

CLASSES.

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There are two opposing classes, One of workers, one of drones; And the few control the masses, Feudal kings, but lacking thrones, "Divine right of landed titles!" Is the motto they support. Workingmen, remove your bridles! 'Else, ere long, they'll own the earth. Vote to make conditions better Than they ever were of old, Vote to break each single fetter, Help to smash the "calf of god," You admire the present order Of corruption and sin? If you don't then cross the border, Help the Socialist to win.

Plan Big Labor Parade

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and gone to Indianapolis in order to evade the indignity of going back over the same route a prisoner. Hosick disappeared the day Governor Johnson honored the requisition for his removal to Indiana and no trace could be found of him until he arrived in Chicago on Friday.

Chief of Police Sebastian aided Hosick in his effort to avoid the arresting officer and had Hosick decided to leave the country the Chief undoubtedly would have been a party to the plot.

The mystery of the disappearance of George H. Shoaf, the correspondent for the Appeal to Reason of Girard, Kansas, has deepened as the days go by. On the night of Aug. 13th Shoaf disappeared from the home of his cousin Mrs. Lucy Bormann at 1026 West Ninth street. He left the house at 10 o'clock intending to return to his room. At midnight after every body in the apartment house had retired Mrs. Bormann and others in the building heard the sound of a terrific fall in the hall way. Nothing was discovered to indicate a struggle at the time but in the morning Shoaf's battered derby hat and a bludgeon was found in the lower hall way at the foot of the stairs.

The police were notified and by a strange and unusual coincidence James Hosick, the man who is held on a felony charge of kidnaping Shoaf's friend and fellow worker, was put on the case. With Hosick was detective Zeigler. The men spent half an hour in the vicinity then threw the hat and weapon into the property clerk's room and abandoned the case. The next day Zeigler left for a vacation trip and then Hosick disappeared on his secret trip to Indianapolis to answer to the indictment for kidnaping John J. McNamara.

Shoaf had been working on a theory that H. G. Otis had hired a man to bring about a small explosion in the Times building to create public sympathy for the paper which had lost its vast prestige of influence and was losing its grip on the labor haters of the community. Shoaf declared

the small explosion started the big gas explosion which wrecked the old fire trap and cost the lives of 21 workers. He declared he was working the plot out and had the full evidence in his possession. He told a friend he was going to take the papers in the case to his cousin for safe keeping. Shoaf's friends and relatives believe the Socialist writer had been watched and that he was killed in order that the papers might be destroyed and that his lips would be forever closed. Captain George C. Shoaf, chief of detectives of the police department of San Antonio, Texas, as taken charge of the case. He says he is convinced his son was killed by a notorious detective who has long been a tool of the labor haters of this country. The man under suspicion has a bad record. He can be found any day that Capt. Shoaf wants him.

The following greeting is from J. J. and J. B. McNamara and a dozen other labor leaders in the county jail, political offenders against capitalism: "We are in prison, behind steel bars. You are out in the open sunshine. We are here because we are what you are—workingmen and none knows the day when you maybe forced to join us—when you may by virtue of the fact that you are toilers, offend the masters who hold the key to the prisons. The only solution is the workingman's ballot. It is the strong right arm of the working class. Capitalism controls the courts, the jails, makes the laws and enforces them; makes the conditions under which you toil and takes from you what you create. Labor is in the overwhelming majority. Standing together labor can make the laws, abolish the jails and bring in an era of economic freedom, the right of man to what he creates. To you, our comrades who have left to you a measure of liberty we say, vote as you strike; vote together for yourselves for your wives, for your children and for the children of all the ages to come. Show the world your final supremacy over all thugs.

The capitalist system is hard on the capitalists. It keeps them on the hustle to keep what they have got and it keeps them in fear of the coming of Socialism.

There are many little chaps who imagine because they get a couple of thousand dollars income that they are in the plut class and that Socialism will hurt them. Let not these little chaps be afraid. They are but imitation plut and Socialism will benefit them.

Socialism will free the worker from the fear of the anger of the boss. It will free him from the fear of losing his job. It will free him from the necessity of bowing to the men who control his job. It will make a free man of him.

The plunderers who live off of sweated labor like to go to church and hear sermons preached to wage slaves about being patient under suffering and resisting not evil. No wonder Rockefeller and his gang hug religion of that brand and get control of Sun. day-schools.

REFERENDUM INVOKED

Donohue Militia Bill Will Be Submitted to the Voters at the Next Election.

The infamous Donohue Military law passed by the last legislature will be submitted to the voters of Montana at the next election for their approval or rejection.

Enough signatures to the petitions demanding that the law go to a referendum have been filed with the Secretary of State, but not enough to annul the law pending the result of the referendum.

The law requires that 15 per cent of the voters in at least 15 counties sign the petition for referendum before the law is made ineffective pending the referendum, but 5 per cent of the voters in two thirds of the counties in the state can demand that the law be submitted to the voters, the law still being in force pending the referendum.

While 18 counties have filed petitions demanding the referendum three counties have less than five per cent and the remaining 15 upwards of five per cent, some counties having nearly 20 per cent.

The counties filing with the Secretary of State petitions for the referendum containing signatures of over 5 per cent of the voters are as follows: Broadwater, Carbon, Cascade, Custer, Deer Lodge, Gallatin, Jefferson, Lewis and Clark, Lincoln, Missoula, Park, Powell, Ravalli, Silver Bow, and Yellowstone.

Petitions containing the signatures of less than five per cent of the voters in the county were received from Beaverhead, Chouteau and Madison counties.

On Monday August 28th. the State officials conceded that the referendum would be invoked and prepared the legal papers in anticipation that enough signatures would be received,

On Wednesday the 30 inst. it became evident that the Clerk and Recorder of some counties were holding back the referendum petitions, either intentionally or unintentionally, and if something was not done promptly, the attempt to invoke the referendum would end in failure. The Clerks and Recorders who were delinquent were notified and their attention called to the fact that they were violating the law, which resulted in the petitions being forwarded to the Secretary of State immediately.

A total of 7,079 signatures were received on the petitions and certified by the Clerks and Recorders of the various counties as being the signatures of qualified voters. While we have been unable to check up all the signatures that the Clerks and Recorders have disqualified, yet, from investigations made we find that approximately 1,500 signatures were thrown out by the Clerks and Recorders, or seventeen and one-half per cent of the total signatures received on the petitions, enough to have given us the 15 per cent required by law to have suspended the militia law pending the referendum. 1,250 more signatures in six counties would have given the required 15 per cent in 15 counties.

This is the first time that the referendum law has been put in use, although the referendum law has been in force nearly five years.

The petitions on file at the office of the Secretary of State show that only in the communities in which the MONTANA NEWS circulates have signatures been obtained, and further that in proportion to the number of MONTANA NEWS circulated in the community were signatures secured.

WORKINGMEN'S INSURANCE.

By Wm. R. Shier.

What guarantee have injured wage-earners that the money promised them under Workingmen's Compensation Act will be paid?

In view of the fact that some states have already passed such acts, and that other states contemplate doing so the question is one of timely interest to American Socialists.

It is not sufficient for the law merely to state the amount of compensation that shall be paid to workingmen or their families for injuries incurred during employment. It is necessary that the law should also provide some scheme to protect injured workmen against the insolvency of their employers.

The British Workmen's Compensation Act, for example, provides that injured employes shall receive half wages during the period of their disability, but does not require employers to furnish a guarantee that the money will be paid.

We can make his clear by a concrete example.

Take John Smith. He is a carpenter working for Mr. Jones, a building contractor. He falls from a roof and breaks both legs. He is permanently disabled. The law states that Mr. Jones must pay John Smith weekly a sum equal to half the wages he was receiving at the time of the accident.

Now supposing Mr. Jones should become bankrupt or for any reason whatever go out of business. Then what would happen poor Smith? It is quite clear that the weekly payment due him under the compensation act would not be forthcoming.

This is a serious defect in the British law. In many respects the British act is a model, but it should not be endorsed by Socialists as a whole, for its scope should be greatly extended and some provision made that guarantees working people the compensation due them, no matter what hap-

pens to the employer.

The British act, however, permits, and therefore encourages employers to take out accident insurance in private insurance companies. Under this arrangement the insurance company assumes the liability of the employer. This is a commendable provision so far as it goes, but it does not compel employers to take out such insurance, nor does it protect the workers against the insolvency of the insurance companies. If any of these companies go bankrupt, the victims of industrial accidents within their jurisdiction have no redress.

A big improvement upon the British system is to be found in France and Belgium. In these countries the government has established a state guarantee fund to protect the insured persons against the insolvency of the employers or the insurance company. In France all employers, whether insured or not, must contribute a certain tax to this guarantee fund, while in Belgium these contributions are only exacted from employers in case of failure on their part to carry accident insurance. The Belgium law also requires that in case the employer does not take out ordinary insurance he shall deposit with the government, the capitalized value of the due.

In Holland, Italy and Finland the government, in addition to establishing the individual responsibility of employers, makes it obligatory for them to take out insurance either in recognized private companies or in a state institution or to furnish a guaranty, in the form of a cash deposit with the government, sufficient to cover their responsibility. In Holland a state insurance exists which does a considerable part of the insurance, but private companies are allowed to compete with it.

In Hungary, Luxemburg, Norway and Austria a central state institution conducts the insurance of employers subject to law, the insurance in those countries being compulsory, while in Germany the organizations conducting the insurance are composed of em-

ployers engaged in the same or similar industries, and membership in the proper association is compulsory for all employers engaged in the proper association is compulsory for all employers engaged in that industry.

Compulsory insurance should be a feature of all compensation acts. And employers should be compelled to insure their work people in a state institution instead of in private companies, for the reason that governments seldom, if ever, go bankrupt, while private companies, at some time or other, usually do. Moreover, it is part of the Socialist program to restrict the sphere of private enterprise in every possible way.

All classes of labor as well as business and commercial institutions are organized into associations to advance their welfare. The farmers are the class that is not organized for mutual protection. Even the beasts of the field as well as the human that prey on the farmer is organized self protection. It is time that the farmers were organized into unions to secure the benefits and protection that can only be got by force of numbers.

Organize a farmers union in your district. Further particulars can be had by sending a letter of inquiry to Union Farmer, Box 908 Helena

If you are opposed to the State Scab Herding law, sign the demand for a referendum on the same.

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