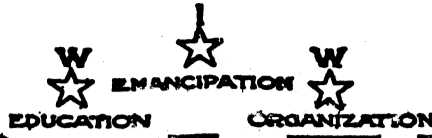


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LABOR DAY IN STOCKTON, CAL.—THE WORKERS CARRY MASTERS' BANNER—GRUMBLING WILL NOT EMANCIPATE US.

The revolutionary proletariat the world-over recognizes the 1st of May as International Labor Day.

However, in the United States, the American Federation of Labor, a so-called labor organization, designates the first Monday in September as Labor Day. Yet this same organization is supposed to be composed of "International" unions. But the word "International" is as meaningless as the word "Labor" to craft unionists in the United States. Consequently, craft unions of the United States do not represent labor, neither are they International.

The proof of the above statements was forcibly impressed upon my mind while watching a so-called labor parade of craft unionists in the city of Stockton, Cal., on the 4th, inst.

At the head of the parade a cloth sign of great length was carried by several of the craft unionists. This sign had on each end in small letters the words: "Painters' Local No. 317," while displayed in large letters the words "Modesto Business Men's Ass'n," covered almost the entire surface of the sign.

To especially attract attention to this sign, the wage slaves who were carrying it performed a kind of "serpentine" dance, wriggling from side to side of the street, while they held aloft their badge of infamy.

The "serpentine" dance was significantly suitable.

The reason I referred to this sign as being a badge of infamy is that a labor organization cannot be true to labor and uphold the banner of the oppressors of labor.

When any organization claiming to represent labor carry a "Business Men's Ass'n" banner or any other kind of a "Citizens' Alliance" banner, such organization by doing so immediately proclaims itself to be false to labor. The wage slaves who endorse the carrying of the master's "badge of infamy" are either consciously or unconsciously false to their class. And the self-styled revolutionists, who boast SOMETIMES about their class-consciousness, when they march under this same "badge of infamy" what can they say to justify their action? Absolutely nothing that will clear them of the charge of being afraid to stand up for their class.

A number of the men who marched in the parade grumbled about the banner, but they marched just the same.

Revolutionary wage slaves are not afraid to declare themselves for the class by DEED as well as by word.

The emancipation of the working class from economic servitude will not be effected by mere grumblers.

Wage slavery will be overthrown and the Industrial Republic established by revolutionary wage workers who are not afraid to act.

Let us hope that the next time such an insult is offered to the working class as to bring the master's banner into a Labor Day parade, that the wage slaves concerned will have courage enough to refuse to submit to be stigmatized with their master's brand.

The members of the I. W. W. would refuse to parade with the master's yoke.

DANIEL T. MURPHY.

THE UNDAUNTED BAND.

I will sing you a song of an undaunted band That fights for the right of free speech. They come at the call from every land, The message of freedom to teach.

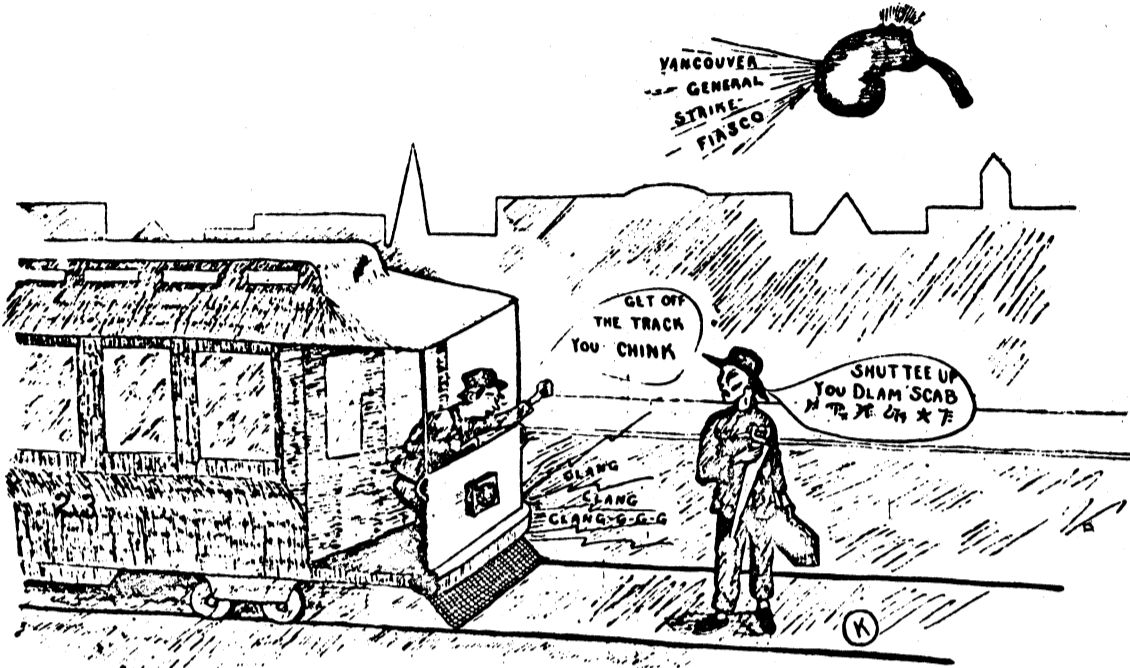
That undaunted band put Spokane to the bad, And made of Missoula a joke; Then Fresno was next to feel very sad, For the city of raisins went broke.

That undaunted band called the bluff of Duluth, And made poor Tacoma back down; Then Boise thought she could strangle the truth, But the band got her goat with a frown.

That undaunted band is ready to fight Any city or town in the land. They win all the time by using their might, Then hail to that triumphant band.

C. E. PAYNE.

THE UNION SCAB AND THE "CHINK"



In the recent so-called general strike in Vancouver, B. C., many craft unions refused to strike, while Chinese carpenters went on strike with the white carpenters, although they were not members of the carpenters' union. One of the incidents of the strike was when the union street car motormen ordered a striking Chinese carpenter off the track and received the answer as shown in the cartoon. Many crafts which were in favor of striking were prohibited from doing so, on orders from the general headquarters. The lesson to be learned is, that men who desire to better their condition are better off with no union at all, than to be throttled with contracts and orders from Grand Lodge officers who are more interested in guarding the treasury than in seeing the workers FORCE better conditions from the boss. The street car men were organized and could not strike while the Chinamen were not organized and went on strike. Had it not been for craft scabbery in Vancouver, the strike would have been a victory for labor. One union for all and all for one and the boss will be "easy pickings" for those who produce all the wealth of the world.

HARRIMAN LINES WILL NOT GRANT DEMANDS

WILL NOT GRANT CONCESSIONS—SPARRING FOR TIME, SAYS BOSS—OLD ORGANIZATIONS WILL NOT ASK FOR BETTER CONDITIONS.

The following article appeared in "Railway and Marine News" of Sept. 1, under the caption "Harriman lines will not recognize labor federation."

The threatened strike of shop employes of the Harriman lines, which has been brewing for several weeks, was not settled as Railway and Marine News went to press, and there is little hope that it will, particularly insofar as the company is concerned. Julius Kruttschnitt, vice president and director of maintenance and operation of the Harriman lines, is authority for the statement that the Harriman lines will positively refuse to recognize the federation of shop employes, and it is believed among well posted railroad men that when it comes to a show down the men will refuse to strike.

In a statement given to the Associated Press at San Francisco last Sunday, soon after his arrival in a SPECIAL TRAIN from Chicago, Mr. Kruttschnitt said: "Railway officials are quasi-public officials, and our duty to the public compels us to take a firm stand in this matter. We concede that unionism has come to stay, and we are ready to meet union men as such, but we also realize our duty to the public. THE PROPOSED FEDERATION OF ALL RAILROAD CRAFTSMEN, IF CONSUMMATED, WOULD PLACE THEM IN ABSOLUTE CONTROL."

Railway and Marine News trusts that the shop employes of the Harriman lines act reasonably, and that the threatened strike be called off. The country is not in position for a great strike, and laboring men certainly are not. By striking the old men will LOSE THEIR RIGHT TO THE PENSION recently inaugurated by the Harriman management, and besides there are any number of men eager to find employment.

Should the men strike, we trust they will be badly beaten by the roads as there is, positively no merit to their contention. CAPITAL WILL NOT AND CAN NOT BE DICTATED TO BY LABOR, AND THE SOONER THE MEN FIND THAT OUT THE BETTER IT WILL BE FOR ALL CONCERNED.

One of the foremost operating railroad men in the country recently had the following to say on this subject:

"Labor has not waited for the managers to assume the initiative, but took the bull by the horns. Shop employes of six or more leading western systems, have formulated a mass of demands, which reduced to dollars would cost the western group between \$40,000,000 and \$50,000,000. Will we grant any increase? We will not, but we do not say so to the unions. WE ARE SPARRING FOR TIME, each preferring to see the trouble break out on some OTHER FELLOW'S ROAD.

"We cannot afford to make any more concessions. Even if we HAD MONEY TO THROW AWAY we should not back down any further unless we PROPOSE TO TURN OVER THE PROPERTIES TO ORGANIZED LABOR. We will have no values to conserve unless we stand pat now.

"It looks suicidal for employes to force their demands to an issue when the LABOR MARKET IS GLUTTED WITH ALL SORTS OF CAPABLE MEN and when 20 per cent of the country's labor is reported idle. Skilled mechanics are BEGGING for work in EVERY CITY and farmers can get all the HARVEST HELP THEY WANT for \$1.50 to \$2.00, as against \$3.50 and \$4.00 a day a year ago. Railroad investors need not be alarmed over the possibility of a big strike.

"We have started an economy campaign and the best men are helping it along. It is the same with the mass of employes as with the mass of shippers—the more they demand and get the less they seem willing to give.

"I have reason to believe that the old, solid organizations are not disposed to this time to press unreasonable demands."

In reading the above, the Worker has a great lesson to learn as well as the rest of us. "Railway and Marine News" is the mouthpiece of the transportation interests and therefore what it has to say is really the sentiments of the boss.

This article proves that the boss is more afraid of a federation of crafts than he is of one craft. This editor says that if labor was united the workers would be in control. That is what we have been telling for about 6 years now. It's because the other fellow has control that there is so much misery.

We now discover from the master's own mouth why he gives a pension to the slave. "By striking, the old men will lose their right to the pension." Always behind this capitalist philanthropy there is a deep scheme. So capital cannot be dictated to by labor? Labor is prior to capital and capital could not have ex-

isted except for labor, therefore labor comes first. So says Abraham Lincoln. We might inform this Harriman gang that we could get along fine without capital, but capital would be in one devil of a fix without labor. We find out by reading this that "skilled mechanics are begging for work. Glorious! That's the place the boss likes to have us. There are always plenty of scabs when men have to beg for work. Learn a trade, young man, and be a mechanic and beg for work.

This fellow has reason to believe that the old solid organizations will not strike. That is food for the boss. Sure he has "reason to believe!" The labor fakirs have told him so. Has not the great transportation companies always had REASON TO BELIEVE the solid organizations would not strike? The old organizations have accepted the pensions and all the bait that a sucker could swallow and they have become the subservient tools and the ally of the boss and for scabbing they have the professional Jim Farleyites skinned a Mormon block. Every raise of pay they ever received they got it at the expense of some poor devil that was starving and working at the same time. If there is not a hell there ought to be one for cowards and organized scabs. If the most cowardly and degraded would settle at the bottom there would be a foundation of professional union scabs. It's high time that we were getting ONE BIG UNION of the workers on the railroad as well as in every other industry. It's our only salvation. When the workers are organized to act together instead of against each other, there will be no more articles written like the above. Let us unite and whip the boss or take our gruel like whipped curs and smother our whines in our own infamy.

Judge—"How much money did you find on these men, officer?"

Bull—"4.41 on this guy, \$21.23 on this'n and this bum did not have anything."

Judge—"you two bums are fined \$4.41 and \$21.23 respectively on the charge of being alive. I'll give you one hour to get out of town. This other tramp gets 60 days for being broke."

Judge (aside to Bull)—"See what train those bums get out on and wire the next town to be on the lookout for them."

Bull—"They sure get justice in Pooksville."

POLICE LEAD THE SLAVES

LABOR DAY IN LOS ANGELES—BIG DEMONSTRATION OF IGNORANCE—CRAFTS WITH SEPARATE BANNERS PROVE WEAKNESS.

Headed by the mounted police, and a band playing the strains of "My country 'Tis of Thee," about 10,000 craft union men paraded the streets of Los Angeles on Labor day, showing the M. and M. of this city what easy suckers they are to whip if they dare go out on strike to better their conditions.

For the parade itself showed the workers how they are divided on the Industrial field. Every craft union had its banner out and crafts like the cigarmakers had banners out, advertising the Bosses' products (Labor and capital are brothers?). The Longshorem and Lumber Handlers' union of San Pedro and Los Angeles, who somehow neglected to bring their banner with them, refused to march in line on that account.

As there is an election to take place this fall, and as usual the politicians are catering to the craft unions for support, nearly two-thirds of the marchers were wearing Job Harriman's buttons.

Heading one of the divisions of the parade was the fine spectacle of seeing a socialist carrying the United States flag, which floats over every jail, bull pen and capitalist hell hole in this country.

Another sad spectacle was to see the poor Mexican laborers marching behind the same flag which floated over Mexico when Diaz tried to crush the Mexican revolution. And the same flag which is being used by Madero and his hirelings to arouse so-called patriotism into the working class, so that they may be good, obedient slaves.

As an Industrial Unionist viewing the parade and summing up the whole celebration of Labor day, which the capitalists were so good as to give us (this day of rest), I can come to only one conclusion: That if the workers who paraded the streets in one vast army of men would only act for their interests as a class, Mayor Alexander could not say to them, as he did, that we can't march past the jails where the McNamara Brothers are incarcerated. That if they were organized into ONE BIG UNION of their class, having for their motto: That there cannot be anything in common between those that work and those that work those that work. Everywhere we can hear the discontent among the rank and file of the craft unions. With the I. W. W. organizing the unorganized and the so-called organized, it will not be far in the future when we will have one big union of the only useful class in society, the working class, fighting not only for better conditions today, but organized strong enough so we can throw off the parasite class from our backs and establish for the first time in the history of the human race, Industrial Freedom.

HARRY WEINSTEIN, Los Angeles.

A VOICE FROM THE FOG.

Jerry—that's me—far-famed son of toil, Alive and alert, built up from the soil, To the rule and the scratch according to Hoyle.

Big-boned and strong-sinewed, thick-chested and long

In the reach, fore and aft, big-fisted and strong;

Hard-headed, sure-footed, long-winded—be-damn!

Six foot in my socks; It's a man that I am, I can push, I can pull, I can heave, I can haul, A half ton of brick ain't no bother a-tall, Just show me the load and git out of my way, I'll heave it or haul it or pack it all day.

Stand aside purty face with your airs and your style,

Watch Jerry, the lad from the Emerald Isle; Heave, yo, heave, yo—look out for your clothes!

Yo—heave—up she comes and over she goes, I have toiled all my life and no man ever saw Me break so much as a twig of your law. And paid every week like a prince for my task

Two dollars a day! What more could you ask? I work and I eat and I sleep and am dumb, And I git my reward in the Great Kingdom Come.

J. EDWARD MORGAN.

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The working people cannot expect to govern themselves unless they govern the product of their labor; they can only accomplish this by organizing production according to their ideas, which if class-conscious, will be opposite to the ideas of capitalists.—Ravenworth.

ARE YOU A DOG?

Are you as good as a dog, a rich man's dog? We don't mean one of the common curs that run about with a tin can tied to his tail and kicked about like a hobo or one of them detestable tramps, but a good dog, a dog with a pedigree, one that must be cared for like a rich man's child, one that has to have its health and happiness considered all the time. Of course you don't consider the health and happiness of your dog if you are a wage-slave, because you have not yet organized industrially to FORCE better conditions whereby you can even guarantee health and happiness to your own wife and children. You don't think half as much of your child as a rich man does of his dog, because if you did you would organize into one big union and fight for yourself and children as a rich man fights for his dog. The following is taken from the Vancouver World and may enlighten you somewhat to the fact that you are one hell of a long way from being as good as a dog and not by any means as much considered. We have no fault to find with the dog, but we have some fault to find with you if you are not trying to be as well cared for as the dog. The dog cannot look after himself, but YOU CAN and it is up to YOU. Read this:

Editor World.—Sir, I understand that a number of the owners of dogs in the city are being put to grave inconvenience by the new rule made by the Park Commissioners prohibiting the exercising of dogs in Stanley Park except on leash.....

The Vancouver Kennel Club has been requested to take action in the matter, as the health and happiness of hundreds of our most valued pets and companions are seriously threatened by the new rule.

In order that the directors of the club may consider the question intelligently, I should be glad if all who feel that the regulation should be repealed will communicate with the Vancouver Kennel Club at once through its secretary, Mr. T. M. McAuliffe, 750 Denman street, city. If a sufficient degree of support is thus assured, the club will doubtless feel justified in taking the matter up with the Park Commissioners. Yours faithfully,
COLIN F. JACKSON,
 President of the V. K. C.

FEAR THE I. W. W.

The Nome Industrial Worker, official organ of 240, W. F. M., hit the nail on the head in an editorial in a late issue, when it declared that when some people feigned to despise the I. W. W. it was really FEAR. That the I. W. W. is feared by labor fakirs and capitalists is proven every day by the brutal assaults on the speakers of the organization when some brutal cur of a bull thinks he is in a stronghold like McCarthy's fake labor union town of San Francisco, or when some thug with a star catches some I. W. W. member in an out of the way place like a small farming community. The brutality of these thugs knows no bounds when they think they have their victim in an isolated position, but when the I. W. W. has a few hundred members in some place where publicity can be given to the acts of the police and the members are ready to fill the jails for violating their capitalist LAW, then these hounds fly to cover like licked curs. The I. W. W. is now in its infancy. It has more members at present than the A. F. of L. had after the first decade of its existence. The I. W. W. has had to fight every inch of its way and has carried on battles that would make bigger labor organizations quit in jig time. That every effort will be made to suppress the I. W. W. goes without saying. We see the proof of it every day. The slave must not be awakened to a knowledge of the latent power that lies within his breast. He must be kept in ignorance of his great FORCE if possible. Every effort will yet be made to divide us and get us to fighting among ourselves, so realizing this, we must stick together like glue and leave the petty differences if any exist among ourselves and keep our eye ever on the game the enemy is playing. Our enemy is every parasite that fattens from the toil of labor, whether he be priest or preacher, labor fakirs with his fat salary or the real master himself. Economic necessity compels us to fight to the death. The threat that was made and carried out in the shutting down of all sawmills in the southern states to keep the lumber workers out of the

I. W. W. must be met with men and not with cowards. The very best that is within us must be brought to the surface and we must hang together or, hang separately. Work for your union as you have never worked before. Fight as you have never fought before. Agitate all the time and remember the word SOLIDARITY!

THE POOR KING.

The recent strike of railroad workers in England forced the King of England to take an automobile to go to his destination 90 miles off. This shows that labor when they act together can force kings, queens and princesses as well as all other species of the human parasite, to do their share of the work of the nation. There is no limit to the power of the workers once they are organized. The king will likely understand from the recent action of part of the workers sticking together, that any time they all stick it is off with his job of doing nothing for a yearly fortune. All kings must tremble before the face of a united working class. Speed the day.

FOXY GRANDPA.

Foxy Grandpa Kirby, the millionaire who made a fortune by working ill-paid slaves in the southern sawmills, has "slipped the cut" on his brothers of the Southern Lumber association. When it was decided that the mills would close down as a threat to keep the Southern lumber worker out of the I. W. W. Foxy Millionaire Kirby closed three of his small mills down in Texas so that he could get men enough to operate his mills in other districts. John Kirby now has all the mills closed down in this district where his three small mills were situated and his big mills are pounding along night and day as if nothing had ever happened. Kirby has slipped one over on his side kickers but he has not fazed the slaves of the south, as they can go cotton picking and when the sawmills open they will be there on the job. Poor Kirby and his ilk are in one hell of a fix because they cannot brow beat the workers of the Southern states. Its a good thing when workers will make one man so rich that he can dictate to the workers what they should join and what they should say and do. However, its a free country and that helps a lot when a man is hungry. Say Mike, did you ever eat one of them star spangled banners for breakfast and then sing about it for desert?

NO MUSIO.

Musicians in St. Louis refused to march on labor day in a parade with the Boy Scouts. Bully for the musicians. Maybe the boys will learn by such a snub that their organization is a very undesirable one to the workers in general and they may quit it cold. Let us hope so.

B. C. MINES TO OPEN.

So say the daily capitalist papers. The miners of the Crows Nest Pass have been on strike many months now, and it is a known thing that the master class will attempt to re-open the mines with scab labor. The Spokesman-Review says that the C. P. R. has succeeded in keeping the market stocked with coal that it has brought from Pennsylvania and other points. The Fernie Ledger, official organ of the U. M. W. A. in the Pass, deplores the fact that union miners are leaving for other camps to go to work. Again let us take a look at this thing. The union miners have been on strike for months and yet no one has gone without coal. Our power lies in being able to force the boss to come to terms so as to supply the people with coal to keep them warm. The United Mine Workers of America are organized in the camps that are today sending coal into the strike affected district. This U. M. W. A. has been lauded by labor fakirs as an Industrial organization. If it is, then let us see it in action. Let every contract be broken and the men under the jurisdiction of the U. M. W. A. (not in one state) lay down their tools until the men in the Crows Nest Pass have received their demands. That is POWER and the U. M. W. A. has the POWER to accomplish this very thing. The Crows Nest Pass is full of mounted armed thugs ready to do the master's bidding and the American BROTHERS are helping the boss by mining coal to be sent to Fernie and other points which were heretofore supplied by the men now on strike. We have little patience with such an organization and we refuse to allow any fakir to gull in the workers with any sop in the shape of calling this capitalist machine an Industrial Organization. It is an Industrial organization in no sense of the word, for if it was the strike in the Crows Nest Pass would not last two days. Industrial organization means that the workers will act together in the industry and will not be divided by state contracts or any other scheme of the Civic Federation. The man that says the U. M. W. A. is an Industrial Organization is a fakir and a liar.

TOGO AND TAFT.

One of the most notable events in the way of a social gathering was the meeting between Togo, the Japanese admiral, and Taft, the commander-in-chief, of the United States war forces. The American capitalists felt each other to do homage to this almond-eyed little fellow because he has some reputation as a professional murderer.

There is no race war between parasites. No sneering allusions are made to the "almond-eyed scab," etc. No talking about the "damned foreigner" is heard coming from the parasites. These people recognize their class regardless of race, color or creed. It is for the working man to divide himself against the foreigner by cursing the country, flag, etc., from which the poor devil left in order to try and get more to eat and a better roof over his head. We have little to gain until we, like the capitalists, cut out this silly rot and meet our fellow workers regardless of the color of their skins or the shape of their eyes, as members of THE WORKING CLASS engaged in the same struggle as ourselves, and that is to better our conditions. Again, let us take a lesson from the boss and remember the thousands of dollars which were produced by labor and spent for the enjoyment of one little Jap. Don't fight each other—Fight the parasite!

BUDAPEST CIVIC FEDERATION

(By W. Z. Foster).

The International Secretariat Conference at Budapest has officially placed its stamp of approval on the Civic Federation and stuck a knife into the agitation of American revolutionists against this nefarious combination. James Duncan, Civic Federation delegate—incidentally armed with A. F. of L. credentials—was accepted as a delegate, over a special protest by the I. W. W. And this allegedly revolutionary International Secretariat has thus betrayed the American revolutionary movement in order to win the friendship of the reactionary A. F. of L.—a friendship that will be exploited later by playing the A. F. of L. against the C. G. T. to balk the latter's attempt to break the existing international quarantine against the spread of revolutionary ideas in the labor unions by turning the International Secretariat into a genuine International organization.

Duncan's official recognition is indeed betrayal of the American movement. At the miners convention, at which Mitchell got fired, one of the great arguments used was that Kautsky, Rosa Luxembourg and other German radicals raised at the reception of Gompers in Europe. In the fight that in the near future will be waged in the labor movement over the participation of Duncan and other labor fakirs in the Civic Federation, this argument will be taken away from the rebels and used by the Civic Federation fakirs. They can now point to the Budapest Conference as an official Socialist endorsement of the Civic Federation and can quote Carl Legien, Hueber, Bergmans, Appleton and others of the most prominent Socialist labor leaders of Europe who went out of their way to defend the Civic Federation.

The story of the conference is illustrative of the slugging tactics by which the Socialists broke up the old International and by which THEY RULE THE MODERN EUROPEAN LABOR MOVEMENT.

The International Secretariat is a degenerate successor of the old International Workingmen's Association. It consists of not more than one labor organization from each country. It holds its conferences every two years at which the affiliated organizations each can send only two delegates. It is in full control of the Socialists who refuse, from political considerations, to let it develop into a serious International organization.

The I. W. W. had duly filed, a protest against the seating of Duncan on grounds that he was a member of the Civic Federation, a protest against the admission of the A. F. of L. into the International Secretariat and an application of the I. W. W. for affiliation with International Secretariat. The attempt was made to dispose of all these unpleasant matters by absolutely ignoring them. The first order of business should have been to act on the I. W. W.'s filed protest of Duncan's credentials but the conference took no cognizance of it, but, immediately after the opening, passed on to the regular order of business, not even examining the credentials of the delegates present. As I. W. W. delegate, I took the floor and demanded that the I. W. W. protest against Duncan be heard. The conference refused to allow me to talk, claiming the I. W. W. was not affiliated with the International Secretariat and consequently its delegate was only a guest and had no voice or vote—the A. F. of L. was thus by common consent, and without official action, accepted as member of International Secretariat, although the I. W. W. had contested its admission. I persisted, however, in demanding the I. W. W. contest of Duncan's credentials be heard and for about an hour pandemonium reigned; the business of the conference was brought to a standstill in spite of vigorous efforts to carry it on regardless of my protests. I was cajoled and browbeaten—Sassenbach, secretary of the General Committee, and other Socialists threatened to throw me out if I didn't subside. I am reliably informed that a sergeant-at-arms was to eject me but refused.

Finally, I took my seat, believing that I had, however, irregularly, brought the Civic Federation matter before the conference. Jouhaux, secretary of the C. G. T. of France, immediately took the floor, flayed Duncan and the Civic Federation fakirs and made a motion that Duncan be forced to explain his connection with the Civic Federation. Thus in spite of the gagging of the I. W. W. delegate, the matter was officially brought before the conference. Yvetot, the other C. G. T. delegate, ably seconded Jouhaux's motion. Then it was that the above mentioned prominent Socialist laborers opposed the French motion and put themselves on record in favor of the Civic Federation—around which the discussion turned.

DUNCAN TOOK NO PART IN THE DEBATE, LEAVING THE DEFENSE OF THE CIVIC FEDERATION ENTIRELY TO HIS SOCIALIST ALLIES. Jouhaux's motion was lost—every delegate present (all Socialists except Duncan) voted against it except the two French delegates.

The admission of the I. W. W. into the International Secretariat was next order of business—proposed by C. G. T. at Paris Conference, 1909—the official application of the I. W. W. for affiliation being ignored. I was, as a "courtesy," given the floor under pain of being instantly silenced if I talked out of order, i. e., on the Civic Federation. I was as brief as possible. Duncan responded to me, calling the I. W. W. an organization of strike breakers, bums, etc., and then defended the Civic Federation for half an hour, a defense entirely out of order as the Civic Federation matter

had been disposed of. In accordance to European parliamentary rules, I was entitled to the last word in the discussion and I was going to refute Duncan's explanation of the Civic Federation. The floor was refused me, first on the grounds that the discussion had already consumed several hours time and finally as I still demanded my right as Sassenbach told me because "Comrade Legien says you can't have the floor." In spite of Legien's dictator of European labor movement, imperial ukase, I insisted on my right to reply to Duncan and Legien himself moved the closure of the debate, which was carried. Thus the conference after allowing Duncan to explain the Civic Federation, refused me the right to "explain" it also, which I was prepared to do with writings of nearly every prominent revolutionist in the United States. Duncan's Socialist partners saved him and themselves from some extremely awkward explanations.

At the close of the session in a little knot of delegates, Jouhaux took Legien to task for defending the Civic Federation when the whole American revolutionary movement was up in arms against it. Without any explanations or trimmings, Legien flatly denied that there was any quarrel between the Civic Federation and the Socialist movement.

At first glance, Legien's statement seems to be a deliberate falsehood, but in reality, it is true. The present "unpleasantness" between the Civic Federation and the Socialist political movement is not due to vitally opposing interests of the two organizations but to R. Easeley's misunderstanding of the true aims of the Socialist party. The Civic Federation wants "industrial peace" and so does the S. P. The Civic Federation wants "industrial peace" because economic wars are expensive. The S. P. wants "industrial peace" so the workers will never learn their true economic power but will continue to squander their energies in building up the political movement. The Civic Federation secures its end by paralyzing the action of the labor unions and the S. P. all over the world adopts practically the same tactics for exactly the same end. In France, the Socialist Minister of Labor, Millerand, a governmental organization to "adjust" industrial disputes. Its form and tactics were almost identical with those of the Civic Federation. The scheme was endorsed by the leading Socialist politicians of France and was only killed by the C. G. T. after a long struggle. The German unions, forbidden to fight by their Socialist dictators and driven into a corner by their employers who are making Germany the land of the mass lock-out, would welcome a German Civic Federation with open arms that would give them the longed for "industrial peace." If Ralph Easeley cuts out his "rough stuff" anti-Socialist agitation, and scratches the backs of the Socialist politicians, they will return the compliment even more than they have to date. Legien's statement is true.

If it is not, and the American Socialists are trying to destroy the Civic Federation, why didn't that raise a vigorous protest against Duncan's recognition either directly to the International Secretariat or by waging a campaign in the Socialist papers of Europe? The International Secretariat which is completely dominated by Socialists, wouldn't have dared to accept Duncan in the face of such a protest. His rejection would have gone a long way towards killing the Civic Federation. Why have the American Socialists allowed this great opportunity to pass by unexploited and by their silence, permitted their European comrades to defend the Civic Federation and to say there is no quarrel between it and the Socialist movement? It is a pertinent question.

U. S. ARMY ON THE BUM.

Nobody wants to be a soldier. There is no need to strike up the band, for no soldiers come. The U. S. A. is bunk!

Vacancies at West Point cannot be filled. Just 116 second lieutenants exist only on paper. It's a cinch job at what seems good pay, but it goes begging.

But perhaps some insight into army affairs might bring light. Read this dispatch: "Washington, Aug. 24.—To improve the horsemanship of the United States army, Secretary of War Stimson will soon issue an order that riding schools shall form part of the garrison training of all mounted commands in the service."

Why shouldn't all officers be fine horsemen? What else is there to do, except keep up athletic training? Yet few can endure strain of any sort, if Mr. Roosevelt is to be believed.

If the man under shoulder-straps regard the army as a place to loaf, it is not strange that the job does not appeal to boys worth while. But even in peace, the army should be busy. In the first place, it ought to be guarding the forests.

Not that any amount of persuasion will relieve the army just now. Only another war can fill the ranks, and whether they will be full, even then, will depend on what sort of war it is. For the antipathy to soldiering, inculcated by the labor people, grows very strong. In the end only the cadets of the wealthy may go to West Point.

Which will be a very sad thing.—Butte Inter-Mountain.

SURE, IT'S FUNNY.

Hear the socialist, with his everlasting plan of "capturing the government,"—so like the ape trying to capture his own reflection in a mirror. Aye, even funnier, for he knows that government is but a reflection. It is not government of men that the Industrialist seeks, but government of his own product.

DAVID KENNEDY.

