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MIGHT IS RIGHT

PERSON THROWN BACK IN JAIL

LABOR EDITOR ARRESTED AGAIN ON EVE OF TRIAL FOR HIS LIFE

Prosecutor in County Owned by the Illinois
Central Railroad Brings Charge of Criminal
Libel Because Person Called a Scab a
Scab in His Paper, the Strike Bulletin

BONDS FIXED TO KEEP UNION MAN IN JAIL TO CRIPPLE HIM IN PREP- ARATION FOR MURDER TRIAL

(Special Correspondence, B. Floyd P. Gibbons)
Clinton, Ill., Sept 7—Anarchy is rife in De
Witt County, Illinois. It is the red high-handed
anarchy of the dollar demon.

They have thrown Carl Person back in jail.
Today I saw him locked up in the same cell in
De Witt County Jail where they had him for
six months on a murder charge until a Chi-
cago judge ordered his release on bail.

The iron heel of the Illinois Central has
trampled justice beyond all recognition in this
corporation-infested community. State's At-
torney Williams has gone insane with mad-
ness, he is serving the interest that is demand-
ing the life of Carl Person.

Latest Outrage Is Timed

Williams and the Illinois Central timed this
latest outrage just when Person and his at-
torney, Frank Comerford, were engaged in
preparing the labor editor's defense on the
murder charge, by which the railroad corpora-
tion hopes to end Person's life on the gallows.

Several weeks ago Person printed in the
Strike Bulletin—the same paper that has cost
the Illinois Central millions by its fearless
exposures—the name of a man who was
known to the union men of the Illinois Central,
as a strikebreaker for the road. In the Bulletin
the man was called a scab; so far it has not
been denied that he was a scab. No one has
even questioned the rightfulness of the name
being applied to Illinois Central hirelings who
betray union men by working in their places
during the long strike of the shopmen.

Flimsy Foundation For Charge

This is the flimsy foundation for a charge of
criminal libel on which Person was arrested in
Clinton and thrown back in the dinky cell in
the De Witt county jail.

States Attorney Williams knows that Per-
son's trial on the charge of murdering Tony
Musser, ex-chief of police of Clinton, Ill., and
chief strike breaker for the Illinois Central, is
less than two weeks off. Williams knew that
Person, working all day long at his desk, was
working all night with Attorney Comerford
on the preparation of the evidence for the
defense.

The story of the so-called murder is known
to every union man in America. Person was
decoyed from his office by the gunman and al-
most beaten to death when the giant sprang
upon the little editor from ambush. In self-
defense Person shot and killed the Illinois
Central slinger.

The prejudice against Person and the labor
hatred in De Witt County was so intense that
Attorney Comerford by a remarkable canvass
of over 500 square miles in De Witt County
secured over 500 affidavits of prejudice
on which the courts were forced to grant
a change of venue, thereby taking the trial to
an adjoining county.

Make Bail Prohibitive

The same prejudice has been taken into
consideration by the prosecutor in arranging
bail on the last charge so that it will be im-
possible to get Person out of jail. The prose-
cutor demands that the bonds in this case be
signed by property owners of De Witt
county. A large percentage of the property is
owned by the Illinois Central. The remainder
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TEXAS "JUSTICE"

San Antonio, Sept. 9—The defense in the
Rangel-Cline cases, now on trial in the special
session of court for September, is just fairly
getting into action. D. R. Rosas, the first case
to be tried, has been acquitted.

At the opening of the trial, the attorneys for
the defense made motions to quash the special
venue and the special term of court. Both
motions were overruled by Judge W. S. Ander-
son of the thirty-seventh District Court.

Ten jurors were accepted the first day and
Judge Anderson ordered twenty talesmen sum-
moned for the next morning at 9:30, from
which the two remaining jurors, Ben Schwegan
and George Houston, were selected. Those
selected the first day were: R. J. Moore, Emil
F. Maurer, O. H. Henderson, J. C. Johnson, T.
F. Coffey, S. W. Gray, I. F. Karcher, G. Zen-
ner, August Zander and R. D. Crane.

Eugene Buck, ex-sheriff, and also a member
of the grand jury which indicted all the men,
was the only witness of importance. He gave
the same testimony which he has given at the
trials of the six men already convicted and
sentenced, and which he has gotten down
pretty pat now.

The charge against Rosas was the same as
that against the others. The only difference
seemed to be in the shape of the jurors' heads.

Jesse Campbell, the man who signed his
name to the promise of the officers that these
men would be allowed to proceed in peace to
the Mexican border, was also a witness. Evi-
dently the jurors considered his word on the
witness stand as worthless as it was on that
paper given to the prisoners.

Rosas was the seventh of the group to be put
on trial. The other six got long prison terms,
which makes this victory all the more signal.
All the other cases have reversible points and
will be appealed and carried to the Supreme
Court if necessary, say the attorneys for the
defense. They declare the battle has just
begun for the freedom of these men.

The case is quite different now, since the
defense committee is fairly on its feet and
gathering funds for an adequate defense to
what it was when the men first tried were hust-
led off to long prison terms to gratify race and
class spite and with nobody to know or care.

Many prominent persons are now taking up
the matter, among them, Eugene V. Debs,
who wrote a ringing call in the Rip-Saw, to
all friends of labor to rally to the aid of these
martyrs in labor cause. Leonard D. Abbott,
former editor of Current Opinion, is also among
those actively interested.

Victor Cracello, Sec., Room 108 Labor
Temp., Los Angeles, Cal.

SPECIAL FROM SAN ANTONIO

Rosas was re-arrested after only about 15
hours of liberty on some charge or other and
taken immediately to Dimmit County. This
proves the kind of "Justice" there is in Texas
and their determination to get, on some
charge or other, the entire 14 men. Cline
comes up for "trial" on Sept. 28. Nothing
but the hardest kind of fighting on the part
of the entire working class can save these men,
Carl Person and the other fighting working-
men now in the jails and marked for victims
by the Capitalist Class. UP AND AT THEM,
O HOSTS OF LABOR! S. S. 4.

I AM REVOLUTION! Always I come in rags;
Always I come deriding your laws and flags;
Always I am bitter, without ruth
I crush your altars with the blasting truth;
Always I am moneyless, with empty hands
I take from you the arms with which I take
your lands;

I rise from the dust when you think me dead
And, conquering, through your gilded man-
sions tread.

I AM REVOLUTION!

—Covington Hall.

NEW SECRETARY

C. L. Lambert has been elected Secretary of
the Hop Pickers' Defense Committee. Address
114 Eye Street, Sacramento, Cal.

OPEN SHOP DE- CLARED IN BUTTE

"The Anaconda Standard" of the 9th, pub-
lishes the proclamation of the Copper Trust
declaring the Open Shop in Butte. This com-
ing on top of the declaration of Martial Law
(when were the workers ever under any other
kind of law!) surely proves that "life is just
one damn thing after another."

Laudly the Lords of Copper protest their
intention to maintain "Union wages and
hours" in Butte, but all history proves them
liars. No gang of Bosses ever maintained any-
thing but the most infamous conditions in
Open Shop towns. Their excuse is that, first,
seemingly, that the W. M. of F. is no longer
of any use to them and, second, that the new
Mine Workers' Union does not meet with their
approval in that it has already had the impu-
dence to make demands for civilized sanitary
and other improvements in the Copper Trust's
hells, also that its slave-driving managers do
not approve of the Constitution of the B. M.
W. U. That's a damn good start for the New
Union, for anything not approved by this
sweet scented gang must be alright. So they
won't "recognize" the new union at all, at all.
And the old one they can't "recognize" 'cause
it's too dead to be of any further use to its
masters.

Let 'er rip. Better an "Open Shop" filled
with Rebels and Sabcats than a closed shop of
non-union union men.

Again, one of the chief causes leading to the
revolt of our forefathers against the beastial
British government was the fact that said
government insisted on writing their constitu-
tions for them. Read the "Declaration of In-
dependence" (?), you revolting Butte Miners
and see what fine company you are in. Then
see the despots of today in hell before you sub-
mit to them dictating your laws.

But, as I said before, better an "Open
Shop" filled with Rebels and Sabcats than a
closed shop filled with non-union union men.

APPEAL FOR PANCNER

Comrades and Fellow Workers: We again
call your attention to the case of John Pancner,
who was tried before a jury in Tonopah, Ne-
vada, for the crime of assault with a deadly
weapon with intent to kill. On the 27th day
of August he was convicted and sentenced to
the penitentiary for not less than one year or
more than 18 months, on the flimsiest kind of
contradictory testimony.

JOHN PANCNER IS A NATIONAL OR-
GANIZER OF THE I. W. W. The crime of
assault with intent to kill was only a BLUFF.
Pancner is in the penitentiary not because he
committed any crime, but because HE WAS
AN I. W. W. All through the trial it was
proven that the gang of SCABS came to the
union hall FOR THE PURPOSE OF WRECK-
ING IT. When Pancner came on the scene
they tried to beat him up and run him out of
town; he protected himself by shooting one
man in the leg. FOR THIS CRIME HE HAS
BEEN RAILROADED TO THE PEN.

This case must be appealed. To do this we
must have your support.

The Defense Committee is \$187 in debt. It
will take at least \$1000 to go through with
this case. Will you help raise the thousand?
Give us liberally as you can, and above all,
give quickly.

Thanking you in advance for your co-
operation.

JOHN PANCNER DEFENSE COMMITTEE:
J. F. Ellison, Secretary,
Mrs. Minnie Abbott, Treasurer
Address all communications to Mrs. Minnie
Abbott, Box 876, Tonopah, Nevada.

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COVINGTON HALL, Editor.

COTTON FARMERS GET NO HELP

Washington, Sept. 11—After long considera-
tion Federal officials here are convinced that
the Federal Government can take no further
steps to aid cotton producers to meet the un-
usual conditions caused by the European war.
The Treasury Department has announced its
determination to accept warehouse receipts as
a basis for additional National bank currency,
but the friends of a plan for the valorization
of the cotton crop have not succeeded in con-
vincing Government officials of its desirability.

Officials who have studied the situation feel
that any remedy to be taken lies in the cotton
men themselves and in the State Legislatures.
The idea is held here among Government ex-
perts that State Legislatures, where necessary,
should pass legislation to limit the crop next
year and for succeeding years if desired.

Those familiar with conditions in the cotton
growing states say that it has been demon-
strated for years that a reduction in the
amount of the crop would be to the advantage
of the producer. Past efforts to insure such a
reduction, however, have failed. It is said that
a reduction in cotton-growing would mean that
thousands of acres of productive land in the
South would be turned over to other and more
profitable crops, which would insure a market
for the cotton produced.

Comment—The above dispatch is from the
"Oregonian" of September 12th. It proves us
correct in saying that both John M. Parker and
President Wilson were simply handing the
Southern people bunc when they assured them
that the government would or could finance the
cotton crop thrown out of a market by the
European war, for, according to statements re-
cently made in the capitalist press, this would
take only \$700,000,000. That's all. And they
cannot get it. And because Capitalist Society
is BANKRUPT.

Further, this total bankruptcy is proven by
the fool proposal that: "State legislatures,
where necessary, should pass legislation to
limit the crop next year," first be-
cause the legislatures are powerless to
either enact or enforce any such
fool laws, and, second, because, if with
millions of people badly in need of clothing,
cotton is not a profitable crop, then there is
no other crop that can, by any stretch of the
imagination, be made profitable. Other crops,
like the peach and strawberry crops of Texas
and Louisiana last and this year, will also rot
in the fields or warehouses just as would cot-
ton. Further still, no bigger economic lie was
ever uttered than that a reduction of the cot-
ton crop would advantage the producer, for
such reduction, of necessity, supposes the re-
duction of the work forces in the farms and
factories, and this in turn means the further
reduction of acreage planted to cotton, since
men and women thrown out of work are
moneyless and, therefore, unable to make a
demand on the market for cotton products.
Last, it is not a question of next year or suc-
ceeding years—it is a question of NOW and
TODAY.

What are YOU going to do about it, Mr.
Capitalist? Do you think the workingmen and
Working Farmers of this Continent are going
to starve to death with their families in the
midst of boundless plenty just because, for-
sooth, you cannot run the industries any longer
so they will pay graft to you? Forget it!
Come across with a REAL IDEA or get out
and make room for men more EFFICIENT
before you are put out. The day of your Dog-
in-the-Manger Aristocracy is done. Your
brutish gunmen, detectives and militia are
about to fire their last shot—the shot that will
set the nation on you.

Nothing but the overthrow of the wage sys-
tem can save the race from wholesale death by
hunger.

The English Parliament has decided to raise
an additional army of 500,000 men. Perhaps
English workers will decide otherwise.