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CAN'T EVADE LABOR'S INDICTMENT

(From the Industrial Relations Committee Report)

There has been an abundance of testimony admitted to prove to our satisfaction that some employers have resorted to questionable methods to prevent their workers from organizing in their own self-interest.

That they have attempted to defeat democracy by more or less successfully controlling courts and legislatures.

That some of them have exploited women and children and unorganized workers.

That some have resorted to all sorts of methods to prevent the enactment of remedial industrial legislation.

That some have employed gunmen in strikes, who were disreputable characters, and who assaulted innocent people and committed other crimes most reprehensible in character.

That some have paid lower wages than competitive conditions warranted, worked their people long hours, and under insanitary and dangerous conditions.

That some have exploited prison labor at the expense of free labor.

That some have been contract-breakers with labor.

That some have at times attempted, through the authorities, to suppress free speech and the right of peaceful assembly.

That some have deliberately, for selfish ends, bribed representatives of labor.

All these things, we find, tend to produce industrial unrest, with all its consequent and far-reaching ills.

There is, therefore, no gainsaying the fact that labor has had many grievances, and that it is thoroughly justified in organizing and in spreading organization in order better to protect itself against exploitation and oppression.

Schemes of Germany to Disrupt Organized Labor Blocked by Gompers, Who Warned All Trades--The Truth At Last

Before the New York World began to publish the facts about the big corruption fund that Germany and Austria was using in this country to break up organized labor, Samuel Gompers was traveling over the country warning unionists to look out for the very thing that came to pass. Sam is on the job all the time and this only adds another debt that organized labor owes him. Collier's Weekly calls Germany's work "Rathole Diplomacy" and says:

RAT-HOLE DIPLOMACY.

Last March it excited some comment that the German Government raised about \$25,000,000 in this country by selling war bonds and short-term treasury notes. What for? It could not be safely sent to Germany nor could it be used to finance the export of war materials to that country. The question seems to have been answered by the New York "World's" clamorous exposure of what is probably the clumsiest and dirtiest propaganda ever undertaken in the United States. The details given are only confirmation of what has been generally thought. German agents were in the market to establish or purchase newspapers; to furnish "boiler-plate" and other news stuff, moving picture films, lectures, etc.; to get control of certain chemicals and other elements essential in the making of war goods; to promote strikes, forge passports, misuse wireless stations, and so on, busier than horseflies in August. Catchpenny journalists who belabored about the American press being bought by British gold were asking a German "superprivity counselor" to remit through their lawyer, as he would be "exempt from inquiry." Those who justified sinking the Lusitania because she was an ammunition ship were buying up an ammunition factory in Bridgeport, Conn. Under the pretext of telling us the German side of it, these rascally agents have conducted a campaign of profitable lying. The Kaiser's emissaries have made his bad cause worse. No one knows to what extent Germany's official representatives are implicated. That will be ascertained and proper diplomatic action taken. What stands out now is that the cause of the German people has again been betrayed by Germans.

Brittle Bones.

There is more lime in the bones of the aged than in those of the young; hence old bones are the more brittle.

Serious Business.

"Wasn't that butler a serious-looking man?" asked the sweet young thing after the dinner.

"He certainly was," replied the man. "but perhaps he's married."—Yonkers Statesman.

Fills Up Time.

"What a blessed thing is sleep," said the tired laborer.

"Yes," assented the society man who overheard him. "I don't think I could kill eight hours additional per day."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

The Mosquito Hawk.

The head of the mosquito hawk will continue eating its victim when separated from the thorax.

Birch, Larch and Fir.

The birch grows farther north than any other tree. Next comes the Siberian larch and then the fir.

The Last.

What race may reasonably be expected to be the last on earth? The Finnish.

The Bean Blossom.

The dark spot in the center of a bean blossom is the nearest approach to natural black in any flower.

IGNORANCE PREVAILS; ROCKEFELLER BLAMED

Oakland, Cal.—By importing illiterate workmen during the Colorado mining strikes, Rockefeller has increased ignorance in that State, is the charge of Mrs. Mary Bradford, state superintendent of Colorado's public schools.

The educator also charged that the policy of importing these workers is responsible for nearly all of Colorado's industrial difficulties. She said:

"It is to the offices at 26 Wall street that nearly all of Colorado's industrial difficulties can be traced. It is not our people's fault, but that of the absentee capitalists, who have shipped in foreign labor from Europe, that the educational standards of Colorado have suffered.

"For no other reason except that illiterate foreigners have been shipped in by the thousands by outside capitalists to work the mines in their interests, the whole average of Colorado's literacy has been lowered in the last dozen years.

"Twelve years ago Colorado stood second on the list of States in literacy. Today we are seventh, yet the schools have increased steadily in efficiency and numbers.

"It has been absolutely impossible for the schools to absorb this great influx of foreigners with no knowledge of our language and habits.

"Every time a shipment of this type of labor comes—sometimes there are as many as 2,000 or 3,000—the average is pulled down and Colorado gets another black eye, for which it is in no way to blame.

"This is what is making our educational problem one of the hardest a department has ever had to cope with."

"DIVIDE" PROFITS.

Philadelphia.—The Philadelphia and Western Railway has voluntarily raised the wages of its motormen and conductors one cent an hour. The railway company, it is stated, granted this advance when it was found that the gross earnings of the road for the month of July had increased 19 per cent over July of last year.

MERCHANT MARINE INCREASES.

Washington.—Figures issued by the Federal Department of Commerce do not support the claim that "the American flag is disappearing from the seas." It is stated that 363 ships, with a gross tonnage of 737,623 tons, were added to United States registry during the past fiscal year, and that this is three times the gain made in any previous year.

GIVES BONUS BUT BARS UNIONS.

Springfield, Mass.—The Smith & Wesson Company, makers of rifles, announce the inauguration of a bonus system, beginning September 1. All employees will be paid 5 per cent of their total earnings during each quarter for the next year. One of the conditions makes it impossible for a worker to join a labor union and receive the bonus, as it provides that the worker must notify the company if he intends joining such labor organization. If an employee resigns or is discharged he is disqualified from receiving the bonus.

The company does not deny that the new scheme was installed for the purpose of "quieting discontent." Trade unionists are comparing this "concession" with the gains organized workers secure without surrendering individual rights.

ON EIGHT-HOUR BASIS.

Toledo, Ohio.—The Toledo Machine and Tool company has signed an eight-hour agreement with the Machinists' union. The new scale calls for a minimum wage of 40 cents an hour for machinists and 45 cents an hour for die makers. About 400 men are affected.

FARMERS ASKED TO AFFILIATE

Emporia, Kans.—The State federation of labor convention invited the Farmers' union to affiliate. Resolutions against the conviction of Lawson were passed. G. E. Blakely of this city was elected president, and George Hamlin of Leavenworth, secretary-treasurer. The convention favored congress printing copies of the report of the commission on industrial relations for free distribution.

EIGHT HOURS FOR OIL WORKERS.

Port Arthur, Texas.—The Gulf Refining company has accepted the eight-hour principle and hereafter all work will be done on the shorter work day plan. About 1,500 employes are affected. Many of them formerly labored twelve hours a day.

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SCORE ORGANIZED CHARITY

Spokane.—Organized charity opposes mothers' pensions and has found a way to hamstring this legislation, was the charge made by Judge Henry Neil, of Chicago, in a speech to churchmen in this city. Judge Neil is known as the originator of mothers' pension law. He said:

"In New York, Illinois, Minnesota, and nearly all the other mothers' pension States," said the speaker, "organized charity has induced the legislatures to prevent deserted mothers getting pensions on the plea that pensions to such mothers would increase desertions.

"It is a well demonstrated fact that charity gets most of its funds by appeals based on the destitution and suffering of innocent children, so if all poor children were taken care of by the mothers' pension system, publicly administered, there would be little suffering left.

"Now, when a mother and her children are deserted, organized charity sends out begging letters telling of their great distress and asking rich people to send money to help relieve the distress, deploring the fact that these mothers can not get a pension, when charity itself went to the legislature and prevented her getting a pension.

"Surely, charity does not claim that it provides the same amount as the pensions, for then there would be no reason for charity preventing the destitute deserted mother and her children getting the pension, except to get the 75 per cent take-off. I ask, why pauperize the deserted mother? Will some expert please answer why?"

DETECTIVES REGULATED.

Sacramento, Cal.—The State law regulating private detectives is now in force, and hereafter the gum-shoe, peep-hole, tin-star sleuth, employed by any private agency, is a State official, acting under a license issued by the State Board of Prison Directors. It is intimated that this type of Hawkshaws will have trouble securing licenses.

LIFE IS MORE THAN TO LABOR.

San Francisco.—In urging consideration of an educational system that means more than "modest, self-effacing working people," the Evening Bulletin says:

"Man lives as much to play, to think, to meet and talk with others, to consider the wise ways of the little fishes and the great stars, even to loaf, as he does to work. If the world is to be increasingly a great factory, and men are to be bred solely for the uses of that factory, we had better pray for another ice age to wipe us out and give creation a new start."

TEAMSTERS' STRIKE ENDS.

St. Louis.—The teamsters' strike has been settled. Several hundred workers were involved and much feeling developed because of the employers' refusal to increase wages and improve working conditions.

DELAWARE MACHINISTS STRIKE.

Wilmington, Del.—About 300 machinists went on strike last week for an eight-hour day and an increase in wages. Recognition of the union is also demanded.

POLICEMAN KILLED STRIKER.

Jersey City, N. J.—A coroner's jury has voted to hold Police Inspector Cady, of Bayonne, responsible for the death of an 18-year-old boy who was shot during the recent strike of Bayonne oil workers. Physicians testified that the bullet entered the back of the boy's head and pierced the brain. Several Bayonne policemen testified that imported gunmen shot at the strikers, resulting in the death of two workers.

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