

No Place To Live

40,000 tenants in the city of New York have been notified to move on October 1 unless they are prepared to pay greatly increased rents. This is only an incident in the nation-wide house shortage which is already resulting in the greatest privations to the workers. Inadequate room and extortionate rents—this is becoming the rule in every industrial center.

Karl Marx estimated that the break-up of the capitalist system would be due when it could no longer "guarantee a living to the slave within his slavery". That period is not far distant here in America and it has already arrived in most of the European countries.

When the workers cannot have a roof over their heads, when the oncoming panic throws them out of work and the prospect of actual hunger stares them in the face, it is quite likely that they will ask themselves if existence under capitalism constitutes a living. They will then turn—as Marx said they would—to the task of organizing for the overthrow of capitalism and the erection of a social order adopted to their needs.

The Mob

What is a mob?

A mob is a mass of men, unorganized and unarmed, held together by some aim, not clear to the whole body of men. It generally consists of workmen, particularly, nowadays.

An army is a body of men, well organized, well disciplined—well armed. This body exists for only one purpose: to shoot and to kill.

The interference of State militia and Federal troops in labor troubles is teaching the American workers how to change a mob into an army.

Freedom

Organized workers of Duquesne, Pa., want to hold a meeting. The chief of police forbids it for FEAR that something irregular might be said.

They hold it just the same.

Six speakers, one after the other, are pulled down from the platform and arrested. The meeting is broken up. The men are taken to court, found guilty and sentenced.

They appeal the case. The higher court upholds the decision....

Organized workers in Spokane, Wash., hold a convention. The convention is dispersed and ten of the delegates arrested....

What kind of a country is this anyhow?

Jail is the only FREE place the government provides for workingmen.

The Picket Line

Italian capitalists would no doubt prefer an earthquake to a revolution but it looks like they are going to get both at the same time.

Latest reports indicate that the red flag flies over 300 Italian factories. That couldn't be done in the state of New York because there is a law against it. Or could it?

John Spargo, the ex-socialist has sailed for Italy to study the labor movement and see what he can do to help the capitalist of that country out of the bad hole they are in. We are glad to lose him, but we hate to see the Italian workers get him.

The labor movement of Kansas City, Kansas was afraid there might be some misunderstanding of their sentiments toward the anti-strike law enacted by the Kansas legislature. So they carried this sign in the labor day parade:

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 : To Hell With Governor Allen's :
 : Industrial Court Law. :
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The 780 refugee Russian Children now in New York in charge of the Red Cross were each presented with a picture of Woodrow Wilson last week. Soon after, 200 of them tried to escape from their custodians.

A gang of burglars in broadcloth meet in a hotel room in Chicago and decide that Mr. Harding shall be nominated. Another band of plutocratic cut-throats gather at Frisco and agree on Mr. Cox. Then they tell us: "Here, this is a free country. You are free to take your choice."