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AMERICAN LABOR BACKS NATION FOR GOOD REASON

George W. Perkins, President of Cigarmakers' International Union, Reveals Methods of German Labor Men to Influence Social Thought of World.

(By George W. Perkins, President of Cigarmakers' International Union). Why is organized labor in the United States so unanimously supporting the government in its war to a finish against autocracy? If those who read this article had been in Germany as I was the year before the war broke, there would be no need to ask. There would have been seen, autocracy at work, intimidating and coercing labor, spying on it, policing its meetings; suppressing free speech. When these methods failed, all would have seen, as I saw, autocracy trying to corrupt labor, misleading it by insidious propaganda, seeking to raise up false leaders, and using the power of money and influence to debauch those who sought to mitigate the condition of the workers.

world, its superiority, and the utter futility of anyone standing out against it. Apparently the aim was to make friends for Germany. It took a world war, however, to reveal the full meaning and extent of what these propagandists were driving at. When it came to paying the check, some of these Germans were there with bells on. I don't know where they got the money. Go and look in the headquarters of some of the German unions, or visit the homes of some of the German workers and see if you think they got the money there. Years before this war broke out, the dream of sentimental interna-

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Conventions of the world had been to prevent international strife by general strikes in case of wars of conquest. At a meeting several weeks ago of the miners' representatives from many lands, an English delegate proposed a resolution providing that in the event of a war of aggression the miners of both countries involved should refuse to dig coal. The German delegation said that if such a resolution was even introduced they would have to withdraw, for if they even sat in a meeting in which such a resolution was discussed they would be tried and executed for treason.

Feared Their Government. The same thing has happened on other occasions. The German delegations always knew they would have to refuse to have anything to do with any proposal to interfere with their government's plans for world conquest, or face a firing squad. My personal experience while studying the labor movement in Germany was such as to make me more than ever unqualifiedly back of our government in this war. I found absolutely no democracy in the German labor movement. No meeting of workingmen could be held in Germany without government police supervision. No one could speak in a foreign tongue at any labor meeting, without first submitting his speech to the autocratic government, having it censored, and being given a permit to make the address.

I myself could not speak at a meeting of cigarmakers called for organization purpose because I must first submit in writing a copy of my speech. This would have had to be translated into German, blue penciled by some representative of an autocratic government, and translated back into English for the Kaiser's minion to tell me what I could say. Before all this red tape could have been gone through the day for the meeting would have passed, if I had consented to try to go through with it at all.

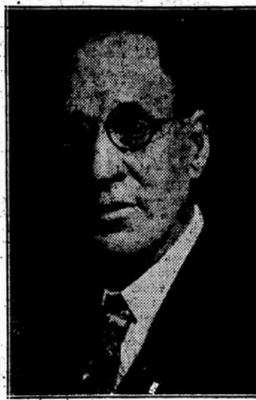
Prohibited Labor Unions. In Germany for years formation of labor unions was absolutely prohibited. Workers had to meet secretly, and in imminent peril of arrest. When the German government finally saw the workers could not be intimidated in this way, it grudgingly granted permission to organize, but under so many restrictions that any true expression of labor's aims and desires was impossible.

Our forbears disputed the demands of kings and potentates. Rebelling against religious intolerance and social injustice they started our first great war. It was successful. The second great crisis of our nation brought on the war for the elimination of chattel slavery. It was likewise successful.

We are now at an even greater crisis. We are fighting in order that democracy, liberty and justice shall not perish from the earth. Again we must and we will be successful.

The time for argument is past. The pacifist's cowardly pleas are American or pro-Germany pro-democracy or pro-autocracy. There can be no falling back; no wavering. All of us must be heart and soul for democracy and victory, or for autocracy, militarism and slavish subjection.

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HUGH FAWCETT

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Saturday, Aug. 24th, 1918.

Power off delayed East Fourth and New Duluth cars at Seventy-fourth avenue west and Commonwealth avenue from 1:50 p. m.

An auto truck stalled on the track at Thirty-eighth avenue east delayed a west-bound Lester Park car 11 minutes from 2:05 p. m.

A railroad crossing in Superior delayed two Duluth-bound Duluth-Superior cars 10 minutes from 2:50 p. m. and 13 minutes from 6:45 p. m.

Repairing the bridge at Thirty-fifth avenue west and Oneota street delayed east-bound West Duluth cars 10 minutes from 6:55 p. m. and 13 minutes from 7:43 p. m.

A disabled West Fourth and Piedmont car was delayed 12 minutes from 8 p. m. at Fifth avenue east and Fourth street.

A disabled west-bound New Duluth car was forced out of service at Morgan Park at 9:17 p. m., causing a 20-minute delay on that line.

Open draw at the Interstate bridge delayed the Duluth-Superior cars:

7 minutes from 1:10 to 1:17 p. m.
15 minutes from 8:01 to 8:16 p. m.
23 minutes from 9:22 to 9:45 p. m.
9 minutes from 10:36 to 10:45 p. m.

Open draw at the Lamborn avenue bridge delayed Duluth-Superior cars 10 minutes from 9:55 p. m.

Sunday, Aug. 25th, 1918.

Power off delayed a Woodland car at Austin street 23 minutes from 4:01 a. m.

An east-bound East Fourth street car was delayed at New Duluth 15 minutes from 9:04 p. m. by a broken trolley pole.

Open draw at the Interstate bridge delayed the Duluth-Superior cars:

10 minutes from 10:41 to 10:51 a. m.
17 minutes from 1:21 to 1:38 p. m.
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