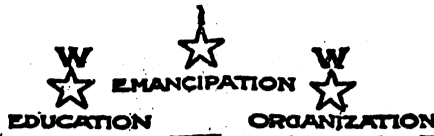


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OAKLAND THUGS ACTIVE

OAKLAND POLICE INVADE INDOOR MEETING—CROWD SLUGGED IN AUDITORIUM AND LAWRENCE TACTICS USED—SEVERAL IN HOSPITAL.

The I. W. W. has been speaking at Eleventh and Broadway for years and when the police ordered them to cease their use of the corner without giving reasons for the action the workers held a conference. They continued the use of the corner for several nights without molestation, but were finally ordered to keep off. Ninth and Broadway was assigned to them and on Sunday, February 3, they marched to the corner set for them by the police only to be met by 100 patrolmen armed with night sticks. When the speaking commenced the police thugs charged the crowd using their clubs viciously upon speakers and bystanders alike. Despite the fact that signed permission to use the corner was given and the permit present at the attempted meeting the attack took place, and B. E. Hayes, secretary of local 174, I. W. W., together with John Dyke and C. E. Foster, was arrested.

Aided by recruits from San Francisco, and other radicals from Oakland, a parade was attempted. The marchers formed at I. W. W. headquarters proceeded up Washington street with the red flag at their head. The police automobile filled with patrolmen in charge of Captain of Police Lynch swung full speed into the procession, and returning quickly proceeded to bludgeon all in the street, even the usual Sunday night throng who had taken no part in the affair.

The regular Sunday night meeting of the Socialists was in session at the Hamilton Auditorium and the members of the crowd made that their objective point. The meeting was about to adjourn when the marchers arrived and announced another meeting to be held in the hall. The police auto approached the spot in front of the hall and the rebels united in three cheers for free speech.

The meeting in the hall had not gotten under way when another police auto appeared and the reserve police jumped from it clubbing those who had not yet entered the hall, driving them inside. Here the police followed them and those who were quietly seated in the hall received a taste of "Lawrence tactics."

The Oakland World in a special issue gives the following account of what then occurred. "For the third time indiscriminate clubbing was resorted to. Many of the audience inside the hall were quietly seated and were thunder struck when they found the hall filled with striking and cursing blue coats."

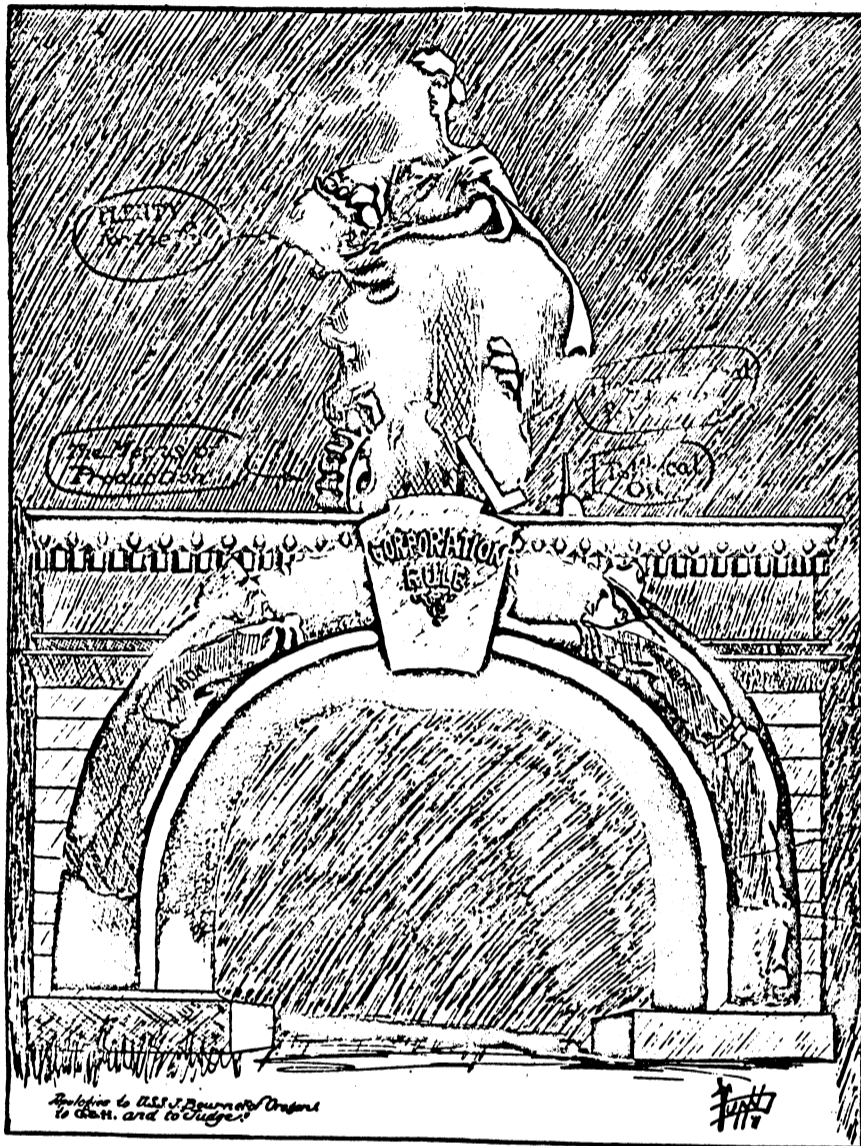
The police seemed beside themselves. Women were roughly pushed and prodded to the doorway; men were beaten to the floor and flung bruised and bleeding down the stairs, where they lay on the pavement unconscious. County Organizer Frank Strawn-Hamilton, who was in the rear of the hall, was beaten over the head by two policemen and, dazed and streaming with blood, hurled to the pavement below. Inside the hall the policemen were striking with an abandoned brutality. They ran men down the aisle; they climbed over the backs of seats after them. When men fell under their blows, they beat and clubbed them as they lay.

Comrade J. B. Chestnut, chairman of the meeting, was dragged from the platform, receiving a severe scalp wound from a patrol man's stick. C. A. Bascom, a Berkeley Socialist, was beaten into insensibility, and flung bodily to the sidewalk.

But the crowning infamy of all came when a maddened patrolman attempted to club Comrade H. C. Tuck, editor of the World, who is nearly 60 years of age and totally blind. The blows would undoubtedly have fallen on his head but that Comrade Mace stepped in between and warded them off. No attention was paid to the pleading of his blind wife, who clinging to him, called pitifully to the frantic policeman not to strike her sightless husband.

While the raid was being made upon the hall, J. H. Fones, a Socialist and labor agitator, who has been speaking on the streets for years, was arrested at Thirteenth and Jefferson streets. Holding aloft a banner, he vigorously asserted his right to free speech. He was surrounded by policemen and blows were rained upon him. Dragged to the police station, he was again set upon, and once more the brave defenders of the city glutted their vengeance on an old man of over sixty, striking and kicking him as he reeled in the cell, bleeding profusely from a scalp wound and with one hand disabled by the breaking of bones in his wrist.

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CAPITALISM WILL FALL WHEN LABOR WITHDRAWS ITS SUPPORT

STRIKERS RANKS REMAIN UNBROKEN

Although it is stated that some of the skilled operatives affiliated with the A. F. of L. have returned to work the great body of the strikers are still showing the wonderful spirit of solidarity that has marked the strike since its inception.

Samuel Lipsen gave the reason for this fact when he said to the rules committee at Washington, "There are sixteen nationalities represented in the Lawrence mills but they commingled before, owing to the difference in tongues. But the stomach language speaks to all."

The leaders of the A. F. of L. after having used every device in their power in the Lawrence district to break the strike, and after calling the I. W. W. anarchists now hope to retrieve themselves by talking in favor of the anarchists strongest argument—the general strike. But they dare not contribute their part to the general strike for they know that with the I. W. W. on the scene any such move would precipitate the final conflict which would end only with the ownership of the mills by the toiling textile operatives.

Dynamite plots continue to be the order of the day and so far-fetched have been the efforts of the hirelings of the Wool Trust that the general body of people laugh at their clumsy antics.

Federal injury into the strike has begun. The only possible result of this will be to ad-

vertise some self-seeking politicians and to leave the textile workers in the same miserable condition as before.

The Iron Moulders showed their class instinct by withdrawing from the Central Labor Union when that body showed decidedly scabby tendencies under the leadership of John Golden. Gompers indorsement of Golden's scabbery has not increased respect for him among the moulders.

The I. W. W. still remains firm in its demand that 15 per cent increase be granted and that the mill owners have their prostituted tools release Etor and Giovanni.

The offers of small increases has been met by refusal and more men than ever are on strike. Picketing is becoming more business-like and productive of results than at any time during the strike.

No further news of Etor's hearing can be gleaned from the Lawrence or Boston papers. Haywood, speaking at Cambridge, showed the truth of the matter when he said: "John Ramy was killed by the inhuman brutes who wore the uniforms and Annie Lo Pozzi died the victim of a police officer. If the murderer of Annie Lo Pozzi is found he will be found wearing the policeman's uniform and if the real accessory to her murder is found, instead of Etor it will be Colonel Sweetser. The powers behind the governor are the members of the textile trust and they are the real culprits."

One of the tools of the mill owners demanded a full accounting of all funds received at Lawrence by the I. W. W. This was in hopes of embarrassing the strike committee. Menzie, Golden, and other A. F. of L. leaders were also vociferous in demanding an accounting. Edwin S. Morse, a noted public accountant, and two well known lawyers from Boston made a thorough examination of all receipts and expenditures. The report was favorable to the I. W. W. and no discrepancies or misuse of funds was discovered.

The accountant's report, in part, is "The method of accounting for receipts and payments in the early weeks of the strike was, as might be expected, crude. Later on, however, the method was improved and the accounting system now devised when in complete operation, should produce satisfactory results."

"The receipts as they arrive, by mail or otherwise, are numbered and entered in a cash book, under three heads, viz: 'A. F. of L.', 'Socialists,' 'I. W. W. and others,' and the fourth column is for total of the preceding columns; these four columns are footed daily and the amount as thus shown is deposited with the Lawrence Trust company.

Funds are still needed and every one should send all they can spare to aid the strikers to Joseph Bedard, 9 Mason street, Lawrence, Mass.

Organizer Thompson Murderously Assaulted

As an outcome of the Lawrence strike James P. Thompson, General Organizer of the I. W. W., received a severe slugging at the hands of unknown parties in Lawrence on March 4th.

The attack occurred at about 7 a. m. Thompson was awakened in his room in the Marlboro by knocking upon the door and arising in a half dressed condition answered by opening the door. Three men entered and proceeded to use the blackjack upon Thompson's head.

The attack was so unexpected and as Thompson at first thought his assailants were police officers no resistance was offered. When he realized the true state of affairs he made his escape from the trio, down the hallway. Two shots were fired after him, neither reaching the mark.

The men then fled leaving a broken blackjack in Thompson's room and the revolver with which the shots were fired in the alley nearby. A derby hat was found in the hallway bearing the mark of a New York firm. No other clues are at hand.

The men are believed to be foreign speaking and as Thompson had no personal enemies in Lawrence the whole affair seems to be planned at the instigation of the mill owners.

George Colburn, who attempted to capture one of the men, was also slugged in two places. Thompson, upon escaping from the thugs, found refuge in a harness shop close at hand, and from there was removed to the hospital. His wounds are of a critical nature. This is another evidence of Russianized tactics in Lawrence.

EXTRA POLICE IN SAN DIEGO

CONFLICT IN SAN DIEGO STILL RAGES—PINKERTONS IMPORTED TO SCENE—FIVE HUNDRED ADDITIONAL POLICE PLACED ON FORCE—MEN WANTED.

(Special to "Worker" by Leased Wire.)

San Diego, March 4.—Fight still on in San Diego. Nearly two hundred men in jail. San Diego jails full and men are being shipped to jails in surrounding counties. Expenses all fall upon San Diego county and tax payers are howling. This fight is one of the hardest we have ever had. It means something more than free speech. The merchants and manufacturers of Los Angeles and San Francisco are behind this and it means a determined effort to peonize California. The master class have started at San Diego and will make an attempt to reduce to subjection the workers of the coast. An anti-picketing ordinance has just been passed by the San Diego council in addition to the anti-free speech ordinance. The A. F. of L. unions are helping us here as well as other branches of the working class.

City police are importing gun men and stool pigeons to wreck I. W. W. and other labor organizations. Notorious Pinkertons who worked in Western Federation of Miners have been recognized here. The citizens are aroused and a big mass meeting was held in Germania Hall Sunday night. J. Edward Morgan of Western Federation of Miners was the speaker. Mass meeting held in front of jails and it is said that 500 extra policemen have been added to force. The men in jail send their greetings and say to all fellow workers that they will fight to the finish. Men are coming in slowly and arrests are made nightly. It is reported that the march of the unemployed will start on San Diego this week. Money not needed so much as men. Get busy; the climate is good here.

Press Committee, Free Speech League.

Further reports on the 7th state that the men incarcerated in the city jail locked out their keepers and by united action endeavored to tear down the cells and break out of the concrete building. This report is from the Associated Press and is not verified by authentic information from San Diego local.

The news dispatch goes on to state that the solid steel doors leading to the big cell rooms had been locked by the jailers to keep the prisoners from making too much noise. When this was done the prisoners plugged up the locks with strips from their tin cups thus making it impossible for the jailers to open the cells.

The men are said to be entrenched against the police, and the latter have decided to starve the men into submission. Crowds gather nightly in front of the jail.

Every live rebel should head for San Diego to give General Otis and the other human hyenas of the M. and M. a taste of high life. We must win this fight. It takes money but that is the least. It takes MEN. Get on the firing line of the class struggle and shop the bosses in California that the I. W. W. is in the fight to win. Ever "red," whether he or she goes by the name of Industrialist, Socialist, Anarchist, Single-taxer, Trade Unionist or something else should be on hand. Send all funds to Wood Hubbard, Box 312, San Diego. Go yourself to the Rebels Lodging House and eat at the taxpayers expense.

-On to San Diego, Rebels!

MURDER IS MURDER.

For fear that you may miss the announcements elsewhere in the paper this article is for the purpose of informing you that issue number 157 of the "Industrial Worker" will be a special anti-patriotic number. Two weeks are soon over. Order now. The issue will show the uninitiated that murder is murder even when done in the name of patriotism. War is hell and this issue gives hell to hell.

MINE EXPLOSION IN MERRITT, B. C.

On March 7th an explosion occurred in the mine of the Diamond Vale collieries due to the use of naked lights, and seven were killed and two injured. Merritt is the camp where men were recently laid off for an indefinite period because they dared to organize. It seems that organization is necessary if the mines are to be made safe. The employers will murder all the miners in their employ rather than loosen their hold voluntarily upon their stolen profits. Capitalism means murder.

A political freak writes to the "Worker" that he uses the paper in place of a physic. We advise him to try sitting on a copy. Parliamentarians keep their brains in strange places.

