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YOUR DAILY PAPER

It is impossible for the Co-op News to try to function as a newspaper in the sense that a daily paper does. Our little paper fills a niche of its own and does not compete with the dailies. We know that a large number of our subscribers also take a daily paper—and as to some of them it is a capitalist sheet that they take. We would not have any criticism to make if there weren't a Socialist daily paper available; but there is. Not only do they get yellow and colored news, but they fail to get news of great importance, which is many times suppressed because it might hurt business. Not only do they thereby give encouragement to the kind of journalism the plunderbund is giving the people, but they are withholding needed support from the dailies that are fighting their own cause, and giving untainted news.

We therefore urge all those of our subscribers who are taking capitalist dailies to drop the yellow paper and take the Seattle Daily Call, a red Socialist paper. The subscription price is: One month, 60c; 3 months, \$1.60; 6 months, \$3.00; 1 year, \$5.00. Address Call Publishing Company, 74 Pike Street, Seattle, Wash.

THE CURSE OF THE PRESS

I am beginning to seriously think that the press is a curse. There was a time when journals of repute were conducted by their editors and when those editors were men of high moral courage and independent minds.

With but rare exceptions, the press of the world today has become a mere instrument in the hands of unscrupulous exploiters. Its power is now used not for the creation of a healthy public opinion, or for the real uplifting of the masses, but to serve the selfish ends of a small band of adventurous capitalists.

Take the average "newspaper." It is the property mainly of a handful of investors who are personally interested in turning the existing economic system into a good and permanent dividend producer. They are financially concerned in many other ventures, and their paper is used to further the pecuniary interests of the class to which they belong.

These organs are entirely devoid of courage. The editors dare not touch on questions which would imperil the profits, or ruffle the complacency of their employers. They satisfy their consciences by leaving all "unpleasant" topics severely alone. And they hire hardshell Tories to do the writing jobs which they know must be done by someone to please the boss.

Of course, care is taken to see that the journalist placed in charge is himself a "safe" and "suitable" man. But the whole thing is a sham and a pretence. The modern daily newspaper is a gilded fraud.

Its parade of independence and impartiality is an imposture and a snare.—C. W. R. in Australian Worker.

CONSPIRACY OF WEALTH

(By L. S. Chumley)

Unless you and I get to thinking seriously about the miserable condition that we, the workers are gradually drifting into, we will wake up some morning to find ourselves virtually in a state of slavery. Already we feel the pinch of hunger. The cost of living is rising so rapidly that soon our standard of living will be on a par with that of the Chinese. Protective organizations that you and I have helped to build are being crushed by those in power. Never before in the history of Labor were the masters so intent, so determined to extinguish forever the spark that inspires the workers to organize and fight for better living conditions.

Working class papers throughout the country have been denied the right to circulate. Papers that have told the story of the plight of the workers have been ruthlessly suppressed. That's why you and I must resort to letter writing. So that our fellow workers everywhere may learn of the attempt that is being made to enslave us. So that we may unite to meet the issue.

In November, 1916, men representing Eight Billion Dollars of corporate wealth organized at New York City and openly announced a purpose to crush organized labor. They selected the Industrial Workers of the World as the first organization to concentrate upon. Since then the I. W. W. has been subjected to unbelievable, inhuman and illegal violence. Thousands of affidavits are proof of this. Strikers have been deported into the burning deserts and left to die. Frank Little was murdered at Butte. Hundreds of union men thrown into sickening "Bull Pens" starved, beaten and shot. Seventeen working men were brutally beaten and boiling tar smeared onto their bleeding backs at Tulsa, Okla., by Oil Trust Gun-men. The climax is reached by the present indictment at Chicago of 166 members and sympathizers of the I. W. W., on charges of conspiracy. Conspiracy to overthrow Capitalism—conspiracy to strike. The charges against the I.W.W. are Industrial in character and can be turned against any labor union.

CORNELIUS LEHANE

Word comes through a letter to a local Comrade from the Comrades of Ansonia, Conn., telling of the effective work being done there by Comrade Cornelius Lehane.

The letter states that he is carrying on an unprecedented campaign of education among the people of Connecticut, bring the message of Socialism to many who never heard it before. We know from having heard Comrade Lehane in a series of lectures here in Everett, that no one is more able at this kind of work than is this Comrade from across the seas.

We are in hopes that before too long, Comrade Lehane will see his way to come to the coast again.

The chattel slave was merchandise. He was bought and sold just like any other ware. He was the property of his owner. He worked for his owner and got nothing for it. In what way did he differ from the proud wage slave of today?

Use the advertising slips.

WATTS IS DEPORTED

As reported in last issue the petition for Writ of Habeas Corpus in the matter of Henry W. Watts, was taken under advisement by Judge Neterer. Under date of February 23, 1918, we have the judgment of the Federal judge, which runs as follows:

"The question in this case to be determined is whether the petitioner was accorded a fair trial by the Commissioner of Immigration and the Department of Labor.

An examination of the record which is presented upon this hearing established to my mind that a full, fair hearing was accorded, and the supervision with relation to aliens being confined to the Department of Immigration, the final determination of all facts with relation to the deportation within the limit fixed by Congress, is intrusted to the proper immigration officers "whose decision is final, unless reversed on appeal to the secretary of labor." The Department of Labor on appeal affirmed the Commissioner of Immigration. The jurisdiction of this court is limited to ascertaining whether the petitioner was denied a hearing, and a fair hearing having been accorded, which has been affirmed by the Secretary of Labor, the Writ must be denied. Should the petitioner desire to appeal, he may be released upon filing a bond in the sum of \$1,500, conditioned as provided by law to abide the judgment of the Court of Appeals. JEREMIAH NETERER, Judge."

This is the best example of side-stepping and subterfuge that we have heard of for a long time. Every point put forward during the argument on the Petition has been brushed aside; the plain letter of the law has been ignored and shattered like a tablet of clay.

In the first place, the original decision was made by the Department of Labor and not by the Immigration Department, as the judge stated, and there was no appeal taken from the Immigration Department to the Labor Department. The judge would not even state the facts properly.

In the second place the statement that "the jurisdiction of this court is limited to ascertaining whether the petitioner was denied a hearing" is not true as to this case. It is true that the decisions and findings of the Department of Labor as to a question of FACTS is final; but all the questions before the court were questions of law, and the applications of law to undisputed facts, and as to this the decision of the Secretary of Labor is not final.

The time may come when they will wish they had respected their own laws.

By some strange co-incidence a reader has just sent us the following detached observation. It fits in nicely at this point:

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Comrade Watts will undoubtedly be in Canada by the time this gets in the hands of our readers. We will lose a good co-worker in the social revolution; but he will not be lost to the world. Wherever he might happen to be he will be steadfastly working in the interest of the Brotherhood of Man.

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Society failed in the first instance to give the man a proper education; and in the second place it made his conditions of livelihood so precarious, uncertain and inadequate that he was not able to support his wife and children; and then after practically depriving him of the means of life it imposes on him the added insult of a prison record. There is always a large percentage of unemployed under our present capitalist system of production, and these out-of-work citizens must unavoidably fall upon evil ways. Is not their condition bad enough without the added mistreatment of prison life and the subsequent indelible stigma? No enlightened order of society would thus treat its citizens. But we will yet for a time have to endure such conditions, for we are still living under CAPITALISM.

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