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GARMENT WORKERS FOR SOCIALISM

BOSTON—The convention of the International Ladies' Garment Workers went officially on record as indorsing the Socialist Party as the political organization of the working class in a resolution adopted yesterday. The vote was unanimous, with the exception of two Socialist Labor Party delegates.

The resolution as amended reads:

"WHEREAS, The Socialist Party represents the workers in the political fields; and

"WHEREAS, The Socialist Party depends upon the people of the working class for its success; and

"WHEREAS, It has been realized that if solidarity prevail among the workers they can achieve their goal, as has been proven at the last election in the city of New York; and

"WHEREAS, The coming election is very important, being a congressional election; and

"WHEREAS, Congress is the body that can make good legislation; be it therefore

"RESOLVED, That the 14th biennial convention of the I. L. G. W. U. indorse the Socialist Party and exercise all possible means of urging and encouraging its members to devote their energy to this cause, for the purpose of bringing about successful results in the coming election. And be it further

RESOLVED, That we exercise all our energies in aiding the candidates of the Socialist Party for every political office."

CHICAGO TRIAL

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world and they will repudiate them after taking over all the mines, factories, oil fields, etc., as the collective property of the people."

Oil Operator and Detective

Under cross examination it appeared that one of the secret service men, Wm. E. Pope, was an ex-mine and oil operator and is at present heavily interested in the oil industry in that part of Texas where Clark was arrested last August. According to his own statement, however, Mr. Pope was only interested in any remarks that might sound seditious and not at all in Clark's advocacy of government ownership of oil fields and mines or in his denunciation of the oil and copper operators who would rather see these industries tied up with bitter strikes than to accede to the workers just demands for living wages and humane conditions. These things Mr. Pope, very conveniently, forgot.

Another special agent for the department of justice, Claude McCaleb, sought to show that the I. W. W. defendants, W. H. Lewis, H. F. Kane, E. J. McCaskin and Abraham Rodriguez were actively in charge of the copper miners' strike in Miami, Arizona last year. Speeches and statements supposed to have been made by these men before and after their arrest were reported to the jury. About the only thing made clear by their testimony is the fact that the miners were on strike in this camp, that conditions had been intolerable and that both the W. F. of M. and the I. W. W. had gone out in an effort to better them. Mr. McCaleb, under cross examination by defense attorney Vanderveer admitted that W. H. Lewis stated the general strike vote was an expression of the will of the membership of the union. Abraham Rodriguez, it was said, resisted arrest, claiming that his home had been entered without due process of law, and only gave himself up after a mob armed deputies had threatened himself and family with winchesters and dynamite. Rodriguez is a Mexican copper miner and a member of Industrial Union 800. He is well known throughout Spanish America as a poet and song writer. Mr. Claeb's story seems improbable in the extreme.

Secret service operative David Proctor told of a speech supposed to have been made in Jerome, Arizona during the big strike by E. J. Coshan. Attorney Vanderveer protested against the admission of the evidence on the grounds that this speech was not mentioned in the bill of particulars presented against this defendant. In fact all but one or two of the speeches about which testimony was given were not mentioned in the different bills of particulars at all. The court requested the prosecution to present a more specific statement of these details.

Strikers vs. Profiteers

Dozen of letters were introduced from various members and delegates of Industrial Union 800 to Grover H. Perry, Secretary of the Metal Mine Workers and also with William D. Haywood, General Secretary Treasurer of the I. W. W., R. J. Culver, J. R. Baskett, R. J. Bobba and Julio Blanco are included with these letters, most of which were written during the heat of the big copper strike and deal with the conditions that led to the strike and the efforts of the defense committee to raise funds for the families of the strikers. Indeed these letters, written in frank, blunt working class language throw remrakable side lights on the industrial condition which have prevailed in the greatest copper camps in the world. They form a vast background for the present proceedings in Judge Landis' court room—a panorama sordid with armed gun-men, lynchings and deportations. And the ficticious charge of "disloyalty" placed against the Industrial Workers of the World shows up as being very "thin" in the face of the actual results of the war-profits-at-all-price policy of the labor-hating copper trusts magnates, that these letters disclose.

Just before court adjourned Wednesday, May 29th, the prosecution presented two witnesses against William Tanner, a Finnish machinist indicted with the I. W. W. men. Tanner is supposed to have torn down a recruiting poster in the shop where he was working in July of last year. He has been in the Cook County jail ever since, and, somehow or other the prosecution has seen fit to include him in the big I. W. W. indictment—probably for the effect the charge of desecrating the flag will have upon the jury supposed to render impartial judgment as the facts about the so-called "conspiracy." The prosecution has done stranger things than this.

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GENERAL ZOGG

A Side Light on the Mexican Situation

(By Upton Sinclair)

Come to Los Angeles, rich and prosperous, and hear General Nicholas Zogg tell about Zapataland, where there is no money at all!

General Zogg compels the respect of Americans, because he is a man of wealth—that is, he was a man of wealth under the old regime. He is cultured and gracious, looks like an Italian, and speaks with a pair of eloquent and slender hands. If I were to tell his own life story in a book, you would call it melodrama, as utterly impossible as his real Utopia. After the first revolution, he became governor of Lower California; and there was a hundred and ninety thousand dollars in taxes due on six hundred and fifty thousand acres of land owned by Harrison Gray Otis, proprietor of the Los Angeles "Times." The old Walrus of the "Times" was not accustomed to paying his taxes at home, so, of course, he had no idea of paying them to a bunch of low-down peons. General Zogg was told to collect them; but Otis being a Gringo, and having the Gringo government behind him, it was hard to bring him to terms. So Zogg came up to Los Angeles, and laid before Otis a plot for a counter-revolution. This was the sort of thing Otis was accustomed to paying for, so he put up a hundred and ninety thousand dollars for arms and ammunition to overthrow Carranza; and Zogg went back to Mexico and reported that he had collected the taxes!

But the Mexican made the mistake of returning to Los Angeles, where Otis was the government; so Otis had him grabbed—on a charge of over-drawing his bank account a few dollars. Zogg had thousands of dollars in other Los Angeles banks when he made that little slip, but that didn't help him—his witnesses were driven away, and he was railroaded to Folsom for a couple of years!

The little General claims to have a letter from Otis, offering him twenty-five thousand dollars to blow the Imperial dam. You see, Otis wanted to "break" Carranza, he wanted riots and disorder, so as to force American intervention in Mexico. And the Imperial dam is a ticklish proposition, being just inside the Mexican border, but controlling the water-supply of the whole of Imperial Valley in California. To blow up this dam would mean ruin to the people of a whole country; but, if it brought on a war, it would have doubled or trebled the value of the six hundred and fifty thousand Mexican acres belonging to General Otis. Zogg declares that he has been arrested three times by various American authorities in an effort to get that letter from him; but they haven't succeeded yet, because he keeps it in Mexico. I find it easier to believe his story, because of the fact that Harry Chandler, son-in-law, heir and successor to Otis, was recently indicted by the Federal authorities for trying to ship arms into Mexico.

Why attack a dead man? you may ask. The reason is — one might paraphrase the old song:

Old Otis' body lies a-moulder-
ing in the grave,
But his soul goes cursing on.

Once every twenty-four hours the Los Angeles "Times" appears, and pours its venom over all movements for social progress. It is the most abusive and most bigoted newspaper in America, so far as I know; its news columns are as dishonest as its editorial, while its advertising columns are a mass of patent-medicine fakes. Its profits are over half a million a year, and it sets the intellectual standards of the Roof-garden of the World.

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