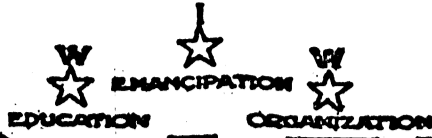


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AGITATE—EDUCATE—ORGANIZE—FIGHT FOR THE EIGHT HOUR DAY

J. B. McNAMARA ON TRIAL

M'NAMARA TRIAL IS ON—J. B. M'NAMARA TO BE TRIED FIRST—PROSECUTION TRIES TO HOLD TALESMEN WHO ARE PREJUDICED AGAINST PRISONER.

The big trial is on. Attorneys for the defence say it may take a month to six weeks to secure a jury. That every prospective juror will be examined on the minutest details with regard to his ideas on the labor movement, is evidenced by the fact that several days were consumed in fighting over the first talesman up for examination. The prosecution has tried by every hook and crook to have the first talesman, Nelson, accepted, in face of the fact that Nelson admits that he is prejudiced and that it will take strong evidence to change his ideas.

Many members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association are among the venemmen, which even includes Harry Chandler of the "Times," who is one of those who are charging the McNamaras with the destruction of his own building. Other venemmen are men who claim the Structural Iron Workers blew up their plants. That these capitalist monsters would get on the jury if possible, even though they have to lie their way on, is plain to be seen. That they would hang the McNamaras under the guise of "a fair trial" no one disbelieves but an ignoramus or some other kind of a fool. That the union men are as well protected by legal talent as is possible is admitted. The boys are hopeful and satisfied that they will get a square deal. So was Professor Ferrer almost sure he would be acquitted, up to within a few days of his murder. With the biggest pack of murderous parasites that ever congregated in one city against the McNamaras, there is nothing to be sure of.

The "Industrial Worker" will report the trial in full and will keep our readers informed as the trial progresses.

PROTEST MEETINGS IN SPOKANE.

Spokane locals of the I. W. W. will hold weekly protest meetings to protest against the kidnaping of the McNamara brothers and the legal farce that is now being staged in Los Angeles and better known as a "trial." The actions of the prosecution in the McNamara trial in trying to hold men on the jury who are self-admitted to be prejudiced against the prisoners and the summoning of labor haters and members of the Merchants and Manufacturers' Association as prospective jurors, has incensed the workers of Spokane to a high pitch and every effort will be made to safeguard the members of the structural iron workers should an attempt be made to take their lives. There is no fair play to expect from the master class who own and control the courts, and this is doubly true of the labor-hating town known as the City of Angels. The structural iron workers of Spokane will co-operate with the I. W. W. members in making these meetings a success, so that the truth concerning the trials can be brought forcibly before the workers. All members of Spokane I. W. W. and other labor organizations are requested to assist in exposing the treachery of the master class in the now famous cases of the McNamara brothers.

These protest meetings will be held every Thursday evening at 7:30 p. m., in the new I. W. W. hall at 203 Front avenue. All wage workers are invited. FRED ISLER, Secretary Joint Locals.

TELEGRAM.

Kansas City, Mo., Oct. 14, 1911.
Editor "Industrial Worker": Seven members arrested her for speaking on street tonight. Frank Little was speaking when arrested. Others were arrested for being members of the I. W. W. We want immediate opinion of all locals on starting free speech fight here. Publish the answer at once.
T. DOYLE,
Secretary I. W. W. No. 211, E. Mo. ave.

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"LONG LIVE THE MODERN SCHOOL"
(Last Words of Professor Ferrer.)

To Commemorate murder of Prof. Ferrer

Two years ago, on the morning of October 13, Francisco Ferrer, professor and founder of the Modern School of Barcelona, Spain, was shot to death to a squad of soldiers. This tragedy was enacted against the walls of the noted prison of Montjuich, where scores of others have suffered death by torture and other means to satisfy the revenge of a band of mental degenerates who fear to see the dawn of truth in a superstition-ridden country, as they know it means the death of their graft.

Until the death of Ferrer was made known throughout the length and breadth of the world many of us knew little of him. As the news filtered through of him we found out that he was a great teacher, had written text books for the rational education of the child, and had established many of his schools in Spain. His life had been sought on other occasions by church and state, mainly the former, but in such instances he was given a trial where he could face his accusers and had little trouble in proving his innocence. With the so-called trial that was carried on, which found him "guilty," and sentenced him to death, the great educator was denied the right to face his accusers.

After many weeks of confinement in a filthy prison cell Professor Ferrer was led before a military tribunal, with an officer of the Spanish army as his attorney. Much of the "evidence" against him was manufactured and placed in his residence after his loved ones had been driven from their home. This "evidence" consisted of revolutionary leaflets which were not even in conformity with his ideas. However, as anything is good enough when a man's life is wanted, this "evidence" was accepted by the military tribunal. Ferrer was brought into court with a dunce cap on and a suit of clothes that would not be worn by the lowest barrel stiff in the slums of our great cities. With such prejudice in sight, there was little to expect in the way of justice. He was found "guilty" of inciting the riots which occurred during the Barcelona general strike in the spring of 1909, although his presence in Spain at that time was caused by his desire to visit a sick and dying niece whom he was very much attached to.

Ferrer loved the children and could see the dawn of a teal civilization if he could only have the children taught the truth about

everything. It is true that he eliminated all patriotic and superstitious teachings from the schools, and, knowing this, there was little to expect from either church or army when it came to sparing his life.

The silly authorities in both church and state believed that an idea could be killed by murdering the man who first evolved it. Nothing could be more foolish. Since the rifle balls crashed through his weary and tortured body on October 13, 1909, the ideas which gave birth in the brain of Ferrer have taken root in many countries of the world, including America. The child will yet be taught the truth and that truth will not consist of the waving of flags, the military spirit, the howling and scraping before so-called gods or the desire to rob other human beings by profit, interest and rent. The "modern school" will teach the sciences and anything that cannot stand the test of science and truth will be cast away. The child under such tutorship as is disseminated in the modern school will become a strong man or woman, both mentally and physically. They will do their own thinking and will not pay someone else a fee for having any superknowledge of anything. The truth is easy to teach. It's the lie that is hard to get fastened onto the child, as all children are as a rule unselfish, honest and trustworthy. They are inquisitive and are anxious to know the truth. Professor Ferrer induced the authorities of Barcelona to allow him to have the children that were considered mentally deficient in the other schools, that he might teach them, and these children were found to grow mentally under his tutorship until they even surpassed some that were considered formerly the brightest.

The work of Professor Ferrer of the Modern School was to raise up self-reliant and liberty-loving human beings. Let us carry on the work that has been started in America. Let us assist in every possible way, even though our efforts are limited by our meagre resources—the modern schools of America.

On the 9th of September, 1901, the first Modern School was opened in Barcelona. In addressing the people, who pledged their support to the school, Ferrer said: "I am not a speaker, not a propagandist, not a fighter. I am a teacher; I love children above everything. I think I understand them. I want my contribution to the cause of liberty to

be a young generation ready to meet a new era."

These were the sentiments of Ferrer in 1901, and they were his sentiments in 1909, yet in the face of such ideas he was charged with inciting riots and murder. The riots were caused by the workers rebelling against conscription in the army; they were refusing to bear arms against a handful of people who were rebelling against despotism. Could there be a more just cause for a riot? Is not rebelling against being a murderer a just cause? Could a fair trial be expected from a military tribunal when the military was behind the riots and the arrest of Ferrer? Certainly not!

Ferrer believed that he would be exonerated as late as October 1. On that date the following letter to his soul mate showed his faith in his fellow men and that he would get a square deal:

"No reason to worry; you know I am absolutely innocent. Today I am particularly hopeful and joyous. It is the first time I can write to you and the first time since my arrest that I can bathe in the rays of the sun, streaming generously through my cell window. You, too, must be joyous."

Four days after this letter was written the following letter was written:

"The Prison, October 4, 1909."
"My Dear Friends: Notwithstanding most absolute innocence, the prosecutor demands the death penalty, based on denunciations of the police, representing me as the chief of the world's anarchists, directing the labor syndicates of France, and guilty of conspiracies and insurrections everywhere, and declaring that my voyages to London and Paris were undertaken with no other object. With such infamous lies they are trying to kill me. The messenger is about to depart and I have time for no more. All the evidence presented to the investigating judge by the police is nothing but a tissue of lies and calumnious insinuations. "FERRER."

We cannot bring back the educator Ferrer, but we can work harder and harder day by day for the idea that he stood for and which every member of the I. W. W. stands for. Our mental freedom must precede our economic freedom and we have no time to lose. Ferrer is not the only man that has been murdered by ignorant authority while the great road of civilization has been trod. The

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TO FIGHT WITH BISCAY

OPEN LETTER TO "LAW AND ORDER" AUTHORITIES OF BRITISH COLUMBIA.

Gentlemen (?) For the last month there has been held at the provincial goal at Kamloops an organizer of the I. W. W., Jos. S. Biscay, and the charge against him is "carrying concealed weapons" to endanger public safety.

The story of his arrest duplicates that of the McNamara brothers, now on trial at Los Angeles, and of other well-known cases.

Carrying out the instructions of the organization which employed him he walked from camp to camp along the line of the C. N. Ry., now under construction, organizing the common workmen along that line into a union, collecting dues, initiating new members and lecturing.

On the night of Sept. 22 his duties brought him to camp 15 of Grant, Smith & McDonald's works, 15 miles from Savona.

After giving the men working there a lecture, he went to sleep, sharing a bunk with a fellow workman. At 12 o'clock that night he was roughly awakened, forcibly taken from his bunk, manhandled and spirited off through the dark of night to Savona. This happened without any preliminary formalities and at the behest of the most notorious and hated hirelings of the contractors in this locality—Superintendent Murdoch and Foreman Woodbury. To give such dirty proceedings a semblance of legality a third person was required, the representative of "law and order" at Savona: a "thing" (a fitter name is unprintable) whose lowness of mind and utter absence of character would put to shame not only every employer of the Burns and Pinkerton agencies, but the infamous proprietors of those aggregations of microcephalus imbeciles themselves. The authority of the last mentioned thug consisted of a drawn gun and a pair of handcuffs.

On arriving at Savona the gang (fitly representing the ruling class in this locality) busied themselves searching the effects of their victim, and finding a revolver in his grip, charged him then with "carrying concealed weapons to endanger public safety." It was expected that he would be released on Oct. 6, the day of the preliminary hearing and that apologies would be offered him for the lawlessness which preceded his arrest.

A prejudiced magistrate, however, committed him for trial to be held on the 24th of October, at Kamloops.

We, the Industrial Workers of the World, do not propose to see this carried to the end which is sought for by the employers of labor in this district. We will not stand idly any longer and see our fellow worker railroaded to jail for the crime of organizing the working class.

Whatever the charge formally placed against him, it is nothing but his activities in the working class that put him behind the bars. In carrying out our instructions he was arrested. He was in OUR employ and WE are the defendants. OUR order left him no choice. He had to act like he did while an organizer here. If he be tried on October 24 and found guilty, WE will be there to demand the punishment meant for him. We have been clamoring for justice for ages and if it is to be had at Kamloops on the 24th we will be there to demand our slice of it. We have been silent so far, 150,000 of us, trusting (against our better knowledge of such matters) that the farce enacted at Kamloops on the 6th would terminate in the liberation of our fellow worker Biscay. Our silence was not the silence of the nonplussed, the silence of the I. W. W. is ominous.

We shall be well represented at Kamloops on the 24th, and see to it and demand that justice be done.

We will support our officers and employes as well as the least of our members to the last breath, as witness Spokane, Missoula, Fresno and numerous other hells, where capitalism reigns. The expense column of those cities mentioned is perhaps open for inspection and it will be instructive to the city fathers at Kamloops to consult those pages that deal with the expense entailed by fighting the I. W. W.

Take heed, masters, take heed, lest the incoming tidal wave of working class solidarity crush you, too, soon.

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