what he knew. The men who testified did so under oath, and their testimony was taken in shorthand and preserved as a part of the report. The report follows:

Text of the Report.

"Executive Committee of the Municipal Association.

"Gentlemen: We, your committee appointed to investigate certain charges made during the primary nominating campaign that Jonathan Bourne, candidate for United States senator, did, during the sessions of the Oregon legislature of 1937 and 1938, maintained at Salem headquarters where he was attended by various classes of outlaws and where it was sought by the use of dissolute women and drunkenness and debauchery to influence and corrupt legislators beg to submit the following report:

"Your committee undertook the work assigned to it with extreme reluctance foreseeing the difficulty that would inexorably attend securing of evidence bearing upon matters of the nature involved in the charges and the result of our efforts has proven that such anticipations were well founded.

The following witnesses appeared before the committee and gave their testimony under oath namely: John D. Daly, Henry E. McGinn, Will R. King, W. S. U'Ren, John Gill, A. A. Bailey, Wallace McCannest, Ben Selling, Edgar R. Piper, Frank C. Middleton, William W. Banks, H. S. Hudson, J. C. Rager and David L. Powey.

All Testimony Is Preserved.

"The testimony of each of said witnesses was taken by an official court reporter and a transcript of the whole thereof verified by said report is herewith transmitted to your body as a part of this report.

"Numerous other witnesses were personally requested to appear before the committee and give evidence, who expressed their unwillingness to attend the hearing or give any statement for the reporter. Public notice of the hearing was given with the request that any person having information that

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might be of assistance to the committee appear and give the committee the benefit of their knowledge, but no witnesses other than those above named were obtained.


"The evidence adduced shows that at both the session of 1937 and that of 1938 headquarters were maintained by Mr. Bourne in what is known as the Eldridge block in Salem, where lavish hospitality was extended to all visitors. The testimony adduced does not show that the charges aforesaid were founded in fact or that lewd women were ever about said headquarters or that said place was the rendezvous of intoxicated or disreputable persons; in fact, several witnesses testified that such a state of affairs did not exist. Various rumors that hearsay reports of the nature of said charge have been communicated to the members of your committee outside of the sittings and efforts as diligent as possible within the time at our disposal have been made to secure evidence as to said rumors that could be embodied in this report, but such efforts have been fruitless, as witnesses declining personal knowledge as to facts, but professing to have knowledge as to common reports, have been unwilling to testify before the committee.

Met With Some Hindrance.

"The work laid upon your committee has involved the expenditure of much time and effort, with many hindrances, and we respectfully submit their report as embodying all that your committee is able to accomplish in the absence of any power to require the attendance of witnesses.

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