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MOVING PICTURE CENSORSHIP ENDANGERS FREEDOM OF EXPRESSION.

Free Picture House as Important as Free Press.

The bill to establish a federal censorship over moving pictures is more dangerous than would be a bill establishing a censorship of the press.

Naturally the censorship—or plot—has been endorsed by many clergymen, educators, and even by some moving picture exhibitors.

Other exhibitors oppose it on the ground that film makers censor their product, and that federal censorship would interfere with the business.

They also argue that if the federal government undertakes to censor moving pictures it may extend the authority to printed matter.

Those who advocate federal censorship of moving pictures do so on the plea that these exhibitions are hurtful or beneficial to the youthful mind according to their character.

While it cannot be denied that some pictures do harm, they nevertheless do far less mischief than would in all probability develop out of this first step toward suppression of what office holders might not happen to like.

POWER OF THE MOVIES.

The power of the press we have all felt and understood only too well.

But we are just beginning to realize the tremendous power for good or evil that lies in the "movies."

The capitalist class are taking advantage of the moving picture theatres to inculcate and perpetuate capitalist-class ideals and trading-class rule.

The working-class must likewise use the movies to inculcate proletarian ideals, to show up the many horrors and uglinesses of wage-slavery, with its attendant unemployment, economic servitude, poverty, crime, prostitution and disease.

WE SHOULD DO LIKEWISE

The labor educational center of the Socialist party has established a special branch to extend the use of the moving pictures as a means of educating the working class.

In Holland the Socialists have made successful use of moving pictures. At Berlin a central library of educational films has been formed, which has prepared more than 70,000 feet of films for use in the schools.

The Cinema Revue of Paris has published a list of the principal educational films which have appeared in 1912-13, and which includes the work of fifty-nine firms.

The news films contain much that is of value. The funeral of August Bebel, the German Socialist leader, has been shown to millions in the moving picture houses.

Some thirty Belgian co-operatives give moving picture exhibitions. These are now at the mercy of private film exchanges, which permit no choice of subjects.

To meet this situation the moving picture section of the educational center will purchase films and arrange programs suitable for working class organizations.

Exchange arrangements will be made with educational film exchanges that already exist in France and Germany, and the films will then be rented to the various Belgian co-operatives.

16,000,000 SEE MOVIES EVERY DAY IN 18,000 THEATRES.

The immeasurable power of the "movies" for molding public opinion and creating prejudice pro or con can be better appreciated when it is known that not less than sixteen million persons daily attend the 18,000 moving picture theatres now in operation in the United States.

These facts, or what are represented to be facts, were brought out before the house committee on education. The committee has under consideration a bill to establish a federal censorship commission over moving pictures.

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Declaration of Independence Brought Down To Date

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By imposing taxes on us through the means of wage slavery; By depriving us, in many cases, of the benefits of trial by jury; And by packing the jury when the workers are so tried; By transporting us to other states to be tried for pretended offenses;

By abolishing the right to peacefully assemble in our own or a neighboring state, establishing therein an arbitrary government, substituting post-mortems for habaeas corpus, tramping on the pretended constitutional rights of citizens, enlarging the scope of the state militia, so as to render it at once an example and fit instrument for introducing the same arbitrary power in other states;

By taking away our suffrage through capitalist election laws, abolishing our most valuable means of political expression and altering fundamentally the forms of civil government;

By suspending working-class laws and declaring themselves invested with power to legislate for us in all cases whatsoever.

The masters have abdicated popular government here, by declaring the workers out of their protection, their policeman's club having grown bigger than the constitution;

They have plundered our cities, ravaged our homes, deprived us of the means of self-support, and destroyed the lives of our people;

The master-class is at this time creating large armies of mercenaries to complete the works of death, desolation and tyranny already begun in the days of Cleveland, with circumstances of cruelty and suffering scarcely paralleled in the most barbarous ages, and totally inexcusable in a civilized nation;

They have constrained our misguided fellow wage-slaves to join the army, militia and navy, to bear arms against members of their own class, to become the executioners of their friends and brethren in toil, or to fall, maphap, themselves by unwilling hands;

The masters have excited domestic insurrections amongst us, in the mad struggle for profits, and have endeavored to bring on the workers of our mills, mines and factories the merciless gunmen whose known rule of warfare is treachery, secret assassination, incitement to violence and undistinguished destruction of all ages, sexes and conditions.

In every stage of these oppressions we have petitioned for redress in the most humble terms; our petitions have been answered only by repeated "investigations." A class whose character is thus marked by every act which may define a tyrant is unfit to rule over a people determined to be free.

Nor have we been wanting in patience toward our industrial masters. We have warned them, from time to time, of attempts made by their legislatures to extend an unwarranted jurisdiction over us. We have reminded them of the circumstances of our working and living here, in a country of potential wealth and abundance for all who labor.

We have appealed to their native justice and magnanimity, and we have conjured them by the ties of our common humanity to discontinue their usurpations, which would inevitably lead to working-class revolt and final supremacy of the proletariat, marking the end of all classes and of class rule.

But they have been deaf to the voice of justice and reason. We must, therefore, acquiesce in the necessity which necessitates our separation into two distinct classes, the exploiters and the exploited, the wealth-takers and the wealth-makers, and hold the master class of this country, as of all other countries, our enemies in politics and industry—in nothing friends.

We, therefore, the representatives of the workers of all nations, in mass meeting assembled, appealing to the highest sense of justice for the rectitude of our intentions, do, in the name and by the authority of the workers of the world, solemnly publish and declare that the useful wealth producers, now held in the bondage of wage-slavery, are of right, and must of necessity become, free and independent citizens of a new industrial world republic, in which economic equality, justice and fraternity may become a glorious reality, instead of a concatenation of empty words, a delusion and a snare to the exploited and economically enslaved workers; we further declare that the wage-earners of this and all other countries are morally absolved from all allegiance to the capitalist class, and that all pretense of community of interests between them is but a wicked and intolerable fiction, designed to hold the greater and better part of the human race in degrading bondage; and that the workers, as members of a common world brotherhood, should have full power to declare for freedom and international peace, for the common ownership of the earth and the joint control of the greater means of production and distribution; that the workers have full power to contract a world-wide alliance, to establish international transportation facilities, to establish methods for an equitable exchange of products, and to do all other acts and things which will further their mutual interests. And for the support of this declaration, with a firm reliance on the continued progress of the human race, we pledge to each other our lives, our votes and our cherished honor.

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