

WERE THE LABOR LEADERS LEGALLY SENTENCED TO SERVE TERMS IN PRISON?

It is doubtful, exceedingly doubtful, whether the question contained in the headline can be answered in the affirmative.

In this and most all other civilized countries several prerequisites are ordinarily required before a judge has the power to deprive any person of life, liberty or property.

In this country there are no common law crimes. No act is criminal in this country, unless Congress or some other body possessing legislative powers declares it so by positive enactment.

No court has any right to say any act is criminal until some legislative body has by statute made it so.

Then again it is provided by Article 3 Section 2, of the Constitution of the United States, that "The trial of all crimes, except in cases of impeachment, shall be by jury; and such trials shall be in the state where the said crimes shall have been committed."

And every state constitution contains a provision similar to the one quoted above. These provisions jealously safeguard the right of every citizen to a trial by jury.

In this country no person can be legally sent to jail, as punishment for a crime, until convicted by a jury of some offense made positive and certain by a duly enacted statute.

It is not claimed that the defendants, Compers, Mitchell and Morrison committed any statutory offense. They were not charged with the commission of any crime, nor were they given a trial by jury.

They were simply ordered by the court not to publish the Buck's Stove company in an "unfair list," and refused to obey the order. The whole question turns on whether the court had any legal right to make the order.

If the courts have authority to order the labor leaders to refrain from publishing something that some judge does not like, and to send them to jail when they refuse to obey, what is there to curb this power or prevent it from being extended to every publisher in the country?

THE PRESIDENT OPENS SOME SKELETON CLOSETS.

In his message to congress, relative to the use of the secret service, President Roosevelt puts a number of Congressmen in an exceedingly undesirable position.

The President clearly proves his charge that the action of congress in refusing to appropriate money to pay for secret service work "was emphatically an action against the interest of justice and against the interest of law-abiding people, and in its effect benefit only to law-breakers."

The Treasury Officials say that it will, such a law will quite likely be on our statute books before the close of the present year.

APALING CATASTROPHE.

The Most Destructive Earthquake in Human History Afflicts Southern Italy and the Island of Sicily.

The strait of Messina separates the main land of Southern Italy from the island of Sicily. Mt. Etna is near the strait on the Sicily side, and cities of Reggio and Messina are located nearly opposite each other.

On Monday of last week this vicinity was visited by the most destructive earthquake in the history of the world. According to present estimates, no less than 300,000 human beings lost their lives in the awful catastrophe.

The first shock threw down the buildings and so filled the streets that every avenue of escape was cut off for those not killed by the fall of the structures.

And then came great tidal waves to complete the devastation. The cities of the strait and neighboring towns were inundated and the living and dying were caught like rats and drowned or had their lives dashed out by being thrown by the rushing waters against piles of masonry and rubbish.

No one can say for a certainty what causes these destructive shakings of the earth's surface. They are, however, now known to be the result of volcanic action.

Such great afflictions make the whole world kin. It is safe to say that the relief funds from this country will amount up to several millions of dollars.

FUNEAL OF MRS. L. G. GATES.

On Saturday afternoon was held the funeral services of Mrs. L. G. Gates, who died Tuesday morning, December 29, 1908. A brief prayer was offered at the Gates home before the funeral party was driven to this city and the final service held in the Methodist Episcopal church, being conducted by Orient chapter, No. 15, Order of the Eastern Star, of which Mrs. Gates was a member.

The church rail in the church, near which the casket was placed, was made beautiful with floral offerings, made as silent tributes to the memory of Mrs. Gates. The service was simple but impressive. The remains were taken to the Manchester cemetery where interment was made.

THE DECADENCE OF THE HOUSE.

The senate has not surrendered any of its constitutional rights. Its debates are educational and cover every great question pertaining to federal legislation.

And the executive department, since Roosevelt has been its head, has been in the spot-light, in the lime-light most of the time. It has come just as near being the whole government as he could possibly make it.

But the House of Representatives, under the whip of the speaker and

his committee on rules, has deteriorated and become sadly decadent. It has got down low enough to become a "fence" for violators of the law.

INSTITUTE OFFERS LECTURE.

A lecture will be given at the Court house Friday evening, January 15, at 8 o'clock, by President O. H. Longwell of Highland Park college at Des Moines. This entertainment is in connection with the Farmer's Institute which opens its sessions on Thursday January 14. The lecture is free and residents of the county are cordially invited to attend.

NEW REAL ESTATE FIRM.

The real estate office of H. C. Smith and Percy Strickland will be opened this week in the basement of the store occupied by the H. C. Smith pharmacy. Messrs. Smith & Strickland will deal in local property and also handle southern and western lands.

MATHIS HAASIS.

Mathis Haasis died at his home in Manchester January 2, 1909, as a result of injuries received in a run-away last week, while delivering milk for the Golden Creamery. Mr. Haasis was born in Onstmettingen, Germany, March 14, 1847, and was therefore nearly 62 years of age, having been nearly 22 years in this country.

FORM ANTI-CIGARET LEAGUE.

On Wednesday evening, December 30, at the home of Mrs. F. E. Chapel, a number of young people of the city met and organized a local anti-cigarette and temperance league. The officers of the society elected that evening are Miss Ethel Pikel, president; Earl Lee, vice president; Mrs. Julia Chapel, treasurer, and Miss Vera Wolfe, chaplain.

SOCIAL.

Ten people enjoyed a very pleasant watch party New Year's eve at the home of Mr. and Mrs. George Ford. Cards were played in the evening and refreshments were served as the New Year was ushered in.

THE ROYAL SLAVE.

The Gertrude Goodwin Miller Concert company, as the third entertainment of Star Lecture course of this city, pleased the large audience of people at City Opera house on Wednesday evening of last week.

Mme. Lillian Nordica, the world known operatic star is touring the west and on January 20 will give a recital, with her company of artists at the First Congregational church in Waterloo, under the auspices of the Men's club.

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GLoucester.

The Greatest Fishing Center in the United States. Everything smells of fish in Gloucester. It is not an odor to which any of the natives object.

When a two masted schooner, laden to the gunwales with its cargo of fish, comes into the wharves the fish are carried in great tubs. Over these stand a company of experts, men who have cleaned hundreds of thousands of fish and who can make the quick cuts and do the scraping with incredible speed.

At City Opera house Monday night, "The Enchanted Wood" was presented under the management of Miss Beatrice Raymond and her mother, nearly one hundred children and young people of the city taking part.

INSOMNIA.

Curious Way in Which it Affected a Woman's Imagination. "I can't stand this any longer, doctor," said the nervous woman.

Useless.

A young enthusiastic revivalist had been exhorting a congregation in a small mining town for over two hours without perceptible effect.

Quite Handy.

Wife (reading)—Isn't this funny, my dear? Here is an article which says they have found a new species of birds in Australia which have four legs.

Get Quite Pleasant.

The mistress of a hospitable home in New York, recently had to employ a new second girl whose work she liked, but whose blunt and forbidding manner she liked not at all.

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Public Sale.

Having rented my farm I will sell at public sale 5 miles northeast of Manchester and 3 miles southwest of Okeadon

Wednesday, January 13 The following described property, sale to commence at 10 o'clock sharp:

18 head of cattle; 13 black poll yearlings, 5 early fall black poll calves.

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CLOTHING. A full-page advertisement for J. H. Allen, Merchant Tailor, featuring a man in a suit and the text 'The Greatest Fishing Center in the United States'.

Public Sale. A large advertisement for a public sale of property, listing various items like cattle, horses, and farm machinery, with a date of January 13.

January Clearance Shoe Sale. Will Begin Friday, January 8, and Close Saturday, January 16. We have some broken lots of Fall and Winter Shoes which we wish to close out, and we shall make a deep cut on them during this sale. Many shoes will go at less than cost. Lot 1: 38 pairs of tan Russia calf button shoes for \$3.18. Lot 2: 23 pairs of women's tan, high cut, lace shoes for \$2.39. Lot 3: 18 pairs of women's tan Russia calf button shoes for \$2.18. Lot 4: 22 pairs of women's warm lined, lace shoes for \$1.69. Lot 5: 46 pairs of women's warm lined, lace shoes for \$1.29. Lot 6: 34 pairs of women's felt, fur trimmed slippers for \$1.29. Lot 7: 29 pairs of women's felt, fur trimmed slippers for 98c. Lot 8: 34 pairs of men's patent leather shoes for \$3.48. Lot 9: 37 pairs of men's shoes for \$2.38. Lot 10: 21 pairs of men's warm lined high cut shoes for \$2.48. Lot 11: 10 pairs of men's warm lined shoes for \$2.28. A few pair of Boy's, Youth's and little Gent's shoes at greatly reduced prices. H. H. LAWRENCE.