

"WE HANG TOGETHER, OR - SEPARATELY."

DEATH TO PEONAGE! DOWN WITH TENANTRY!  
Free Ships, Free Farms, Free Forests, Free Workshops the World Over!  
FELLOWWORKERS! UNITED WE STAND, DIVIDED WE FALL!

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MUERTE A LA EXCLAVITUD! ABAJO CON LA TIRANIA!  
Vrproes Libres, Tierras Libres, Bosques Libres, Talleres Mundo Entero  
Trabajadores! La Union Es La Fuerza, Y Divididos Es La Debilidad!

# THE VOICE of the PEOPLE

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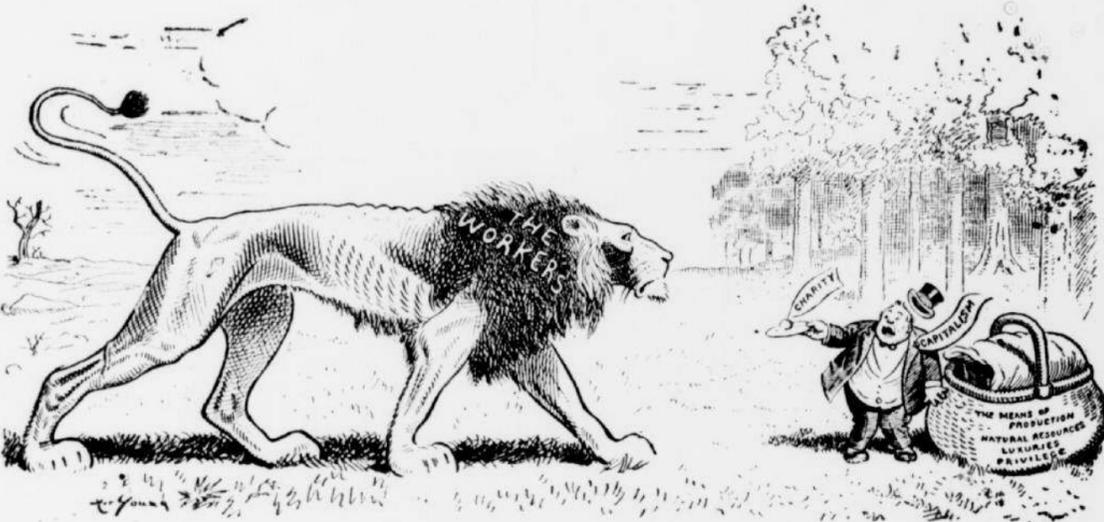
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"AND THE CAT CAME BACK."

I came back 'cause I heard the Lumber Trust and the Fruit Trust wanted to know my name. Well, I'm the SAB CAT. My Mother's name is HUNGER, my Father's name is OPPRESSION, and mine is REVOLUTION. My motto is "DAMN YOUR CHARITY! COME ACROSS WITH THE GOODS!"

## Police Hyenas Cornered in Los Angeles.

To all HUMANE persons and Organizations in Los Angeles and elsewhere.

Greeting:

On Sunday, July the 20th, at First and Los Angeles St., a fellow-human being was arrested for expressing his views but was charged with DRUNK and DISORDERLY CONDUCT. The charge and that which lead up to the arrest we are not particularly interested in but as Right Minded and Humane Beings we want to bring the facts before you for your consideration and to solicit your support in our efforts to Legally bring to justice the persons guilty of as rank and raw a piece of lawlessness as was ever pulled off.

The FACTS as follows:—One Carl Zimmermann was placed under arrest by one policeman unaided, the police patrol called and the prisoner led to it by ONE policeman who was having no trouble whatever in handling the man under arrest. When the patrol arrived, FOUR other police went to the assistance of the first officer and commenced pushing and cuffing the prisoner, also one innocent bystander who was watching the fracas was mistaken for the prisoner by one of the police officers and he (the officer) without waiting to learn what was the trouble, smashed said bystander over the head with a club or other weapon rendering him unconscious. After the wagon was reached by prisoner and police, a most uncalled for and Brutal assault was committed on the arrested man. He was beaten over the head, arms and body and knocked on to the floor of the patrol-wagon where and in which position he was jumped on and kicked and but for the protests of the crowd would in all probability have been killed outright by the police. On arrival at the station, the man who was by this time so badly beaten that he could not walk, was thrown into a cell and left there without attention. Some interested persons who tried to reach the prisoner that afternoon were denied admission and roundly cursed for daring to question the Right of police department or its members to beat an unarmed and unresisting prisoner.

On Monday morning the prisoner was brought before JUDGE (?)

Chambers' (use the word brought instead of tried because it was such a farce) and a police officer pleaded GUILTY for the prisoner who was remanded till Tuesday for sentence. Some of the persons who made vain efforts to see the man on Sunday were present and positively state and will swear that the prisoner did not plead guilty. They also noticed the terrible condition of the man and after again trying to learn the extent of his injuries, without any satisfaction, requested the privilege of having a DOCTOR that they would secure examine the man. This privilege was denied them. Between that time on Monday and 2 p. m. on Tuesday when the prisoner was again BROUGHT before Chambers for sentence a strenuous effort had been made to secure some attention for the man and the net result of the thing was that a very competent Lawyer was secured (Mr. Job Harriman) who tried his level best to have the case reconsidered and the plea of guilty stricken out as the prisoner and witnesses positively declare that that plea was made by a policeman and not by the man under arrest. Chambers refused to entertain the lawyer's contention and sentenced the man to 30 days without the privilege of a fine after also refusing to permit a COMPETENT Doctor, who's services had also been secured, to ascertain the extent of the injuries received by this victim of police brutality. Not being willing however, to drop the matter Mr. Harriman did finally find a way to reach the prisoner and he was duly examined by the Doctor who reported that he found the 8th and 9th ribs broken, innumerable bruises, etc., and a very badly damaged head, the result of the blows on the head and the broken ribs so close to the heart might in either case result in death. It was proposed and has been undertaken to push this case to the limit and we claim that every right-minded person will lend at this time all the assistance possible regard less of the original cause of the arrest as it is not a question of actions of a man before arrest, but a question of the privilege of an OFFICER OF THE LAW to LEGALLY beat a man near to death and not be made to pay the penalty of his violence.

The LAW in this case reads something like this:—Any officer or per-

son who, under the cloak of authority will unnecessarily assault, bruise or batter anyone will be liable to a fine of not more than \$5,000 and 5 years in jail. It is not conceivable that a man who has easily handled by one police officer on the street was so desperate a character after he was placed in the wagon that FIVE policemen must of NECESSITY beat him very near to death in order to land him in the jail.

Constant repetition of cases of Police Brutality has forced us to the conclusion that it is high time some DIRECT effort was made to remedy matters. Now is the time—we are taught that we must respect the law and pay the expense of men to see that law is obeyed, but they who are employed as REPRESENTATIVES of the LAW seem to think and DO act unlawfully. A Crime when committed by a representative of the law should be just as much a crime as when committed by anyone else and the guilty MUST BE PUNISHED if law is to be respected.

The above stated situation is FACT and we stand ready to prove the conditions as specified for we have a number of witnesses who will SWEAR to the truth. Every trade union that has had its pickets and striking members treated as this man was treated should be interested. (You may have a strike at any time. Remember the Iron Workers, Brewery Workers and S. P. Strikers and the many heads broken by the police for the Masters you were fighting against). Likewise let every Socialist, Free Thinker, Reformer, S. L. P. or Y. P. S. L. member, Anarchist or other person who is in the habit of thinking for himself and who has manhood enough to appreciate his position in society as well as to have the feeling and heart of a HUMAN, INTEREST himself in this matter and lend full support.

A copy of this is being sent to every Trade Union, Revolutionist and Clear-thinking organization that we can reach. Some individuals will also receive a copy as well as every NEWSPAPER in Los Angeles. We don't expect any attention to be given this matter by the CAPITALISTS SHEETS. Particularly the CRIMES who in its Editorials of last Monday and Tuesday practically placed a

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## SEATTLE RIOTS

By Frank R. Schleis.

Columns after columns of editorial and news matter has been and is being written about the riots which occurred in Seattle on the night of Friday, July 18th. Thru the direct connection therewith of Secretary of the Navy, Josephus Daniels, they have assumed a national aspect. The participation therein of the sailors and soldiers of the U. S. warships lying in the harbor and from the forts surrounding the Puget Sound, have showed to the public the peculiar composition of that great institution, the army and navy, supposed guardians of the country's rights, the constitution, and "Law and order."

Nor has this affair passed without leaving behind a stigma on the ranks of those who are supposed to be the protectors of our liberties. On the other hand, while the organization has been temporarily inconvenienced by the affair, still it has in nowise injured us here in Seattle, as subsequent events have shown. Our headquarters opened up finds the usual visitors, and propaganda meetings an unusual attendance. The Seattle Daily Times, a miserable imitator of the Los Angeles Times, is today practically a discredited sheet. Ream after ream of rot has been reeled off by that slimy sheet, but had it been the workingclass element of Seattle that they had been appealing to, instead of a lot of hoodlums from the army and navy, nothing would have occurred. But this sheet seizing upon the fact that the Secretary of the Navy had seen fit to make an attack upon the champions of human liberty, combined the two into a skillful article carefully calculated to incite riot. Into this Article was cleverly woven the distorted facts of the occurrence of Thursday night when three soldiers received rough treatment from a crowd gathered about to hear a militant suffrage advocate, after the former had compelled her to leave her stand and attempted to slap her on the face. Thus on Friday afternoon the Times blazons out in big headlines "Daniels denounces tolerance of red flag." Sub-headlines read: "I. W. W. denounced by head of navy," "While Daniels arouses patriotism of Rainer Club diners, Anarchists attack wearers of blue." Concluding the article the Times warns "Trouble brewing for I. W. W."

To give the story of the affair as it occurred on Thursday evening, we herewith submit an affidavit made by the speaker herself. She belongs neither to the I. W. W. or to the Socialist party, and her affidavit is borne out by others, scores of which could be obtained if necessary. These are her words:

"Mrs. Anna Miller, being first duly sworn, on oath deposes and says. —

That on the evening of July 17, 1913, at about 9.30 P. M., she borrowed a stand from which to speak, and began to talk on women's rights\*\*\*; at the beginning of her talk a large sailor in uniform approached her and told her that she, as a woman, had always been a slave, therefore had no right to speak and had better stop trying. On starting to talk the sailor disappeared \*\*\*\*\*. After the large sailor had been gone about fifteen minutes affiant observed him coming up Washington Street, accompanied

by other men in uniform. The crowd of uniformed men attempted to break up affiant's meeting by jeering, etc., to which affiant replied by advising them to be gentlemen and respect the rights of others. Perceiving their persistence affiant closed her meeting, whereupon the uniformed men took possession of the stand upon which affiant had stood and spoke therefrom. Affiant sent several men to get the box but without success; then affiant went to get the stand in order to return it to the owner, and on asking for it the large sailor originally mentioned raised his fist to strike affiant, whereupon a well dressed man wearing a diamond ring asked him, "You'd hit a woman would you?" and therewith hit him with his fist a number of times. Affiant was grabbed by the other uniformed men, but was successfully carried out of the crowd by members of the I. W. W."

ANNA MILLER.

Henry Borini, being sworn, corroborates the statements made by Anna Miller adding that the "large sailor" was sober, his companions drunk." Frank Rask, in a sworn statement, corroborates the other two, after reading their statements, adding: "That affiant heard all of Mrs. Miller's speech while the soldiers were there; that she was talking on religion before they arrived; that she made no reference to the red flag, no reference to the I. W. W., and used no language insulting to the army and navy."

Before the Thursday night affair ended, witnesses say, a dozen or more soldiers and sailors were more or less injured by the crowd. Seizing upon the affair as a pretext, and by carefully distorting and interweaving therein the speech of Secretary Daniels, The Times was able to raise a mob of hoodlums who made the attacks of Friday night. It is significant that at the head of the mob, for the most time, was a certain Mattison, political writer for the Times. That the whole affair was pre-arranged can be seen by the evident systematic method which was pursued.

But long before the attack was made, the I. W. W. had received word of the affair. We were notified that on that evening all the sailors who could possibly be given shore leave would come ashore and make the attack at 7:30 p. m. This information later proved to be correct, as promptly at that time the hoodlums began to put in their appearance yelling and hooting. The headquarters of the I. W. W. at 211 Occidental Ave., where the

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### FELLOW-WORKER GAINES.

We are advised that Fellow-Worker I. Gaines, one of our best colored fellow-workers, is still being held in the Lake Charles jail awaiting the action of the "Grand Jury" next month. He is supposed to be held in connection with the dynamite or firecracker that went off in the Merryville bullpen some time ago. HE WAS SICK IN BED WHEN THE THING WENT OFF. We all know what SAWDUST RING "JUSTICE" is and it is up to the Locals to see that Fellow-Worker Gaines is taken care of and DEFENDED to the LAST DITCH.

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