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MIGHTY IS TRUTH -- THE TRUTH SHALL PREVAIL.

Light Breaks At Last In City of Centralia.

"I SPOKE UP AND SAID I WOULD LEAD IF ENOUGH WOULD FOLLOW BUT BEFORE I COULD TAKE THE LEAD THERE WERE MANY AHEAD OF ME. SOMEONE NEXT TO ME PUT HIS FOOT AGAINST THE DOOR AND FORCED IT OPEN, AFTER WHICH A SHOWER OF BULLETS POURED THROUGH THE OPENING ABOUT US" -- Testimony of Dr. Frank Bickford at Coroner's Inquest, at Centralia, Wash.

Little by little the truth is leaking out.

Above the shrieks of the kept press, the calm statement of Dr. Bickford sounds like a convent bell on a clear and frosty morning. Physician and gentleman, he could not stoop to lies. No matter what the implications of his testimony, as affecting himself, he could not stultify his manhood, and a tortured world must honor him. He is the one ray of sunshine in a scene that is all darkness and sadness.

Other persons were in Centralia on the 11th of November and bystanders witnessed the tragic scene enacted at the I.W.W. Hall. Men marching in the ranks of the ex-service men are said to have had side-arms on and they consider it a sinister coincidence that this portion of the parade was halted directly in front of the Hall, especially when the many threats that had been made to clear out the place are taken into consideration. How many were in the hall at the time is not known by these men as they were out on the pavement viewing the parade and not suspecting that an attack was imminent.

It is asserted by one that he heard an order given, but all agree that there was a rush for the entrance to the hall that had every appearance of a "charge". There was a splintering of glass, a crash at the door and a rapid succession of pistol shots. The crowd of ex-soldiers surged forward and powder smoke drifted up from the mass of men in the entrance. Pistol shots also sounded farther back in the building and a man was seen to reel out of the crowd at the door and was caught by his companions. They saw no one else fall in the street and think that all the other casualties, except the death of Dale Hubbard, occurred in the hall.

Later they saw Wesley Everett or Ernest Everest (they are not sure of the name), an EX-SOLDIER FROM OVERSEAS being dragged along the street with a rope around his neck. He had been beat up and kicked in the groin so that he could scarcely walk, but he continually vilified his captors, and in response to cries of "Lynch him" from the crowd replied "They haven't got the guts to lynch anybody".

These men declare that they heard no firing from any of the neighboring buildings, nor from the hillside. They were on the street a few feet from the North end of the Roderick Hotel and, owing to the fact that there were but few persons on the pavement at that distance from the main part of the town they had almost an unobstructed view of the entrance to the hall, and all the other points from which firing is said to have come were in full view and firing from such places could have been seen as well as heard if there had been any.

The situation at Centralia is tense with excitement and men who would be able to throw the light of truth on all the occurrences there, are afraid to speak now, lest they suffer harm at the hands of the hysterical mob of young motorcity hunters that have flocked into the town. The attorneys and investigators, who have been over the ground report that there is a strong undercurrent of opinion among the people of Centralia and the surrounding country that the assault on the hall was premeditated and planned, as it is a matter of common knowledge that threats were freely made to that effect.

BAIL AND BOND RECORDS INTACT.

Consequent upon the murderous hysteria created by the Seattle Times and Post Intelligencer following the raid and assault upon the I.W.W. Hall at Centralia, Nov. 11th, the police of Seattle raided the I.W.W. hall and the offices of the Central Northwest Pacific Bail and Bond Committee and the Seattle District Defense Committee. All typewriters, adding machines and other office furnishings were seized, besides the arrest of seven workers found on the premises, and the offices were locked up by the police.

However, we desire to notify all members of the I.W.W. and the thousands of sympathizers with the organization, that all the records and funds of the Bail and Bond Committee are intact and safeguarded to such a manner that no loss will be occasioned to those who have so generously loaned and donated Liberty Bonds and cash to assist in liberating the members of the I.W.W. from Leavenworth and Wichita jails. The work of collecting funds for this purpose will continue and the same care will be used to safeguard and guarantee the return of all loans.

The United States Court of Appeals has granted the privilege of appeal and privilege of release on bail to all Fellow Workers confined in Leavenworth penitentiary, and the Wichita court has granted privilege of bail to the Fellow Workers there, who have been in jail for more than two years without trial. The Bail and Bond Committee has proceeded upon strictly legal lines, under guidance of a competent attorney, and in conformity with court procedure in such cases, in its effort to obtain the release of our fellow workers, but notwithstanding this the Seattle Police at the behest of the Seattle Associated Capitalists, through their blatant and cowardly mouthpieces, the Times and P.I., have closed the office and thrown many of our members into jail. The Seattle District Defense Committee suffered a similar fate. The function of this committee is to obtain funds to provide adequate LEGAL defense for all our members who may be arrested because of membership in or activity in behalf of the organization. The Defense Committee in order to do this must give full publicity to all cases through the medium of newspapers, circulars and by mass meetings. But the constituted LEGAL authorities, apparently, do not desire this, therefore they have closed up the defense office and the printing plant and we are unable to obtain halls in which to hold meetings and are not permitted to hold open air meetings.

Notwithstanding the obstacles thrown in our way, the Defense Com. like the Bail and Bond Committee will use every effort to obtain funds in order to provide adequate LEGAL defense for our imprisoned members and will find some method of giving publicity to these cases.

All fellow workers must be defended, and ALL MEMBERS OF THE WORKING CLASS and sympathizers must assist in the work. When the Centralia case comes to trial in a LEGAL manner in a court of law, it will there be proved who were the instigators of the raid on the I. W. W. hall in the attempt to murder our members after numerous efforts to drive the organization from that city.

Greater agitation, more education and a stronger industrial organization using PEACEABLE ECONOMIC DIRECT ACTION is the reply of the I.W.W. to the murderous direct physical violence of the Capitalist class.

The iron heel is always on the neck of the slave; when he raises his head in his own interests he comes in contact with the Master's Heel. The Iron Heel is not CO MING. IT IS HERE. And has always been here since human slavery was instituted.

The trial of Ragnar Johanson, who was arrested as a "disorderly person", after expressing the appreciation of the Class War Prisoners for aid extended by Russian Workers, at a meeting in the Labor Temple on the 8th of November has been postponed until the 28th of the month. Johanson is at liberty on \$1000.00 cash bail.



THE INDUSTRIAL WORKER

This edition of the Industrial Worker appears in the present form because the authorities have closed the printing plant where the paper has usually been produced, and other printers, in this time of post-war hysteria, fear to accept our work. This is one means of denying the right of free speech and silencing the labor press.

The mimeograph is therefore our last resort and the committee knows that the I.W.W. membership and the other patrons of the paper will, for the present, accept our good intention for the deed and grant us time to get the paper out under better conditions. We hope to be out in the regular form next week, -- though it may be the second week before we are fully equipped.

The mail for the Worker is "held up" and it may be sometime before we can receive our correspondence regularly. If you have news or correspondence for the Worker, get it into the hands of the nearest Branch Secretary, who will probably be able to forward it for you.

We will put this paper out regardless of any activities or persecution on the part of the master. Now is the time to STICK. Show the master and his lot that we WON'T lay down at any time. This paper is almost as expensive as getting it out on a press. Therefore to keep it coming under the present unrest, donate what you can to keep the Worker fund to at least an even break.

----- Business Manager.

Following the tragedy in Centralia, officials all over the state have become super-active in arresting and jailing members of the I.W.W. There is a frenzy of madness in the minds of these gentlemen and the most offensive workman who happens to have an opinion and the courage to express it, is declared a "red" and forthwith thrown into the can. Portland, Spokane, Seattle and Tacoma are fast filling the jails with members of this organization, and the smaller towns are expected to follow suit.

Men, worried about the fate of friends from whom they have been unable to hear, have quit their employment in the woods and the employer or his lickspittle boss, fired with the new inquisitorial zeal, has notified the nearest town that an army of reds were descending upon the place with the result that wholesale arrests are made of men absolutely innocent of harmful intention.

Bosses may believe that such tactics will terrorize men into remaining at work, but men who work under such duress are no longer free men. They are enslaved and it is a demonstrated fact that slavery is not profitable under the Industrial system of production. The man who yet cherishes the idea that he is free is the only one that can be speeded up. Once cured of that delusion, the slave, losing all incentive to furnish his subsistence, he slows down until the returns from his labor are barely sufficient to furnish his subsistence and the profits of the business disappear.

Now. Slave labor does not pay any dividends.

THE CENTRALIA HORROR

On every hand the evidence of a frame-up accumulates. The whole tendency of the editorial expression of the capitalist press has been to influence the passions of men and egg them on to mob violence. Any one could see, who could understand the drift of events, that a pogrom was in preparation, but where the storm would break was of course a problem for the mere observer.

Tension had become very great in this whole coast region, and the members of the I.W.W. recognizing the signs, stuck to their jobs, hoping that the hysterical period would blow itself out with nothing more serious than the "ham bone" achievement of the wrecking of an empty hall by some bunch of irresponsible boys. While Centralia was regarded as a storm center of capitalist promoted hysteria, it was not expected that the mob would actually attempt to operate in broad daylight, which accounts for the fact that there was anyone in the hall at the time of

the raid. If the extent of the madness had been known, there is no doubt the workers would have vacated and let the mob make itself ridiculous again by a savage attack upon inanimate articles of furniture caught in a trap and confronted with the fury of an attacking party- the first law of nature held sway and the peaceful meeting place became a shambles.

No one can condone this event. It can only be explained -- Human frailty, played upon by scheming scoundrels -- and the guilty parties are those who sat back in soft places and pulled the wires. To save themselves, they still pull wires and shout "Stop Thief!"

Labor's answer must be SOLIDARITY.

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PREAMBLE.

The working class and the employing class have nothing in common. There can be no peace so long as hunger and want are found among millions of the working people and the few, who make up the employing class have all the good things of life.

Between these two classes a struggle must go on until the workers of the world organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production, and abolish the wage system.

We find that the centering of the management of industries into fewer and fewer hands makes the trade unions unable to cope with the ever growing power of the sta employing class. The trade unions foster a state of affairs which allows one set of workers to be pitted against another set of workers in the same industry, thereby helping to defeat one another in wage wars. Moreover, the trade unions aid the employing class to mislead the workers into the belief that the working class have interests in common with their employers.

These conditions can be changed and the interest of the working class upheld only by an organization formed in such a way that all its members in any one industry, or in all industries if necessary, cease work whenever a strike or lockout is on in any department thereof, thus making an injury to one an injury to all.

Instead of the conservative motto, "A fair day's work for a fair day's wage," we must inscribe on our banner the revolutionary watchword "Abolition of the wage system".

It is the historic mission of the working class to do away with capitalism. The army of production must be organized, not only for the everyday struggle with capitalism, but also to carry on production when capitalism shall have been overthrown. By organizing industrially we are forming the new society within the shell of the old.

Do not send any mail to Box #1857, or to Box #365 as we cannot get same. Arrangements will be made for future mail.