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MRS. FRENETTE'S CASE HELD UP

Important Witness in San Francisco Cannot Be Located

Mrs. Edith Frenette, who is charged with unlawful assemblage in one case and an attempt to kill Sheriff McKee in another, and who was to be tried this week, has been granted a continuance of the trial because a witness who Mrs. Frenette is accused of having encouraged to throw stones at the county jail, cannot be located.

CANADIAN COMPULSORY ARBITRATION MEASURE FAILS TO END STRIKE

HAMILTON, Ont.—How impotent the Canadian compulsory arbitration act is really to settle industrial disputes is clearly illustrated by the situation here in the machinists' industry.

The machinists are still out on strike in an effort to enforce a government award under that act that their hours of work be reduced. The government commission under the law which applies to public utilities—and war munitions have recently been officially placed in that class—ordered the establishing of the nine-hour day for these workers.

INTERNATIONAL CALL SENT OUT

Time Has Come for Rebuilding of International, Says Call Issued at Chicago.

CHICAGO.—The national executive committee of the Socialist party adopted the following resolution, which will be sent to the International Socialist bureau and to all affiliated Socialist parties:

"Convinced that the time is ripe for the rebuilding of the Socialist international, on the basis of a concerted working-class movement for an immediate, just and lasting peace, the Socialist party of the United States requests that an international congress be called June 3, 1917, at The Hague.

"Unless by March 1 the bureau takes action to call such a congress, our party will consider itself justified in taking direct initiative."

COUNTY LOCALS TAKE NOTICE

Any local wishing to give a Fish and Entertainment for the Northwest Worker, may depend upon Local No. 1 to contribute a goodly number of articles. Bring up the matter at your next meeting. If your local decides to give such an entertainment, notify the Northwest Worker at once, giving the date set, and the parcels will be sent you within a few days.

Chickens, Fruit, Vegetables and Fancy Work will be acceptable for the Birthday of the Northwest Worker. See that we receive the goods before February 11th.

Read This Carefully

The Northwest Worker is soon to have another birthday. This is an event that should be celebrated in some way by every man, woman and child in the Northwest who has been privileged to read this valuable weapon for Socialism. It deserves the hearty support of everyone interested in the emancipation of the workers.

There are many ways in which you can help to make this event a success.

Where location permits, you may attend the celebration to be given at The Forum on Sunday evening, January 11th.

Your local may give a Birthday Party, as was done by a number of locals last year, the proceeds to be given to the paper.

As an individual you may contribute some article to be sold on the evening of the entertainment.

If you cannot contribute something, you may be prepared to buy what someone else has contributed.

The articles that are acceptable for these occasions are too numerous to mention. The women may send fancy work, serviceable house aprons, jelly or preserved fruit. In fact anything that can be used in a home. The men may assist with farm produce of any kind.

Please mark plainly on each article your name and the price. The co-operation shown in these events year after year is an indication of the appreciation of the Socialists and sympathizers of the Northwest for the services of this valiant little paper that has lived through so many storms.

Let us talk, plan and organize until February 11th, making this the biggest and most successful Birthday Celebration the paper has yet had.

Address all packages containing contributions to The Northwest Worker, 1612 California St., Everett, Wash.

N. D. GOVERNOR FOR MINIMUM PAY TO WOMEN

Asks in Inaugural Address for Indorsement of State Ownership Program.

BISMARCK, N. D.—A minimum wage for women and children employed in factories, department stores and similar places, with regulation of their hours of employment.

Workingmen's compensation law. These recommendations in behalf of industrial workers were made in the inaugural address of Gov. Lynn J. Frazier, elected by the Farmers' Non-partisan league.

Seeks Program Enactment.

In addition he asked for the enactment of the entire program of the league, which calls for the largest measure of state ownership ever attempted by any state. It provides for the handling and manufacturing and marketing of practically all the state's raw products within the state.

Gov. Frazier's address was simple, direct and forceful in telling the legislators what they are expected to do. In speaking of appropriations he said: "I trust that under no consideration will this assembly pass appropriations that will in the aggregate exceed the amount of money available and thus necessitate the use of the governor's veto power."

House Members Socialists

A number of house members elected by the league were Socialists. Howard R. Wood, elected unanimously as speaker, is a Socialist. A. E. Bowen, well known Socialist lecturer, was elected chief clerk, and E. F. Wood, another Socialist, assistant clerk.

The matter of putting into execution the league's program is in the hands of men of long experience and training in the matter of public ownership legislation. The bills were drawn by men qualified both legally and from the standpoint of economics.

The revolution in the state's official staff was the most complete in the history of the state. Only one official, State Treasurer Steen, held his old job independent of the support of the Nonpartisan league. Secretary of State Hall held over, but he was indorsed by the league.

CONN. WOMEN WORK AT NIGHT

The work of American women in the manufacture of munitions is the subject of an investigation just completed by the Russell Sage foundation.

"Four thousand of these women are employed by a single factory, the Remington Arms-Union Metallic Cartridge company, in Bridgeport, Conn.," writes Miss Amy Hewes, an investigator, in the survey. "They are at work making cartridges to be shipped to the battlefields of Europe.

"In the case of these women munition workers of Bridgeport, three serious issues have come up. In the first place, in order to satisfy the urgent need of speed and a large output from the factories, women have been induced to work long hours and at night. Second, they are put to work near or with explosives in ways which sometimes mean accidents, industrial poisoning or other illness. In the third place, the high price of labor has been paralleled by an exceptionally high cost of living, and the increase in the number of laborers attracted by the high wages has caused a phenomenal rise in rents."

MORE BILLS FOR COUNTY TO PAY

Aftermath of the Actions of Everett Commercial Club Open-Shoppers

Donald McKee, salary sheriff	\$158.34
D. Carl Pearson, do deputy	125.00
F. A. Luke, do	100.00
F. S. Plymale, do	100.00
Wm. H. Bridge, do	100.00
C. A. Lawry, do	90.00
J. F. Stretch, do special deputy sheriff	10.00
Geo. Kannow, do	100.00
Frank K. Allen, do	100.00
Peter Kraby, do	100.00
F. R. Frazier, do	100.00
W. T. Christenson, do	100.00
J. S. Barnes, do	100.00
W. P. Williams, do	100.00
C. M. Hofman, do	100.00
Chas. Andre, do	100.00
W. H. Caswell, do	100.00
Jacob Lippert, do	100.00
D. L. Warnock, do	100.00
S. J. Shiel, do	100.00
John Hogan, do	100.00
W. C. Fabst, do	100.00
Peter Schilling, do	92.00
Jack Meany, do	96.00
W. S. McCraw, do	92.00
Will G. Downey, do	20.00
M. E. Perkins, do	72.00
W. C. Marburger, do	60.00
Ludwig Frank, do	28.00
W. E. Budlong, do	20.00
J. Hoolman, do	20.00
J. W. Sweeney, do	20.00
R. W. Rowley, do	20.00
Rae Roberts, do	40.00
W. T. McCloud, do	100.00
Donald McKee, expense sheriff and deputies	177.03
John K. Healy, auto hire and supplies	102.81
Burke Motor Car Co., supplies auto	146.74
The Grand Leader Co., do jail	163.35
Everett Dept. Store, do	156.60
American Baking Co., do	132.40
Carstens Packing Co., do	141.93
Pacific Hdw. Co., do	6.42
Agnew Hdw. Co., do	3.10
Builders Supply Co., do	1.70
Beard Bros., do	7.50
Paris Laundry, do	2.75
Enterprise Laundry, do	5.23
Enterprise Market, do	21.35
Farm Products Ass'n, do	419.02
M. H. Clausen, do	19.00
J. A. Juleen & Co., photographs	148.15
I. W. W. Pinkerton National Detective Agency, detective service	138.80

BRITISH MUNITIONS MAKERS UNDERBID U. S.

Despite demands on British munition plants because of the war, Hadfield, an English concern, outbid American companies in proposals opened for 16-inch and 14-inch armor piercing projectiles for the United States navy. Not only are the English company's figures more than \$200 per projectile below their nearest American competitor, but the time is cut in half, the shells to be delivered in the United States, duty paid.

CHICAGO UNIONISTS SLAP WAR TRAINING IN SCHOOLS

A resolution protesting against proposed military training in public schools was passed at the meeting of the Chicago Federation of Labor. Speeches condemning the system were made by several delegates.

U. S. OFFICERS HELPING TO SMUGGLE ARMS INTO MEXICO, SOLON CHARGES

WASHINGTON.—Charges that American officials on the border are involved in smuggling arms and ammunition into Mexico were made by Representative Kahn, of California, member of the house military affairs committee.

Kahn declared that American manufacturers are making ammunition—even dum-dum bullets—for Mexican use, and that American agents are assisting in getting it into Mexico despite the embargo imposed by President Wilson.

STRIKERS WILL BE SUED

TOLEDO.—The Ohio State Telephone company is preparing to sue strikers for \$100,000 damages. A boycott is said to be the basis of action.

The Australian government handles the entire wheat crop of the country. The middleman has been completely cut out. A sale of twenty million bushels was recently made to the British government. The Australian farmer received the full amount realized from the sale, less the government's commission of one-sixth of a cent per bushel.

BONUSES GIVEN MEN TO AVOID WAGE RAISE

Introduction of System Does Not Indicate Employer Is Kindhearted

"The introduction of bonus systems does not indicate any change of heart by the manufacturers, but it does indicate scheming on the part of the metal trades association to deceive workers into believing that they can accomplish as much through the kind-heartedness of the employer as through their own collective efforts and organization."

This observation by Harley Nickerson, president of Machinist' union No. 66, is indicative of the view organized workers generally are taking of the wage of bonuses, insurance schemes and profit sharing that has settled down on industry since the high cost of living has been driving the workers to despair. It is regarded as an effort on the part of the employers to avoid increasing wages and with being "a raise with a string to it," to quote one worker.

Calls It Subterfuge.

"The bonus system has more than one phase," said Nickerson. "First, machinery workers have been changing from one position to another to advance their wages, and the bonus is aimed at keeping them at work for longer periods. Second, it is a scheme by the manufacturers to avoid conceding that the workers are entitled to higher wages. This is the principal feature of the new system.

"In other localities where men get higher pay a bonus system is never put into effect, which is proof of what I say. In Chicago, for instance, where the rate for machinists is 47 cents an hour, in place of a bonus system the men have a signed agreement with the manufacturers for such wages and the eight-hour work day.

Bonus Only Temporary

"The Milwaukee employers give the bonus to meet the high cost of living so it can be taken away again. If they raise wages they know that the employees would balk if they tried to lower them again.

"A machinist takes a certain pride in his trade and believes his services worth a certain rate per day. To avoid establishing any such rate the employer gives a bonus, not for services rendered, but because of the high cost of living.

"The gifts are not all alike. In the case of some of the schemes that are being resorted to a worker would have to die in order to realize on the kind-heartedness of the employer."

Raps Insurance Scheme

"One thing about the bonus scheme can be seen," said Business Agent George Mutter. "and that is that, while the workers feel the high cost of living now, the bonus relief will come at the end of the year. The insurance schemes are about the worst of all. You must die to get it. And they examine their employees every six months to be sure they will not die on their hands."

SOCIALISTS FAIL TO RESTORE UNITY

The Unity Conference Socialist party and the Socialist Labor party failed tonight for the third time to restore unity between the two parties.

A deadlock arose over the question of industrial unionism and how it should be treated by the united party. The Socialist Labor party delegates were strongly in favor of having the united party support industrial unionism, but they desired condemnation of craft unionism. The Socialist delegates, while not opposed to industrial unionism, contended that the Socialist party ought not to interfere with labor unions.

The split between the two parties occurred about sixteen years ago when the Socialist party tried to form a Socialist trade and labor alliance as a rival to the American Federation of Labor.—Arizona Republican.

Trade Unionists Assaulted.

LASALLE, Ill.—A. F. of L. Organizers Chubbuck and Whennen were assaulted by thugs, presumably in the employ of a cement company, whose workers have been on strike since last May. Whennen was shot in the thigh.

Want an Injunction.

HARTFORD, Conn.—The Conn. & Roth Electric company has abandoned its claim for damages against the building trades unions of this city and will now be satisfied with an injunction restraining these workers "from interfering with their business," which means that the unionists must not persist in refusing to work for the company while it employs non-union labor.

GOVERNOR TO APPOINT JUDGE

I. W. W. Attorneys Granted Motion to Ask Governor for Outside Judge

After almost a month of wrangling over who should try the 74 I. W. W.'s charged with murder in the first degree, it has at last been decided that Governor Lister can appoint an outside judge to hear the cases.

The attorneys filed affidavit of prejudice against Judge R. C. Bell and asked for a change of judges. This was refused and the attorneys brought mandamus proceedings before the supreme court and were again refused. In the meantime Judge Bell turned the cases over to Judge Alston, another Everett judge, and the attorneys immediately filed affidavit of prejudice against him, with the result that Judge Alston granted their motion to ask the governor to send in an outside judge to hear the cases.

As soon as the governor appoints a judge the next thing will be to fix a date for arguing the demurrer. It is believed that this can be done this month, but all hope of having the trials during the January jury term have been abandoned by the state which, however, hopes to have the cases set for the February jury term.

In the meantime, the I. W. W.'s are languishing in jail, passing away the time by singing, reading and writing.

ALASKA UNION BUILDS TEMPLE

Finest Structure in Anchorage Is Dedicated to Industrially Organized Labor.

Towering above all other edifices, the Anchorage Labor Temple in its massive structure symbolizes the powerful organization it will house.

As brothers in toil and suffering and hardships, bound together by our common interests as wage workers, we are about to dedicate this splendid building to the service of the working class. There is no cause more sacred than that of Labor struggling to free itself from the bondage of the wage system. No movement more entitled to the respect and devotion of the workers than the cause of Industrial Unionism.

With an impatience that may well be pardoned, every member of the Alaska Labor Union looked anxiously forward to the opening day. Scarcely less interested and enthusiastic are the citizens and business men of Anchorage, whose own success and prosperity is so largely dependent upon the wages and standard of life which the workers are able to maintain in this community. Upon such an occasion as this, we fancy that no one would care to be classed as an enemy of the A. L. U. That our enemies may always be as little in evidence as they are today is the earnest hope and wish of our 4,000 Union members.

The merchants and citizens of Anchorage proved their friendship to the union by donating several thousand dollars in cash and a lot on Fourth street, valued at \$4,000, for the purpose of reconstruction. The donations by members of the union brought the cash total to about eight thousand dollars. There was also two thousand due from insurance policies on the old hall, which was burned down.

Thus the building committee, in a short time after its election, had at its disposal about ten thousand dollars in cash and a splendid site whereon to build.—Alaska Labor News.

FAMINE IS SWEEPING CENTRAL ALABAMA

Famine is stalking through the central part of Alabama, where the cotton and corn crops were failures on account of floods and the boll weevils this year. Whites and blacks alike are in misery. White landlords are mortgaging their plantations to get enough money to exist, while the Negroes are catching rabbits, gathering wild nuts and resorting to other unusual means to obtain food. The poor in many cases are without bed-clothes, and shiver all night over little fires of sticks.

THE NEW UNIONISM

DETROIT, Mich.—Joint action by the unions of musicians, stage employees, picture machine operators and bill posters secured union shop conditions at six theaters.

If you use electrical service of any kind, it gets in trouble sometime. If you put new service in, you want wiring done. You'll find an experienced electrician who buys space in YOUR paper to advertise his business.

SHOWS FRAMEUP IN FRISCO BOMB PROSECUTION

Investigator for Industrial Relations Board Gives Complete Report of Conspiracy by Capital Against Labor Leaders.

(The following report on the struggle now being waged in San Francisco between organized labor and the Chamber of Commerce has been submitted to the Committee on Industrial Relations by George P. West, who has returned from San Francisco after completing a field investigation.)

Supported by the greatest financial interests in America, a powerful group of capitalists and employers in San Francisco has undertaken a campaign to crush trade unionism in the Pacific coast metropolis.

Within a few weeks there will be issued by the law and order committee of the San Francisco Chamber of Commerce an elaborately bound and illustrated book, graphically setting forth the sins of organized labor and inferentially charging trades unionism with responsibility for the most terrible outrage recently perpetrated in America—the "preparedness" day bomb explosion of July 22, last, when 10 men and women were killed and 50 injured in the streets of San Francisco.

A Nationwide Campaign. Copies of this book, containing gruesome photographs of the bomb's victims, and listing the outrage among the crimes of unionism, will be distributed broadcast throughout the United States as part of a great nationwide publicity campaign.

The object of the campaign is not only to "break" the unions in San Francisco and to attract non-union and anti-union capitalists and employers to the city, but, on the part of some of the larger interests involved, to strike a blow at the entire organized labor movement of America by discrediting and defeating the unions in the one city where they have been supposedly strongest.

Four active trade unionists and the wife of one of the four have been arrested and thrown into jail charged with the "preparedness" day bomb outrage, and the Chamber of Commerce is doing its utmost to convince the city, the state and the nation that the bomb horror was "the logical, natural and spontaneous outcome" of trade union activities.

Cause of Enmity.

The accused men were the particular target of the enmity of the great public service corporations of San Francisco and more especially the Pacific Gas and Electric company of the United Railroads. Thomas Mooney, Warren K. Billings, Edward Nolan and Israel Weinberg have been a thorn in the side of these anti-union corporations for years. They had been active during strikes, and had recently attempted to organize the car service employees of the United Railroads. This is the corporation which employed Abe Ruef in the bribery of city officials, and its officers were the chief defendants during the famous graft prosecution.

The district attorney of San Francisco, Charles M. Fickert, was put in office by the United Railroads. He has the hearty indorsement and full confidence of the law and order committee. This was expressed to me verbally by Hugh Webster, the committee's executive secretary.

Should Mooney, Nolan, Weinberg and Mrs. Mooney be sent to the gallows for murder there is not the slightest question that their conviction will be heralded throughout the United States as additional proof that organized labor or the union shop cannot be tolerated in a law-abiding community.

Scantiest of Evidence.

My investigation leaves not the slightest doubt that Mooney, Mrs. Mooney, Nolan, Billings and Weinberg are being prosecuted primarily because of their activity in conducting strikes and attempting to organize the unorganized. Further, it has established the fact that they are being held and prosecuted on the scantiest of evidence, that the district attorney today is desperate in his endeavor to build up a case and that there is grave danger of an appalling miscarriage of justice unless labor comes to the aid of the defendants with adequate funds for their defense.

(To be continued next week.)

FIRM BLACKBALLS MEN OVER 45

Men over 45 are refused jobs by the Norton Grinding company of Worcester, Mass.

The firm bases its action on a report of Dr. W. Irving Clark, Jr., that there is a high percentage of important physical defects in men of that age.

"In 20 men over 45," Dr. Clark reports, "we found 39 defects sufficient to disbar the applicant even if his age were under 45."

MEXICO MAY TAKE OVER OIL FIELDS

Revenue From Wells Supplying Navies of the World Would Run Government

The Mexican government is planning to enter into the oil business in the Tampico fields immediately.

The Mexican government has long had under consideration the development of oil fields under government ownership and now has decided to embark in the undertaking.

Oil fields in the Tampico district are the present source of the greater part of the world's supply for naval purposes.

It is believed that the Mexican government expects to find a great part of the revenue from the vast oil fields of the nation.

Those in a position to know believe that this is to be merely the first step in a great program of nationalization in Mexico, with the object of taking Mexico's resources out of private hands and placing them under public ownership and control.

WHERE SOCIALIST DELEGATES TO CONVENTION CAN TRADE

Merchants Who Advertise in This Paper Whom You Should Support During Your Stay

Socialist delegates to the S. F. of L. Convention in Everett can help the Socialist cause while in this city by patronizing the following places only and any other place of business who occupies advertising space in this paper. One good turn deserves another. Those who do not advertise herein do not want your trade.

Cut out the list and use it as a directory on every occasion.

RESTAURANTS

Union Cafe, 1717 1/2 Hewitt Ave.
Weiser's Cafe, 1617 Hewitt Ave.
Neutral Cafe, 2929 Colby Ave.
Empire Hotel, 2816 Wetmore.
Everett Coffee House, 1113 Hewitt.
TOBACCO AND PAPERS
Chris Culmbach, 1405 Hewitt.
F. D. Sartor, Hewitt & Rockefeller.
Jarvis & Jackson, 1617 Hewitt.
Adam Hill, 2929 Colby.

MOVIE SHOWS

Star Theatre, 1810 Hewitt.
Hayes Theatre, 1711 Hewitt.
Rialto Theatre, 1519 Hewitt.
Broadway Theatre, 2012 Hewitt.

BARBERS

Commerce Barber, 1811 Hewitt.
Bayside Barber, 1207 Hewitt.

BILLIARDS AND CARDS

Pastime Pool Room, Hewitt & Wetmore.

GARMENT STRIKE ENDED; 48-HOUR WEEK GRANTED

NEW YORK—Thirty-five thousand clothing workers who have been on strike agreed by unanimous vote to accept the agreement reached between officials of the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America and the American Clothing Manufacturers' association and to return to work immediately. The new agreement becomes effective Jan. 22 and provides for a working week of 48 hours with a wage increase of \$1 a week for tailors and \$2 for cutters.

ECONOMIC DETERMINISM ALL RIGHT.

The Medical Society of New York County, New York, has gone on record as opposed to any change in the laws permitting dissemination of information on birth control. Sure thing. It would interfere with their business.

ANOTHER INDICTMENT

We record here another indictment against the Capitalist system of society.

"Fifty thousand babies and 20,000 mothers die annually in the United States because of improper care at childbirth."

This statement was made by Dr. Joseph B. DeLee before the annual meeting of the friends of the Chicago Lying-in Hospital and Dispensary. And he ought to know.

Capitalism ought to be convicted on this indictment alone, sentenced to immediate extermination and forced to make way for an improved system of society.

WORKERS' LAW UPHELD

OKLAHOMA CITY—Constitutionality of the Oklahoma workmen's compensation law is upheld in an opinion, Tuesday, by Justice Hardy, state supreme court, in a test case brought by an employe of the Iten Biscuit company.