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TWO ARRESTED FOR SEDITION

Opponents of Conscription Measure
Not Yet a Law Charged with
Treason—More Arrests to
Follow

Aaron Fisherman, secretary of the King County Socialist organization, and R. A. Rice, manager of a cleaning and dyeing concern, were arrested by United States secret service officials and are lodged in the Pierce county jail, in lieu of bail, on charges of conspiracy to violate sections 6 and 211 of the federal penal code, growing out of their alleged participation in the distribution of 20,000 copies of a seditious circular throughout the residence districts of Seattle last Sunday week.

The circular complained of is as follows:

No Conscription!
No Involuntary Servitude!

Neither slavery nor involuntary servitude, except as a punishment for crime whereof the party shall have been duly convicted, shall exist within the United States, or any place subject to their jurisdiction.

The above is a part of the organic constitution of the United States. The president and the congress have no authority to set it aside. That can only be done by a majority vote of the legislatures of three-fourths of the separate states. For the president and the congress to do it is to usurp the powers of autocrats, and if unresisted means the abandonment of democracy and the destruction of the republic.

We, signing this, are native born citizens within the age limits set for the first compulsory draft. They will make an army of us and send us to compel you to enter the second draft, and some more of you to enter the third draft, and so on until freedom is dead. Wake up! Stand by us now, for when we have become an army we will have ceased to think and we will shoot you if told to shoot you. Just so it is expected that we will shoot and kill our brothers in other lands and that we will die to restore the rapidly vanishing values to the investments of Wall street bankers escaping service themselves—a plutocracy whose good fortunes we do not share, but for which we have suffered enough.

Resist! Refuse! Don't yield the first step toward conscription. Better to be imprisoned than to renounce your freedom of conscience. Let the financiers do their own collecting. Seek out those who are subject to the first draft. Tell them that we are refusing to register or to be conscripted and to stand with us like men, and say to the masters: "Thou shalt not Prussianize America!"

We are less concerned with the autocracy that is abroad and remote than that which is immediate, imminent and at home. If we are to fight autocracy the place to begin is where we first encounter it. If we are to break anybody's chains we must first break our own in the forging. If we must fight and die, it is better that we do it upon soil that is dear to us against our masters, than for them where foreign shores will drink our blood. Better mutiny, defiance and the death of brave men with the light of the morning upon our brows, than the ignominy of slaves and death with the mark of Cain and our hands spattered with the blood of those we have no reason to hate.

SEATTLE BRANCH NO CONSCRIPTION LEAGUE.

P. O. Box 225.

"Where is it written in the constitution * * * that you may take the children from their parents * * * and compel them to fight the battles of any war in which the folly or the wickedness of the government may engage."—Daniel Webster on Conscription.

According to United States District Attorney Allen, who will prosecute the cases, more arrests will follow. The federal authorities assert that a number of other persons are implicated in what the government maintains is a conspiracy.—Seattle Union Record.

MIGHT IS RIGHT

SAN FRANCISCO.—The Supreme Court of California denied a petition to prevent Oakland officials from enforcing military registration. The petition asking for a writ of prohibition against John L. Davis, mayor of Oakland, L. W. Cummings, city clerk, and their subordinates, preventing them from registering F. Claudius for military service, to which he was liable under the law, alleged that this was in violation of the thirteenth amendment to the federal constitution, prohibiting involuntary servitude.

PEACE TERMS DEMANDED BY GERMAN SOCIALISTS

Following are the terms as proposed by the Social-Democratic Party of Germany. They are bitterly opposed by the German War Party:

Compulsory international arbitration.

Germany to restore all territories conquered in this war.

Russian Poland, through a referendum, to decide whether she wants to be independent or to be annexed either by Russia or Germany.

Belgium, Serbia and Roumania to be restored to independence.

Bulgaria to get back the Bulgarian districts of Macedonia.

Serbia to have access to the Adriatic by the grant of a free port on that sea.

The Lorraine frontier to be rectified by negotiation.

No indemnities to be paid by either side.

RUSSIAN WORKERS URGED GERMANS TO REVOLT

Message of Revolutionary Council
Call Upon Workers of All
Lands to Unite

The Northwest Worker has just received by mail the full text of the address to the working class of the world adopted by the Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies at Petrograd, only parts of which have been transmitted by cable. The proclamation reads as follows:

"To the Working People of all Countries:

"Comrades: We, Russian working men and soldiers, united in the Petrograd Council of Workmen's and Soldiers' Deputies, send you our warmest greetings and the news of great events. The democracy of Russia has overthrown the century-old despotism of the czars and takes its place in your ranks as a fully qualified member and as a powerful force in the struggle for our common emancipation. Our victory is a great victory for the freedom and democracy of the world. The chief supporter of world-wide reaction, the 'Gendarme of Europe,' exists no more. May the earth have closed forever upon its grave! Long live freedom! Long live the international solidarity of the proletariat and its struggle for final and complete victory!

Work Is Not Finished

"Our work is not yet finished. Not all the shadows of the old regime have been dispelled and not a few enemies still array their strength against the Russian revolution. Yet our achievements are great. The peoples of Russia will express their will in the constituent assembly, which is to be convoked as soon as possible, upon the basis of universal, equal, direct and secret suffrage. Already it may safely be predicted that the democratic republic will triumph in Russia. The Russian people are resolved on complete political liberty. They are now able to make their powerful voice heard concerning the internal self-government of the country, and also concerning its foreign policies. Addressing ourselves to all the peoples who are being ruined and destroyed in this frightful war, we declare that the time has come for beginning a resolute struggle against the policies of conquest that are being pursued by the governments of all countries. The time is come when the peoples must take into their own hands the decision of the questions of war and peace.

"Conscious of its own revolutionary strength, the Russian democracy declares that it will combat the conquest policies of the Russian ruling classes by all means within its power, and it summons the peoples of Europe to united and resolute action in favor of peace.

"We address ourselves to our brothers, the working people of Germany and Austria-Hungary, and, in the first instance, to those of Germany. In the first days of the war they were told that, in taking up arms against autocratic Russia, they would be defending European civilization against Asiatic despotism. Many of you saw in this a justification for supporting the war. This justification is now removed. Democratic Russia cannot menace peace and civilization.

"We shall defend our own liberty against all reactionary attacks, whether they come from abroad or from within the country. The Russian revolution will not retreat before the bayonets of foreign conquerors, and will not allow itself to be crushed by military force. We call on you to throw off the yoke of your own absolutistic regime, as the Russian people have thrown off that of czarism. Refuse to be used as tools of conquest and oppression in the hands of the

BREEDING MEN FOR BATTLE

How Long Shall Women Continue to
Suffer the Pains of Motherhood
Breeding Soldiers?

(By Olive Schreiner)

In supplying the men for the carnage of a battlefield, women have merely lost actually more blood, and gone through a more acute anguish and weariness, in the months of bearing and in the final agony of childbirth, than has been experienced by the men who cover it, but in the months of rearing that follow, the women of the race go through a long, patiently endured strain which no knapsacked soldier on his longest march has ever more than equalled; while, even in the matter of death, in all civilized societies, the probability that the average woman will die in childbirth is immeasurably greater than the probability that the average male will die in a battle.

There is, perhaps, no woman, whether she have borne children or be merely potentially a child-bearer, who could look down upon a battlefield covered with slain, but the thought would rise in her, "So many months of weariness and pain while bones and muscles were shaped within! So many hours of anguish and struggle that breath might be! So many baby mouths drawing life at women's breasts—all this, that men might lie with glazed eyeballs, and swollen faces, and fixed, blue, unclosed mouths, and great limbs tossed—this, that an acre of ground might be manured with human flesh, that next year's grass or poppies or karoo bushes may spring up greener and redder, where they have lain, or that the sand of a plain may have the glint of white bones!"

And we cry, "Without an inexorable cause this must not be!" No woman who is a woman says of a human body, "It is nothing!"—The Birth Control Review, New York.

TRIAL OF MRS. MOONEY STARTS

SAN FRANCISCO.—Mrs. Reia Mooney went on trial ere today for murder in connection with a bomb explosion here last July in which 10 persons were killed in the course of a preparedness parade. Mooney is now under sentence of death on the same charge that his wife faces.

Mrs. Mooney, wearing a black hat with white plumes and smartly gowned, met her husband, Thomas J. Mooney, under death sentence, as she entered court. They shook and he whispered to her. Mooney was pale and seemed to show the effects of confinement. Five counsel were announced for Mrs. Mooney.

More than 150 witnesses have been subpoenaed for the state and it is expected that the trial will take at least a month. Frank C. Oxman, Oregon cattleman, who was the principal witness against Mooney, and who has been held for trial in the superior court on charges of attempted subordination of perjury probably will be a witness against Mrs. Mooney.

COUNTY CONVENTION NEXT SUNDAY

The Snohomish County Convention will be called to order at 10:30 a. m. next Sunday, May 27, in the Forum, 1612 California St., Everett.

This is to inform The Everett Commercial Club that we are coming back stronger than ever.

kings, the junkers and the bankers, and we will, by our united efforts, put an end to the horrible massacre which disgraces humanity and which darkens the birthday of Russian freedom.

"Workingmen of all countries, reaching out our hands to you across the mountains of corpses of our brothers, across the seas of innocent tears and blood, across the smoking ruins of cities and villages, across the shattered treasures of civilization, we summon you to the renewal and the strengthening of international unity. In you lies the guaranty of our coming victory and of the complete emancipation of mankind. Proletarians of all lands, unite!

"For the council of workmen's and soldiers' deputies, TCHEIDZE, Chairman."

About the same that the foregoing address was issued, the council received, through the hands of H. Branting, the Swedish Socialist leader, a message from Haase and Ledebour, a message from Haase and Ledebour, leading members of the minority group of Socialists in the German Reichstag, in these words: "We greet the Russian proletariat with all our hearts. Your victory over the autocracy means emancipation not only for Russia, but for all mankind, from the yoke of war and the ruinous tendencies of conquest."

BIG MEETING IN DREAMLAND RINK

A big meeting will be held in the Seattle Dreamland rink next Sunday afternoon, in defence of Comrades Fisherman and Rice who are charged with a federal offense. Comrade Kate Sadler and others will deliver addresses on the subject. Admission is free.

ATTEMPT ON LIFE OF SOCIALIST MINISTER

NEW YORK.—The Jewish Daily Forward received a cablegram from its correspondent in Petrograd saying that an unsuccessful attempt was made to assassinate War Minister Kerensky. The dispatch reads:

"An attempt on the life of War Minister Kerensky was made just now. Kerensky escaped. All the participants were arrested. There are rumors that the plot was arranged by the supporters of the old regime."

Coming Kate Richards O'HARE

RENOWNED IN EUROPE AND AMERICA AS A MAGNIFICENT ORATOR, A BRILLIANT WRITER, AND A PROFOUND STUDENT OF WORKING CLASS ECONOMICS.

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HAFFER PERSECUTOR SWIPE ON NOSE

Colonel Joab, special prosecutor in the case against Comrade Paul Haffer, got a big jolt on the nose the other day for calling President Wilson names that could not be printed.

Paul Haffer was sentenced to four months imprisonment for mentioning the fact that George Washington kept slaves, drank a little and used profane language once in a while and Haffer was convicted of criminal libel. Now the people of Tacoma are up in arms against Col. Joab and demanding that he be prosecuted and placed in the same cell as Haffer. The old man who messed up Joab was presented with a big American flag.

Later:—Paul Haffer has been paroled by Gov. Lister. He served three months of his sentence.

CHINA AND HAITI REFUSE TO DECLARE WAR

PEKING.—After a riotous secret session lasting throughout the night, the House of Representatives refused to pass a resolution declaring war on Germany.

PORT-AU-PRINCE, Haiti.—Congress today refused to declare war on Germany. A resolution was adopted protesting in the name of humanity against the submarine warfare. The president was authorized to break off diplomatic relation if Germany declined to make the reparation demanded for the loss of the lives of Haitians and give guarantees for the future.

RUSSIANS SEIZE LAND

Reliable diplomatic advices here tell of the formation of an enormously strong agrarian party, the immediate object of which is distribution of Russia's vast agricultural lands. Eighty million peasants want a share.

Nearly 150,000,000 acres of land have been seized by the peasants throughout Russia. The peasants could not wait for the promised breaking up of vast estates as pledged.

Confiscation and distribution of land has in many sections been formally decided on by vote of popular assemblies.

Russian workmen, too, are taking matters into their own hands. Throughout Russia workmen are placing representative officers of their organizations with manufacturing companies and refusing permission for shipments without their official voice.

Watch out for the four page edition of the Northwest Worker.

Before buying a "Liberty Bond" renew your sub.

Bargreen's Golden Drip Coffee. Imperial Tea Co., 1407 Hewitt Avenue.

REGISTER ON FIFTH OF JUNE

Going To Jail Will Not Accomplish
the End That All Revolutionists
Desire

June the fifth, is the day set for registration.

The question naturally arises as to what Socialists should do in the matter. If one considers the facts of the matter they can but come to one conclusion.

The master class are determined that we shall handle rifles, receive military training and be drafted to the front.

The mission of the Socialist Party is to educate the workers to their true position in human society. Can we do this by being thrown into jail at this particular time? We say no! Conscripted men must be educated just as well as those who are not conscripted. How then, are we going to reach the conscripted men? There can only be one answer, be one of them.

As Socialists we must get control of the institutions of capitalism. And the military institutions is one of the most important.

The master class has ordained that those of us who are of the ages between 21 and 31 shall become part of the military machine of this country. They propose to place rifles in our hands and make fighters of us. Alright, so be it. We may need those (censored) in our business. All the revolutions throughout history have been accomplished with the help of military equipment. The Socialist movement is aiming for a revolutionary change and if the master class, whom we are trying to throw off our backs, desire to arm us, so well and good. We should accept. We certainly cannot do any good in jail.

There are 10,000 conscientious objectors in jail in England. But the war still goes on. These 10,000 are unable to deliver their message to the outside world. They are being tortured by the British autocrats for refusing to put on the military uniform. Had these 10,000 become part of the military machine they may have been able to make 10,000 more converts and when the time came to draft them to the front, they could have (censored). No good can be accomplished by going to jail at the very outset of the trouble. More good can be accomplished by boring right into the (censored) machine and undermining its organism.

Let's deliver our message of emancipation to the conscripted men in the camps. Let's get hold of the (censored) that may be used against us. Let's get an opportunity to pick out those who are for us, and those who are against us, and then we are certain of being able to accomplish more for the revolution than we can by talking to four bare walls in a prison cell.

If we ever were taught a lesson, the Russian revolution has taught one. The soldiers, conscripted from the factory, field and mine, were the principal factor in the revolution. What the rifle said meant more to the Russian people than we can realize. A tremendous amount of revolutionary propaganda must have been done in the army to obtain the united action that brought about the change. And the "loyal" soldiers of the Czar were conspicuous by their absence. For instance: Two days after the rebels were in control of Petrograd, several regiments of "loyal" soldiers from Finland were dispatched to put down the revolution and retake the city. The rebels got wind of it and prepared for the expected fight. But there was no fight, for as soon as the "loyal" soldiers saw the red flags flying in the distance they arrested their officers and turned them over to the rebels. A few hours afterwards, several Siberian regiments on sighting Petrograd did the same thing. What could the officers do; they were but a few? What could the ex-government do, they were but a few?

We know that many of our readers will disagree with us on these tactics, but if you are a rebel you will do your damndest to undermine the system before going to jail and if need be, being shot. It will be many months before the conscripted men will be drafted and that is plenty of time to undermine their military (censored). So our advice is to stay out of jail, register on the fifth of June, carry your message into the military camps, organize your machine within their machine and when the time comes, your guns can speak out with more effect than your voice from a prison cell. The guns of the enemy can be spiked—their machine demoralized and autocracy trampled under your feet. It is better to die fighting for a

NO SEPARATE PEACE; ONLY SOCIAL REVOLUTION

The Russian Socialists are united in the belief that a separate peace will not serve their purpose. To bring universal peace they have decided to urge the proletariat of Europe, irrespective of nationality, to combine in a social revolution. It is for that purpose they have resolved to negotiate with the Stockholm Socialists.

All Europe is confronted by a grave crisis. A general rising of the masses is a possibility to be reckoned with in connection with the proposed international conference. Its avowed purpose is social revolution for Europe, which entails, first of all, civil war for the new Russia.

Our "Liberty Bonds" can be purchased for one dollar and in return you get a dollar's worth of undiluted liberty tonic.

PLUTOCRAT SENT BY WILSON TO GREET RUSSIA

Reactionary Tool of Russian Czar and
Diaz the Damned to Congratulate
Russian Workers

In spite of the protests made by the Socialist party and radical labor unions, Elihu Root has been sent to Russia to greet the Russian people in the name of the American people.

With him also goes a bunch of financiers and reactionary labor leaders who were appointed by President Wilson.

Victor L. Berger was appointed on the commission but he refused to serve unless Root was taken off. Charles Edward Russell was appointed in his place. Russell's mania for war makes the commission even worse. It might be possible to overlook the appointment of Russell but Root is the last man in the world who should have been sent to Russia on behalf of the American masses.

Root was sponsor for the Root amendment, which was designed to aid the czar in hunting down and hanging Russian revolutionaries, and to aid Porfirio the Damned in hunting and persecuting Mexican revolutionaries in this country; that is, he did all that an American could have done; he did what few Americans could have thought of doing in aid of czarism in all countries, and against the great revolution that he is now being sent to congratulate the people upon having accomplished.

He is universally considered the chief Tory of the country. He is a lawyer whose sole fame and sole work has been as a corporation lawyer, and who has done nothing in his life to show that he sympathizes with the masses. He has been vitally concerned with four pieces of legislation, all of them bad, and three of them emphatically rejected by a free people; that is, he worked to keep the word "male" in the qualifications for voting in the constitutional convention of 1894; 500,000 New Yorkers have since repudiated him on that. He introduced the infamous and unspeakable Root amendment, which did not become law; he opposed with all his might the liberal and democratic Arizona constitution, and he is the father of the Root constitution that went down to defeat with a majority that was damning.

How will the Council of Deputies, the real rulers of Russia, greet this man who may have sent them in a body to Siberia or to the gibbet? How will Kerenski, the real head of the Russian government, greet this man who would have sent him to the gallows if he had come to this country?

FINE BUSINESS

City elections took place in Tomsk, Russia. The Socialists have elected their entire ticket. The city is now under a complete Socialist administration. The liberal members were all defeated.

GERMAN "GAS"

The people of North Yakima are losing a whole lot of sleep these nights over a story that the war press is circulating about two old ladies who were overcome by German "gas" while traversing along the country road. If a Skunk could talk it could perhaps tell the truth of the matter but not being able to, the press has put the crazy story in circulation about Germans trying to kill people in that vicinity with "gas."

noble cause than to be a passive resister in a prison cell. We have censored our own article because this is a free (?) country.

DISMISS CASE AGAINST EDITOR

Artillery Company Not Hurt By
Article—Wonder Who Fitted
Into Write-Up?

Because the members of the Everett artillery company requested the prosecuting attorney to drop the case against H. W. Watts, editor of the Northwest Worker, the local Socialist paper, charged with criminal libel against the members of the artillery company, Judge Alston, on motion of Deputy Prosecutor John Sandidge, today dismissed the action and released Watts from his bond.

The case started from a statement published by Watts, alluding to Prince's cigar store, the recruiting station for the artillery company as a place for recruiting "gunmen and legalized murders!" He was arrested and after spending a day in jail procured bond and was released.

The following letter received by Prosecuting Attorney Lloyd Black from Maynard M. Cardle, first sergeant of Twelfth Company, Coast Artillery Corps, National Guard of Washington, to request that the prosecution instituted against H. W. Watts, charging him with a libel upon the individual members of this company be discontinued. This action is taken after consultation among ourselves and with our officers.

"Regardless of his intentions in making the publication we do not feel that it in any wise injured us, and as we are about to be called into the service of our country, we prefer that the defendant be not punished for his offense against us. Hence I am, by the direction of the members of the company, addressing this request to you."

The prosecutor asked to have the case dismissed because of insufficiency of evidence, in view of this statement that the alleged libel had not damaged the members of the company.—Everett Herald.

REBEL P. O. CLERKS ARE DISMISSED

Edward J. Ryan, president of the Railway Mail association, and Fred L. White, president of the Rural Carriers' association, are the latest victims of the tyrannical rule of the postal bureaucrat who will brook no criticism of his administration of the public utility known as the postal service.

Guilty of "Les Majesty"

"Both were charged, tried and found guilty by Burleson of the heinous offense of lese majesty. They dared to question the propriety of his reorganization of the service that vitally affected the well being of thousands of the postal employees who elected the officials of the unions to voice their grievance to Congress.

The arbitrary dismissal of Ryan and White, "is in line with the established policy of the postoffice department in suppressing free speech among the postal employees. Recently in Washington, D. C. a post-office letter carrier was dismissed by Burleson because he was suspected of having placed an obnoxious newspaper clipping on the employees' bulletin board—obnoxious because it exposed some of the shortcomings of the Burleson administration of the postal service.

Criticism Postal Service

"The St. Louis central labor body recently passed resolutions criticizing the conduct of the St. Louis postal service. Burleson was furious. He set his sleuths on the trail. Seven months after the central body passed the objectionable resolutions two postal clerks were dismissed by the postmaster general for having been responsible for the introduction of treasonable utterances. It so happened that the resolutions were sponsored by Organizer Shaunnessy of the International Bartenders' union. Shaunnessy declared under oath that the men punished by Burleson were innocent. But the postal Romanoff had to have his pound of flesh. Somebody had dared to tell the tactless truth and somebody must suffer. The two innocent clerks walked the plank."

MORE SEDITION

DALLAS, Texas.—United States Judge George W. Jack fixed the bonds of the seven men brought here from Snyder, Texas, on charges of seditious conspiracy against the United States, at \$1,000 each. Arrests were made in connection with alleged activities of the Farmers' and Laborers' Protective association, which planned, it is claimed, to resist conscription by force.

For best meals, waffles and coffee with cream, go to Everett Coffee House, 1113 Hewitt.