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## MARGUERITE PREVEY IS KIDNAPPED FROM JAIL

### 'LAW AND ORDER' GANG VIOLATES COURT ORDER TO SECURE POSSESSION OF PRISONER

Kidnapped by the Sheriff of Franklin County, Ohio, under instructions of the Illinois authorities, and in collusion with them, Marguerite Prevey, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio, was taken from the county jail at Columbus during the dark hours of the night of March 3rd and hurried to prison at Chicago.

This dastardly and illegal act was perpetrated on the heels of an order of the Court of Judge E. B. Kincaid of the Court of Common Pleas earlier in the day, when he ordered a stay of execution of 48 hours to allow Mrs. Prevey's attorneys to perfect their error proceedings and appeal her case to the Court of Appeals.

The hearing on this evidence was set for March 1st, but owing to illness of Judge Kincaid, it was postponed to the following Wednesday.

Jos. W. Sharts and J. L. Bachman, Mrs. Prevey's attorneys made a splendid showing at the hearing. Testimony of officials of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio was introduced to prove the political character of the Party, its manner of functioning and the



Marguerite Prevey

means and methods it advocated to accomplish its ends. Tom Clifford, also a member of the Party State Executive Committee was placed upon the stand and testified to the character of the organization and the convention acts at the time it was organized at Chicago. Another witness for the defense was E. T. Allison, present State Secretary of Ohio. Mrs. Prevey also testified to her part in organizing the Party at Chicago.

#### Slim Evidence of Prosecution.

The only evidence offered by the prosecution was a paragraph in the Manifesto of the Communist International issued at Moscow in 1918. This paragraph, which outlines the plan of establishing the control of the workers and demands the arming of the proletariat and the disarming of the bourgeoisie, together with a paragraph in the Platform of the Communist Labor Party, which expresses harmony of relationship between the principles of the Party with those of the Third International form the basis of the charges against Mrs. Prevey.

In a deliberate and forceful manner attorney Sharts showed from the following paragraphs of the Platform the fallacy of the charges. That a declaration that the Party was in harmony with the PRINCIPLES of the Third International, he argued, did not prove that the Party declared itself for the methods and tactics which were followed by the proletariat of Russia in overthrowing the Czar's government and establishing the Soviet form.

Attorney Sharts read from the Platform of the Party as follows to disprove the charge of unlawfulness made by the prosecution in the indictments.

"The Communist Labor Party of America declares itself in complete accordance with the principles of Communism, as laid down in the Manifesto of the Third International formed at Moscow.

"In essence, these principles are as follows:

"The present is the period of the dissolution and collapse of the whole system of world capitalism. Unless capitalism is replaced by the rule of the working class, world civilization will collapse.

"The working class must organize and train itself for the capture of state power. This capture means the establishment of the new working class government machinery, in place of the state machinery of the capitalists.

"This new working class government—the Dictatorship of the Proletariat—will reorganize society on the basis of Communism, and accomplish the transition from Capitalism to the Communist Commonwealth.

"Communist society is not like the present fraudulent capitalist democracy—which, with all its pretensions to equality, is merely a disguise for the rule of the financial oligarchy—but it is a proletarian democracy, based on the control of industry and the state by the workers, who are thereby free to work out their own destiny. It does not mean capitalist institutions of government, which are controlled by the great financial and industrial interests, but organs of administration created and controlled by the masses themselves; such as, for example, the Soviets of Russia.

"The Dictatorship of the Proletariat shall transfer private property in the means of production and distribution to the working class government, to be administered by the workers themselves. It shall nationalize the great trusts and financial institutions. It shall abolish capitalist agricultural production.

"The present world situation demands that the revolutionary working class movements of all countries shall closely unite.

"The most important means of capturing state power for the workers is the action of the masses, proceeding from the place where the workers are gathered together—in the shops and factories. The use of the political machinery of the capitalist state for this purpose is only secondary.

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### RE-DEFINING LIBERTY

By Scott Nearing

Thomas Jefferson's brand of liberty rested upon the assumption that every man who wished to do so could own a farm. When the Declaration of Independence was drafted, 98 per cent of the American people lived outside of cities, and 99 per cent of them worked outside of factories.

The Americans of the late 18th century lived in a country where every man who chose to do so could stake out his claim, put his two feet on his own piece of land and make a living by his own labor. If he shot rabbits or deer, they belonged to him; if he raised corn or potatoes, they were his property. He owned his job and the product that was created on that job. Jeffersonian democracy expressed the sentiment of a community in which men were economically self-sufficient.

That stage of American economic life has gone forever. Never again will it be possible for each family to make a living on its own farm. People today are heaped up in Chicago, New York, New Orleans and San Francisco. They cannot milk their own cows or pick apples from their own trees. Instead of being able to live by devoting time and energy to land which belongs to him, the modern city and town dweller is forced to seek out someone who owns a job.

He goes, for example, to Mr. Elbert H. Gary with his request. Says he: "Judge Gary, you represent a corporation with a billion and a half of capital and nearly three billions of assets. I represent Mrs. Mike Donovan and five children. You own a job: I want it."

"We are paying 50 cents an hour," Mr. Gary answers.

You protest — "The United States Department of Labor has just issued a bulletin to prove that a man cannot keep a wife and three young children on a 'health and decency' standard in the city of Washington on less than \$2,288.25. The wage you propose for me is only one-half of that amount. If I am to have an American standard of living, I must get a dollar an hour for an 8-hour day. On anything less, my family will suffer."

"I am very sorry," says the judge, "but we do not need you at a dollar an hour."

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### Irresponsible and Running Wild!

The strike, as a weapon in the hands of the working-class to establish better conditions for itself is outlawed in the state of Kansas.

The strike, heretofore the mightiest weapon of organized labor, has been declared illegal by the capitalist powers thru its government. To disobey the new anti-strike law is to render one liable to a heavy fine and a term in the penitentiary.

The recent strike of the miners of Kansas struck the capitalist class of that state with terror. It became frightened at the power of the workers to throw the system of labor exploitation into a state of chaos by laying down their tools. To combat the striking workers and to render them powerless, if possible by legislative means, the capitalist class of Kansas, thru their representatives in the state legislature and the Governor's chair enacted the infamous Industrial Court Law which makes it illegal to strike.

Under the provisions of this capitalist class law, which became effective January 24, it established an Industrial Court of three judges appointed by the Governor for three years with annual salaries of \$5,000. It has supervision over the manufacture and preparation of food products in any and all stages of the process, of the manufacture of clothing and all wearing apparel, of all mining and fuel production, and of the transportation of necessities. Suspension of operation in such manufacture or transportation is illegal. In case of a labor controversy in these industries threatening to endanger the continuity or efficiency of service, the court may begin an investigation. The court may amend or change any employment contract. It either or both parties to a controversy refuse to obey the court's orders the State may take over the industries in question and operate them. Labor-unions may incorporate but are not compelled to. Collective bargaining is recognized but the right to "picket" or to disturb workers is denied. Striking in violation of the law is punishable by a \$500 fine or six months in jail or both. To order, call, or foment a strike is a felony, punishable by five years in

the penitentiary or a fine of \$1000, or both.

The tremendous power over the workers which capitalism everywhere is seeking to establish is laid bare in this latest evidence of the dictatorship of capitalism. The capitalist press generally is overjoyed at the enactment of this measure that is calculated to throttle Labor before it can hardly gasp out its demands. In a fulsome eulogy of this law, the Kansas City Times gives away the game in the following words, "It (the Industrial Court Law)" pledges the good faith of the State to see that Labor's rights are protected, and at the same time that capital is not endangered". "The good faith of the capitalist State" may law, the Kansas City Times gives away by workers these days. We have had some evidence lately of the good faith in which the capitalist State deals with the workers. In reliance upon such faith the workers can rest assured that they will come out of the small end of the horn.

A "labor" law which "does not endanger capital" should be looked upon with suspicion by the workers. Hidden somewhere is certain to be a snare into which it is calculated that Labor will stumble to its ruin.

This law, which capitalist interests have enacted for the subjugation of Labor is another evidence of the growing class divisions in present day society. By its provisions, Labor's strongest weapon is snatched from its hands and it is forced to sit down to an arbitration game in which the cards are stacked against it from the first deal. It will sit down with the representatives of the Capitalist State three appointees of the Governor, the capitalist State's executive head. In such a game, can Labor expect to ever attain a just reward for its toil? The bare assumption of such a circumstance must bring Gargantuan laughter from the throats of Kansas capitalists. THEY have made the rules. THEY know the results. THEY know that this law is a gag and a bridle and a collar with which they have harnessed the workers of Kansas to their labor

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### PAPER SCARCITY

Scarcity of print paper compels us to issue a six column paper this week. We hope to revert to our usual 7 column size next week.

### WASHINGTON NEWS LETTER

BY PAUL HANNA.

WASHINGTON.—The Russian thaw has set in. Almost over night the great news papers which have united for two years past to suppress the truth about the country have now begun to complete in getting out the facts.

For the American people there is news of first importance in a simple summary of this sudden switch by the nation's press. On Feb. 21 The New York American appeared with an 8-column headline proclaiming, "Lenine Sends Wireless Interview to The American." That paper's Berlin correspondent, Wiegand, had queried Lenine by wireless and the Russian prime minister responded with a categorical statement covering every point raised. The whole article constituted a pro-soviet argument which refuted the most important lies about the aims of that government. All the newspapers which take the Hearst morning service featured the Lenine interview and boasted about their great "beat".

On the same day The New York World printed a long, exhaustive and exclusive interview with Lenine, obtained in Moscow by Lincoln Eyre. The reporter pictured the soviet chief as an intellectual dynamo of whom the discredited statesmen of western Europe had best beware unless they are ready to deal honestly with the Russian republic. Lenine's tempered but confident forecast of Russia's future was printed without apparent efforts at distortion by the reporter.

The night of Feb. 22 brought from London and Paris two extraordinary confirmations of the diplomatic change regarding Russia. Headed by Gen. Gough, British commander of the entente forces recently evacuated from Archangel, an important group of British officers and financial experts formally petitioned Lloyd George to recognize and make peace with the soviet government. Simultaneously at Paris French army officers who saw service in Siberia united in a call to their government to recognize and accept the new democracy in Russia. They praised the red army as both efficient and democratic and declared it was supported by most of the inhabitants of Siberia.

One day later the American press somersault on Russia became more pronounced. In full-page advertisements in the other metropolitan papers, The New York World announced with enormous type a series of "Direct Interviews With Lenine and Trotsky." The advertisement bore a picture of Lenine labelled, "Russian Thinker," and one of Trotsky bearing the words, "The organizer and executive." The announcement gave the dates and character of future interviews which Eyre has proceered with soviet representatives.

On the same date, Feb. 23, the ultra-conservative New York Times printed the first of its diptaches from Arthur E. Copping, who has begun a tour of soviet Russia in company with Joffe and the other diplomats from Moscow who negotiated peace with Estonia. In his first story Copping obliterated the cartoonists' conception of the communist as an unwashed fanatic. In the space of two columns he also destroyed the foundation of most of The Times' editorials about Russia.

I have reviewed these newspaper changes because they will certainly have an early effect upon events and policies at Washington. The senate Committee which is investigating Russian propaganda in America will take serious further thought before it determines upon a course leading to the expulsion of Martens, the soviet representative, from the United States. For all the better publicity now appearing shows that Russia is well able to retaliate against future American business for the persecution of her spokesman here.

Another item: Bernard Baruch, adviser to President Wilson, is very anxious to head a new American commission to visit soviet Russia. His aim has been thwarted heretofore by the old Wilson-Lansing policy of snarl and drift respecting Russia. Europe's stampede toward a Russian settlement will strengthen Baruch's hand and prophets say the administration will shortly fall into line for a complete reconciliation with the communist republic.



## Skygac's Column

Roger Babson, Frank A. Vanderlip, John D. Rockefeller Jr., Theodore Price, are names to conjure with. If any one set of men may be expected to have an accurate knowledge of the world's financial pulse these men are the ones who ought to know economic and political conditions. Yet these men sent a message to the Interchurch World session, and attended by over a thousand ministers, that ought to make the politicians sit up and take notice. Here is the message:

"That no force will serve to maintain social order except a reawakening of a national religious spirit."

Of course they mean when they speak of social order, THE (present) social order \$ \$ \$ \$ (of legalized robbery of the toilers through the wages system).

They have tried the force of government thru the despotic measures of such men as Palmer, Hoynes, Judge Landis and their ilk.

They have tried the force of the constabulary and the state militia and the standing army.

They have tried the force of political buncombe via the too old parties and the too new ones too.

Now the spokesmen for the economic overlords of capitalism plainly tell us that NO FORCE except a reawakening of a national religious spirit will save the social order.

If such be the case we might as well begin now to be reconciled to our fate, for there is NO HOPE of any such an awakening. That same conference reported one denomination having 17,000 churches with 12,000 of them vacant every Sunday. The average ministerial salary, less than \$900.00 a year and country churches falling at the rate of 11% a year. Such is the broken reed upon which capitalism rests, according to these spokesmen!

Mr. D. Campbell, chairman of the National board of farm organizations in a recent message to the national conference says:

"The U. S. Grain Corporation is about to turn into the National Treasury fifty million dollars. — profit made by buying wheat at a legally fixed price and selling it abroad at a great profit."

Robbing the farmer and "selling wheat abroad at a great profit": No dear reader, this isn't the record of the terrible Bolsheviks, neither is it in the program of the reds. It is the simple truth about what the politicians of this country are doing. And you are partly to blame if you allow them to do it without protest. We have heard much of the starving races of Europe and it is our idea that "selling wheat abroad at a great profit" is probably one of the direct causes of the starvation. Such procedure may be Christian, at least the ones doing it claim to be Christians, but it is mighty poor evidence of their love for humanity.

Senator Murphy in a letter to Gov. Edwards writes:

"It is also my prayer that the Democrat Party will not be so assinine as to select a leader who poses with a pay-check from the Anti Saloon League in one hand and a bottle of grape juice in the other."

He wants a president that will remain in Washington and look after the affairs of the nation rather than to frolic with the squirrels on the Champs Elysees."

That cabinet of Wilson's seems to be an unstable affair. Wilson evidently never could qualify as a cabinetmaker. When Lansing was "fired" because he had unofficially called the cabinet together during Wilson's illness, where was the manhood of the rest of the cabinet? A bunch of good union men would have made Wilson fire the whole cabinet! Members of the Cabinet come and go but thru it all Barstow the Autocrat of the means of communication still sticks.

"The answer is that America needs to set her house in order from top to bottom" — that was the last line in

an editorial in one of the leading standard organs of the country — a paper that has always been cock-sure that everything was all right except for the pernicious activity of the radicals. Now comes the confession quoted above. Oh well, murder will out.

The morning paper tells us that business relations will be opened with Soviet Russia for four reasons, first that Bolshevism is here to stay, secondly that there is no such thing as Bolshevism, thirdly that Lenin and Trotsky no longer believe in Communism but in Capitalism, and fourthly that trade with Russia will strengthen the bonds of Capitalism.

I can name their four reasons in four words, business, bonds and profits.

There can be no profit without a corresponding loss.

The American Bourgeoisie class has made enormous profits the past five years? Who stood the loss that is represented by that enormous profit? The working-class of course. If there was an enormous profit there must have been an enormous loss. Is it any wonder the powers that be find it increasingly difficult to keep the working class contented?

There is now only one way to keep the workers contented and that is to keep them in ignorance of the economics of industry. One hour's study of the profit and loss side of industry will make any red-blooded American worker discontented with the present capitalist order of society.

How things have changed! It used to be the way of the transgressor is hard, but since the days of the Wilson-Palmer-Barstow administration it can truthfully be said, the way of the benefactor is hard.

Prohibition has its compensating side at that. The Revolution will not have a chance to degenerate into a rambolion.

Goodness Gracious—even the Cardinals of the Pope of Rome have asked for an increase of salary claiming that they cannot make both ends meet with their present salary. Everybody seems to be doing it now.

They never miss an opportunity to point out that the socialists, the radicals and the reds are an ungodly bunch absolutely devoid of religion. Now with the official report that the churches are failing at the rate of 11% a year does that mean that the reds are gaining at that rate?

Wonder what those striking Cardinals would do if they were compelled to live on a workingman's wages?

Dr. Edgar Fahs Smith, in leaving his position at the University of Pennsylvania, out of love for the institution in whose service he has grown old is quoted by the press as follows: "I have out a cent in the world. I have been a teacher all my life. That is a wonderful but unremunerative work."

A country can not gracefully brag of its greatness, when it allows its teachers to be unrewarded and cast upon the scrap-heap after a lifetime spent in usefulness.

52,000 Americans emigrated to Canada last year. There must be a reason.

With ordinary shoes quoted at \$14—21 a pair how long will it be before the working class has "no sole for its foot but the sod"?

And there is mighty little sod in the industrial centers!

And what little there may be is protected by the sign,

Keep off the Grass.

## A Call to Labor to Stand by its Own

Three Ohio Comrades have been indicted for revolutionary activities and are being tried in the capitalist courts. The defense of these comrades will cost hundreds of dollars. The transcripts of evidence and legal papers alone, will mount to high figures. The costs must be paid. The comrades deserve the help of every liberty loving person. The indictments against them are in a way, indictments of the workers and the political organization which they have formed as a means of achieving their emancipation from the chains of wage slavery. These comrades are among the most loyal workers for Socialism in this state. Your help in these cases is well deserved—and it is needed—at once.

**Lotta Burke.**

Thirteen Socialist Party members and members of the Communist Labor Party at Cincinnati, among them Lotta Burke, member of the State Executive Committee of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio, are out on bond while their cases are appealed to a higher court. They have been convicted of conspiracy to defeat the conscription act at the beginning of the war against Germany. Any one who knows Lotta Burke knows the falsity of such a charge. But she has been sentenced a year and a quarter in the Penitentiary. And she will have to spend these 15 months in prison unless the sentence is reversed in a higher court. Money is needed in this case and every worker should assist in defraying the costs.

**Marguerite Prevey.**

At this writing, Marguerite Prevey is in jail at Chicago while her attorneys are attempting to have her released and returned to Ohio. Elsewhere in this issue, the account of this case is given. But the tremendous significance of the case of comrade Prevey should be realized by every worker and member of the Communist Labor Party. If she is returned to Ohio and the higher courts deny her extradition to Illinois it will mean that no Ohio resident can be extradited from this state on charges of having aided in the organization of the Communist Labor Party. It will establish the fact that this working-class political party was NOT organized for the purpose of overthrowing the government "by violence and unlawful means" as charged in the Chicago indictments. Winning this case means the establishment of an absolutely legal status for the Party and will settle the question of whether it is lawful or unlawful to be a member of it.

Because of the great importance of this case, aside from the purely humanitarian and class character of it, we call upon every loyal and class conscious worker to help defray the costs.

**Charles Baker**

During the recent miner's strike, Charles Baker toured the mining regions of the state of Kansas. He visited many localities and held rousing miner's meetings in all of them. The striking miners of Kansas, than whom there are no workers more loyal to their class, attended his meetings by the thousands and made them the most enthusiastic ever held there.

The capitalist class took cognizance of these worker's meetings. They saw that if they continued, it meant the rousing of the workers and the further spread of revolt against their exploitation. The capitalist state at once brought into play its ready weapon, the Lever act, a war time measure calculated to keep the slave class chained to its slavery while the war profiteers grew sleek and fat off of their toil and sweat.

Because Baker backed up the miners and taught the facts of the class struggle and their exploitation, he was indicted by a grand jury at Kansas City. He is now out on bail while the case is pending. Baker is known to practically every socialist in Ohio and has made hundreds of speeches here and in adjoining states. No worker in the Movement is more universally liked than is Baker. His personality, his sincerity and loyalty to the workingclass have won him thousands of admiring friends. Baker has not a dollar. If he is to have adequate defense the funds must be secured from those who know and value his work for working class emancipation. To these thousands of friends of his and to other workers who appreciate years of conscientious work for our cause, we must appeal for funds to defend him.

These cases call not for donations of pennies, but of dollars and many of them. They must be had at once. Right now, hundreds of dollars are needed. Expenses are piling up daily and must be paid as the cases progress. We call upon you who read these lines to give and to collect funds at once for the comrades' defense. Don't delay, funds are needed NOW. Use the blank below to remit your first subscription.

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## The Black Sheep.

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Philosophy (continued)

"Now getting a living and enjoying life seems to be the object of all our striving, and what is more natural to strive along the lines of least resistance. The property owning class exploits us in order that they may live as it seems best to them; they do not hate us any more than a hunter hates a duck; we are their legitimate prey. When we rebel against direct exploitation they kill us; history is full of such examples as you yourself have told me. This class struggle of which you speak is not a matter of morals; it is a matter of position. And position depends on two things, first one must be at the place of opportunity before the crowd arrives and second he must have the brain to recognize an advantage when it presents itself and the courage to make it his own."

"I belong to the working class and as long as I do, it is to my interest that they should be organized to protect themselves from the aggressions of the boss; but believe me the first chance I have to get out of it and live fat in the halls of the mighty — I go. The fat pastures look good to Jack Thurston."

"Fat chance you have of getting out of the working class," remarked Collins, "now that capitalism is developing by leaps and bounds. In a few years there will not be an opportunity to get a hold of any property worth speaking of, if you had a head as big as a bushel basket, and a waist as big as a blanket."

"I know it," Jack answered, "but knowing what the working class is up against from within and without I can see for them only a hopeless and endless struggle; a ceaseless warfare between the House of Have and the House of Want, with the advantage always on the side of the possessing class. There is an old saying that possession is nine points of the law."

"But how are you going to get possession except by organized effort," Rudolph asked.

"Who ever said that you were going to get possession as a class? Slaves are not bred to possess. I will grant you that the present masters may be overthrown by a political or even violent revolution; that's only natural. Death comes to all things including the ruling groups of finance. They cannot last forever. But because your ruling groups must pass away that does not mean that your irresponsible, mutually antagonistic, hopelessly helpless and abjectly servile mass will possess themselves of the reins of power. No, your revolutions have always meant, and will always mean simply a change of masters. One group of dominants falling and another group of dominants rising. I might paraphrase Tennyson, 'Masters come and masters go, but the slave toils on forever.'"

"Our class is determined by our method of getting a living. Our method of getting a living is determined by our mental inclinations. Our mental inclinations are determined by our brain type. Our brain types are determined by biological variations, due to certain flukes of nature as yet not fully understood by science. This also holds true for masters. Masters rise from dominant types but are, intermarried with inferior types from time to time. This destroys their dominance and another group of masters arises in their stead. Then there is an another factor. Masters are simply human. They are adapted to the environment with which they find themselves. But the evolution of the machinery of production, the extension of commerce and trade continually changes that environment and is a great factor in the rise and fall of master groups. If my logic is not at fault then the new masters do not rise from the working class, nor from the master class but from that biological third estate that belongs to neither; from it arises your leaders in the financial, the political, and the industrial world. Genius is what controls human affairs; economic evolution is what forces the world's great transformation. Genius rises from humanity both master and slave. It knows no class; it knows no heredity; it is a spontaneous variation that meets a certain requirement at a certain time. That and that alone is genius. As for the classes they change from kings to patricians, from patricians to priests and nobles, from nobles to bourgeois, from bourgeois to merchant princes. They change to meet the requirements of industrial development and will continue so to change as long as evolution exists. The blonde beast always on top."

"On the other hand we've had the slave, the freedman, the serf, and now the wage slave — they too have changed their form according to the industrial requirement of each historical epoch. Both classes are in the grasp of the inexorable law of development, but both classes remain true to type, the one as master and the other as slave, and between the two is the unrecognized middle ground that keeps up and vitalizes both."

"It would be a good thing if you would croak right now," said Collins, "that damned argument of yours would sow pessimism in the heart of a jumping jack. I know that you are wrong, in fact I feel it, but I can't answer you. At least not yet."

Jack smiled, "if what I say is truth then how are we going to get away from it. There is really no use in fighting gravitation."

"But Jack see here, listen," Rudolph broke in, waving his hands in the air. "our agitation, our education, economic development, all will work together to awaken labor to a consciousness of its power. We will teach them to recognize the tyranny of capital, and the benefits of co-operative efforts. We will teach them how to fill the world with peace and plenty, how to fight the fires of joy on the lines of love. It is the historic mission of the working class to take possession of industry. Karl Marx says so in the first volume of capital, haven't you read it. He proved it in the Communist Manifesto that labor must awaken to a consciousness of its collective power, or as one of the poets put it: 'We shall laugh to scorn your power, that has held a world in awe.'"

We shall trample on your customs, and shall spit upon your law, We shall come up from life's desert to your burdened banquet hall, We shall turn your wine to wormwood, and your honey into gall."

"Isn't it too bad that nature's most beautiful flowers, those which are so rich in color and fragrance do never bear seeds. Now if we could only fill the world with souls such as Rudolph then all our troubles would be over," commented Jack dryly. "But the fact is that the mass of mankind does not look at things as he does. Is it well for us to range with science, glorying in the time. While city children soil a sicken, soul and sense in city slime."

And from the other cell Rudolph continued the quotation, "Where the master shrimps his haggard seamstress of her daily bread, where a single sordid attic holds the living and the dead, where the smoldering fire of fever crawls across the rotted floor, and the crowded couch holds incest, in the warrens of the poor."

"Oh, for God's sake cut it, when ever you try to talk sense your brain takes fire," Collins said. "Let's get back to the subject. History and evolution both teach the progress of life is always in the direction of higher and better organization. That fact alone proves to me that labor's organization must go and will go on until it is perfected, and the perfection of labor's organization will mean its ownership and control of the socially necessary means of life. When that is accomplished, not only labor but the world will be free, simply because labor will be the world."

"Divinely free to work and love, agreed Rudolph. "It sounds plausible, but to my mind there is a rattle in it. There is something about it that is not true to nature; it sounds too much like an orthodox sermon. It is a statement of the desires of your brain and not of the facts of existence." Said the boy, Then after a pause he went on.

"I am willing to admit that I may be mistaken, I am not sufficiently familiar with human history and the evolution of industrial processes, to base an unqualified argument upon them. But if I am not mistaken, history teaches us how successive generations of men have managed to survive, successive changes in environment. Industrial evolution teaches us that the changes in production that have taken place in the past are but the logical outcome of man's increasing need. All history is but the story of man's struggle to adapt himself to the changing order of things. While I am short on a knowledge of history, I do know something of nature and nature's methods. I have learned to observe things as they are and since I have been introduced to the class struggle and you have told me of its history, I have noticed three types in the human race. One type whose object in life is to own and control, another type whose object it is to produce and bring forth, and still another between these two that sends its members into both classes to renew and vitalize them when they become old and staid. Now I am willing to admit that this thing may come to an end. As I have said all things come to an end, and the human race is no exception. Still industrial mastery will die out with the passing of the markets, then there will arise an intellectual master which in its expression may be more tyrannical than the industrial masters of today."

"You must not forget that when the industrial problem is solved thru the collective ownership of the means of production and distribution, granting that that day will come, that the conflicting types still exist and will exist (Cont. on page 4.)"

## Advance in subscription price

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## THE NEW PROPAGANDA

Heretofore the literature of Socialism has had to do with the subject as a philosophy, a theory with no practical application to prove its fundamental soundness. There is a change imminent which will have a wide and deep effect upon the movement of the workers toward the acquisition of power. Growing out of the victory of Socialism in Russia, one of the greatest nations, comprising nearly 200,000,000 people, will come a new literature which will consist of accounts of practical applications of the principles of socialization of all productive machinery and land under direct control of the workers. From this source will come the most interesting as well as the most instructive literature of the proletarian revolution of the immediate future.

The capitalist world doubtless realizes what power and conviction such literature will have upon the proletariat of other countries. It doubtless realizes the grave danger to its own ability to successfully lie to and deceive the workers in the face of such incontrovertible evidence of the success of the workings of applied Socialism. Out of Russia we may expect in the very near future, a constant stream of propaganda that will be the means of such a mighty stirring of the proletariat of all countries as has never been dreamed of. Not that the Soviet government itself will direct this propaganda, but with the soon-to-be opening of trade relations, peace and recognition, what forces can keep out the facts? In the hands of travellers will come information that will set the workers thinking. The facts will come out.

Along this line, it is interesting to note that the publication of the Russian Code of Labor Laws which was first published in this country about two weeks ago indicates this new literature and has already been christened by a baptism in the mire of capitalist gutter sheets. This Code will be published in part in the next issue of The Toiler. We wish to point out in this connection, that with every refutation in the capitalist press of the processes of successful operation of socialized industry in Russia a great interest and inquisitiveness will be aroused among the workers and by consequent investigation and reading the truth will at last be acquired.

And precisely here is a great field of work for the socialist and communist press of this country to delve in. The truth about Russia must be placed before the workers. Every paper and every reader must become an agency thru which the truth may filter. Readers must prepare to extend the circulation of these truth telling papers—as widely as possible. The workers must be reached with the facts. The greatest opportunity of all time is almost face to face with us. We must prepare to fulfill our duty in the monumental task of distributing this propaganda to America's millions of toilers. It is a work which every thinking worker should take up with earnestness. Prepare to distribute the facts about SOCIALIST RUSSIA.

## A COMMUNIST --- ALMOST

While we have had no intentions of carrying on a week-to-week argument with the Miami Valley Socialist, we cannot refrain from complimenting its editor upon his arrival at another milestone on the way to advocacy of Communist principles and tactics. And while he continues to resort to comics we will have to smile in reply. In the last issue the editor says in reply to us:

"If we (the Socialist Party) aimed merely at putting Socialists in legislatures to introduce reforms or to 'talk revolution', the Berger and Albany incidents might be an argument against political action.

But what Socialists seek by political action is not to have a vote and voice in carrying on the capitalist State; on the contrary, it is to rally a majority for the abolition of the capitalist state".

The editor of the Miami is perfectly aware that the Communist Labor Party has not dispensed with political action, so the intimation to that effect is without force. The editor goes on to give a reason for the Socialist Party's advocacy of political action in these words:

"Now so long as the capitalist class can pose as the forces of 'law and order,' the great inert American masses will cling blindly to them. And so long as the capitalist can hold out the ballot to them, they will not believe the capitalists have deprived them of 'liberty.' But by political action, by insisting upon the ballot as the means of accomplishing the transition from capitalism to industrial democracy, Socialists force the hand of the capitalist class"

to prove, he should have added, that political action by the working class is but of secondary value as a weapon to abolish the capitalist state. His statement amounts to this: that the use of the ballot to the workers is of more value as a propaganda weapon than as an actual political pry with which it may hope to gain power over the State. It is also in contradiction to his first statement quoted above. He does not expect to ever "rally a majority" of votes with which to overthrow capitalism but will use the ballot to "force the hand of capitalism."

The above statement comprises a near-declaration of harmony with the position of the Communist Labor Party in regard to the uses and value of working-class political action. We had hardly hoped comrade Sharts to ever make it. And therein lies our reason for smiling. Has not the logic of the "Berger and Albany incidents" gotten a bit the best of comrade Sharts' faith in the power of the ballot to abolish the capitalist State? It looks very much like it. To prove just how much, we quote from the Platform of the C. L. P. and ask that you compare the above statement with what follows:

"The most important means of capturing state power for the workers is the action of the masses, proceeding from the place where the workers are gathered together—in the shops and factories. The use of the political machinery of the capitalist state for this purpose is only secondary.

However, we do not ignore the value of voting, or of electing candidates to public office—so long as these are of assistance to the workers in their economic struggle. Political campaigns, and the election of public officials, provide opportunities for showing up capitalist democracy, educating the workers to a realization of their class position, and of demonstrating the necessity for the overthrow of the capitalist system. But it must be clearly emphasized that the chance of winning even advanced reforms of the present capitalist system at the polls is extremely remote; and even if it were possible,

# EDITORIAL & PARTY NEWS PAGE

## SPARKS.

There's a world of good reading and propaganda in that package of 8 pamphlets which comprise the Half Price Literature Combination. Order it read the pamphlets and distribute them. Let them be working for education. They are only good when they are being read. The price is 50c.

Five dollars for the defense of comrades indicted has been received from comrade Mathieu of South Bend Ind. With many cases demanding defense, every comrade should lend a hand.

Comrade Markert of Mt. Healthy states that there will soon be some new subs. arrive from that point. The army of sub hustlers is constantly recruiting new troopers.

J. Foelster of Davenport, is in with \$7.00 worth of subscriptions this week. He states that he likes the premiums which we give as reward for getting them.

Comrade L. A. Rospert is still sending them in. About ten dollars worth of new subscriptions each week is his past month's record. "Can you beat it?"

The cartoon fund is receiving some boosts this week. Considering the quality of the product of our Cartoon Department, we must emphasize that the fund deserves to grow. A dime or dollar from YOU will help.

Comrade Walter Conradie, of New Bremen, remits for three renewals. He states that the "Black Sheep" is well worth the price.

And that reminds us that you whose subscriptions will soon expire should renew at once so as not to miss a chapter of this good story.

Thru the efforts of comrade O. C. Schmid, our Sandusky list gets a boost of sixteen new subscribers. Just a straw that shows how easy it is to get them when you go after them.

Comrade Carl Nast of Columbus, gives capitalism a few good swats this past week as a list of six yearlies shows. He gets the favorite premium too, Lenin the Man and His Work.

Add to the value and quality of your library by taking advantage of our premium offers. See the advertisement in this issue.

They never quit down at Bellaire. There is always some action there. Comrade Frank Stidd proves it by a remittance of \$4.00 for subs.

Every day the proof is brought home to us that it is easy to get subscriptions for The Toiler. In fact it is growing easier. Here is another booster, comrade Cather of Youngstown, who remits \$7.50 for new subscriptions. What better proof would you ask?

## We're Almost Giving Them Away!

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— by Geo. R. Kirkpatrick —

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NATHAN BURLENGAME

Nathan Burlengame, one of the most died of pneumonia February 2nd. Many earnest comrades of East Liverpool, O., comrades mourn his death.

these reforms would not weaken the capitalist system.

That the Socialist Party advocates use of the ballot for the purpose of "forcing the capitalist class" to prove the ballot's precise value is a new one. We really thought it took the ballot seriously, and can hardly accept comrade Sharts' definition. It is much easier to believe that comrade Sharts is somewhat out of sympathy with the present day attitude of the Socialist Party on this matter.

Will we have to believe him a Communist—almost?

If you don't believe it is easy, try it yourself.

Comrade Fosse Evans of Kansas is ever ready to do his share for our cause. Whether it is getting subscriptions or securing defense funds, he is on the job. His recent remittance of \$27.00 for subscriptions and the Chas. Baker defense proves that he is able to get splendid co-operation from the comrades of his vicinity.

Have you ordered a bundle of Toilers form himself and another comrade small but results are great. Get a bundle each week and distribute them. Then watch results.

A donation of ten dollars from comrades Zbuck of Youngstown is testimony to his interest in the emancipation of the workers and the rebuilding of society upon a basis of freedom and equality.

Comrade Broকার renues his subscription and also encloses two dollars form himself and another comrade for the great Cause.

Five dollars for subscription cards and party work comes from comrade J. H. Sims of Bethel.

Comrade W. Frederiek of Belleville Ill. orders a bundle of 100 copies. Looks like some workers there are to get some new mental diet.

Order a package of "Slander of the Toilers". Put them in the shops.

Debs pictures are still selling at 25c each. Order one and hang it an the walls of your home.

Comrade Spring of Weston W. Va. is here again with a list of three. That Weston list is growing.

Those little boosts which the comrades send in with their renewals are the best means of introducing The Toiler to a friend. Any worker will appreciate a little gift like a 3 months trial sub. Send one in with your renewal.

Comrade Sprigg of Weston, W. Va., remits \$4.00 for subscriptions.

We note the arrival of two yearlies from comrade Hadden of Kaleva, Mich. Still on the job is he.

"One of the best papers in the country" is the way comrade Braswell of Canton expresses his opinion of The Toiler.

Comrade Foelster of Davenport is getting help in his sub. campaign, he states. He remits for six yearlies. He's got the system it seems.

Comrade Rospert of Toledo won't get all the subs there. Here comes A. T. Haworth with a bundle of 4. And yet, we believe there is still some room for a few other comrades to catch a few there.

A nice list of nine subscriptions arrives from comrade R. L. Thompson of Charlestown W. Va.

## WAR ON IGNORANCE!

We have declared WAR on IGNORANCE. Will you enlist in the ranks of the ENLIGHTENERS? We intend to establish in the State Office of the Communist Labor Party of Ohio a Book and Pamphlet Department second to none in the nation. We will handle only the best of the Revolutionary literature of the past and present. We will also publish new literature of our own. We have since Jan. 1st gotten one pamphlet off the press, another will be ready for sale in a few days. Others are contemplated.

The co-operation of all readers of The TOILER and of all Locals and literature agents is earnestly hoped for. The demand for new and good revolutionary literature is greater than can be supplied. We want YOU to help us supply this demand of the workers for ENLIGHTENMENT. Every worker can sell pamphlets every week to shopmates and other workers. Every Local must carry a full line of the best there is.

Every Class-conscious Worker must help Strike Down the Monster, Ignorance, that Enslaves the Workers.

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The Soviets, 76 Questions and Answers, Rhys Williams ..... 10c now 5c  
Crimes of the Bolsheviks, Riebe, ..... 10c now 5c  
Soviet Russia, Rhys Williams, ..... 10c now 5c  
Dream of Debs, Jack London, ..... 10c now 5c  
Constitution of Soviet Russia ..... 10c now 5c  
Manifesto of the Communist International ..... 10c now 5c  
Postage ..... 5c

Total cost ..... 50c

## Is Your Study Class Organized?

We had expected to publish this So we say: get as many as possible week the first chapter of "Proletarian Science, an Economic Interpretation of History", by comrade W. E. Reynolds. Due to some delay in the mails the manuscript did not arrive in time for this issue. We are frankly disappointed and we know that many readers are also. But it has its compensating side too—it will give some comrades a chance to complete arrangements for taking up the study of this work with their friends and Local comrades.

Organize your study class and prepare to benefit all who take part in the study of these chapters. Get all the good possible out of this course of lectures.



# THE INFINITELY INTERESTING COMMON PEOPLE

Skygac gets tangled up in some heart-throb stuff. Writes an unorthodox letter and gives some unorthodox advice.

Skygac sat in his study. Said study being the other half of a two-room two-by-two flat. The janitor had had a chill and in consequence the Hooverized radiator was emitting a gentle warmth, far in excess of its usual activities. The flat was actually comfortable, not as to size but as to warmth.

Junior Tattoo purred faithfully at his stand upon the imitation quarter-sawn-oak dresser and registered four minutes to seven on the evening of a blustery February day. The latest issue of a literary trade journal had just arrived and Skygac expected to spend the evening enjoying its contents.

In the department headed, "The Experience Exchange," Henry Flury, a teacher of English Literature, had written an analysis of the situation in regard to the magazine world. Here is what Skygac read:

"Ted Olsen may not have intended to stir up a hornet's nest in 'A word to the average reader', but before he has seen the thing thru he may find such to be the case. He may consider me as a hornet and listen to my 'buzz' for a while.

The magazines occupy a strategic position in the realm of moulding public opinion, that no other agency does. The news paper once held the respect of the people, but it is rapidly losing caste among the intelligent people, partly on account of its catering to sensationalism by billboard headlines and partly because many feel that it is an advertising agency rather than a disseminator of truth.

"Why are the magazines burdened with such drivel?" asks Olsen. "There are two extremes", he says, "the morbidly psychological and the frothy and superficial. Between them there is an immense range of opportunity. Common people are in finitely interesting if you only know it."

Quite so, quite so, Ted. This "immense range of opportunity" is however (I fear) going to be virgin territory for many a day for the following reason: In the majority of cases the magazines are owned and operated for and by the 'big interests' or those that have the same psychology, and any story that deviates from economic orthodoxy is a "black beast" and sent home to its author where it very properly belongs. Certainly it should

not be allowed to disgrace the respectable pages of a good advertising medium and detract from the financial value of the same.

What the magazines are suffering from is a case of literary inbreeding due to this policy of economic exclusion. Owners rather than editors should receive the onus of our journalistic spleen. Because they have experienced this power, this "bread and butter" power for so long now they have produced in literature the same result that prevails in the profession of teaching, namely they have forced the best out of the ranks until only the worst is left.

In order to be specific let me tell you how that much advertised and verbose "Saturday Evening Post" strikes me. In the first place it advertises conspicuously its large circulation, thereby it is a good advertising medium, (and its rates fixed accordingly). The print is so fine that I seldom am able to read more than one article when I have the time to waste on it. I find that I have a regular game of tag with myself dodging the ads sandwiched in between the "stories," (or is it the "stories" in between the ads?) and trying to follow the thing where it is "continued."

The Post, in line with all the Curtis publications, CAREFULLY AVOIDS ANY SERIOUS CONSIDERATION OF ECONOMIC ISSUES in its stories and accepts only those that treat of them in a flippant manner. Superficiality, the mediocre, characterizes it.

What the magazines need is a re-conversion to the new principles of Democracy that are sweeping the whole civilized world: then we shall have some short stories that reflect the life of "the infinitely interesting common people."

The common people are intensely interested at present in their own economic salvation. That is the thing that has the "heart-throb" in it, and that is the thing that is conspicuously absent in the magazine stories of today.

That was what Henry Flury wrote. It was not the "buzzing" of a hornet but a sound analysis of one evil of today. In the same department of the same journal Skygac discovered a vein of the "heart-throb" material heretofore mentioned.

J. R. E. after writing of some attempts in the field of amateur literary efforts and expressing the hope that as she is still in her

twenties her ambition may yet be realized, penned the following sketch of human misery;

"And now since you cannot realize the degradation and humiliation which it costs me to admit my difficulties, I am going to 'fess up' as some poor miserable creature may be enduring the same inferno and this may be the means of spurring her to rise above the mire. I am a normal graduate, the daughter of a well-to-do physician-father and a graduate in music also.

At twenty years of age, I married a wealthy but practically illiterate farmer, thirteen years my senior. Having had his fling he has sought to crush my ambition, youth and ideals.

He does not approve of magazines, books, writing, picture shows, card-playing or fancy work. May God forgive him for it, but he has beaten, kicked and insulted me and allows me absolutely no recreation of his free will.

He forces me to go to bed at seven P. M. at the only hour that I really feel inspired to write.

The only pleasures that I have are stolen.

I have a good home to which I could return, but there are three little children to whom I feel that I owe the possession of a home, and it is for their sake that I remain in bondage.

The only time I have for writing is when my tyrant is away. But God helping me, I intend to succeed in spite of all this, that I may leave a legacy of worthy accomplishment to my little girls.

Can any of you, dear readers reveal greater determination than this?"

There is "heart-throb" material in abundance!

There is tragedy in a child-wife "hooked up" with a "tyrant" thirteen years her senior. There is pathos in the pitiful childlike faith of her "God helping her" made doubly tragic by the knowledge that she had no opportunity to learn differently in the days when she was becoming a normal graduate. There is humor in her dependence upon "P. M. inspiration" for her fund of information by which she hopes to leave a "legacy of worthy accomplishment" in the literary world. There is comedy in this story of the lady runner who believed in "free will" but who could not practice it because "her tyrant wouldn't

let her!"

The spineless wife of an "illiterate" husband, glorying in her martyrdom, suffering from overindulgence in self-pity, enduring the kicks and beatings of "her tyrant" for the poor privilege of "the possession" of such a home!

Pathos, tragedy, pity or condemnation, here is material for a story of many angles. Skygac decided she was not so much in need of sympathy as advice and wrote her a letter as follows:

To J. R. E. A Blinded Soul in Pain.

Dear, Martyr-Criminal,—After reading your "confession" in the Journal of 2/10, I could not resist the temptation to write to you and give you some badly needed advice!

You say, "you are going to 'fess up' as some poor miserable creature may be enduring the same inferno and this may be the means of spurring her to rise above the mire."

PHYSICIAN, HEAL THYSELF.

So? You are, "remaining in bondage for your children's sake?"

First, I presume, you remained in bondage "for the sake of appearances."

Later you remained in bondage, "for the sake of the child." Still later it was no longer child but children.

Did it ever occur to you that your actions were criminal? Not criminal perhaps in the sense of ~~tute-made law~~, but criminal in the sense of the higher morality which has to do with the right of a child to be well born?

A child's mother owes it a home, not merely a "possession" or a place to stay. You have never given your children a home. You could not, with a "tyrant" instead of a mate for a husband.

A child's mother owes it a parentage it can respect. Can the fruit of your labors respect an "illiterate tyrant" who does not approve of any of the refinements of civilization? Can they even approve of you, once they find out that you are so spineless that you will continue to live with a man who has "beaten, kicked and insulted you?"

Surely, your "ambitions and ideals" can not be very lofty, or you would break the intolerable bonds and give your children an inheritance of a home free from the conditions you describe!

Eagles should mate with eagles

and crows with crows. When mated otherwise the offspring (if any) are hybrids. You cannot undo the past but you CAN plan more wisely for the future.

The careful mother, the one who "reveals the greater determination" feels that she owes her children the right to be well born. Can a child be well-born that is sired by a seven o'clock wife-beater?

While you cannot undo the past, you CAN give your children a mamma who can smile,—an honest-to-goodness smile that bubbles up from the fount of a life rightly lived, not the hypocritical smile that is FORCED for the sake of appearances.

You are, if you only knew it, a most fortunate woman in one respect; you have a good home to which you are welcome to return.

Hasten Thee!

Return at once, and stand not upon the order of your going!

Give your children a chance to grow up in an atmosphere of love and confidence and mutual understanding. Give them an opportunity to share in the responsibilities and the refinements of civilization.

Nature, if you will but hearken, fairly shrieks at you, "Adapt yourself."

Get out of your impossible environment at once, for the sake of yourself, your children who are, and the possibilities of the future.

If life has nothing better to offer than birth, reproduction, misery and death, then it were better that death come early as it does to the swine.

Stop rut-running.

Quit living in the tomorrow of hope and begin cashing-in on the realities of today. Live each day as though you know it to be your last. Live so that YOU can approve of yourself and laughter will rise to your lips, the tang and joy of life will sparkle in your eyes and existence will cease to be the "inferno" you describe, and will become an anthem filled joy. Then you will find love. Not an imitation love, which is in reality lust bent upon having its fling, but a love based upon the perfect companionship of equality.

Many believe, but few have the courage to act. Be a self-starter for your self, and spur yourself to "rise above the mire!"

Physician, heal thyself. Yours for your own happiness, Skygac.

Junior Tattoo registered the midnight hour. Skygac wondered how many people would agree

with the advice he had written. He knew that J. R. E. was not herself to blame. He knew that she was the product and the victim of her environment. He knew that while she was struggling to get that Normal education the educational system itself was controlled in the interest of the dominant class and that she had been robbed in her infancy of the opportunity to know even the fundamental great truths of the evolution of life.

J. R. E. is a type, far too common in America. How many thousand or million of her there may be, we as a nation are too prudish to find out. Besides it is not to the economic advantage of the dominant class for woman to be economically freed from bondage. And because it is to the economic interests of the dominant class, we still have the unfair and intolerable condition of women held in economic bondage, unequally matched in loveless legal marriages, ensuring all the pangs of a loveless life, of opportunity denied, of hopes shattered and ambitions crushed. Because of the ignorance and religious superstitions fostered by the dominant class women are forced to bear a fruitage of children who are the unwelcome and undesired offspring of lust; children who are damned before birth to a joyless life as devoid of initiative as the ordinary woman in the ordinary pastor's "flock." And all because the present order of things makes man a slave to the industrial conditions and woman, who is economically dependant upon the man, a slave of a slave. A slave doubly born, a slave of tradition and custom and a slave of man.

Happiness within the marriage relation is possible, but before that possibility may become a reality, there MUST be equality. Equality in education, in mentality, in age, and above all, in economic opportunity.

Thinking of these heart throbs of the infinitely interesting common people, Skygac placed the dust cap on his mill, took down the Murphy in-a-dor from its unaired two by six prison, wound Junior Tatto, opened the one window in the flat and retired for the night, leaving the Hooverized radiator as cold as the love of a woman who finds herself in economic bondage to a tyrant who is legally her husband and economically her overlord and master.

## Marguerite Prevey Kidnapped

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"The economic conditions in every country determine the form of organization and method of propaganda to be adopted. In order efficiently to organize our movement here, we must clearly understand the political and economic structure of the United States.

"Although the United States is called political democracy there is no opportunity whatever for the working class through the regular political machinery to effectively oppose the will of the capitalist class.

"However, we do not ignore the value of voting, or of electing candidates to public office—so long as these are of assistance to the workers in their economic struggle. Political campaigns, and the election of public officials, provide opportunities for showing up capitalist democracy, educating the workers to a realization of their class position, and of demonstrating the necessity of their class position, and of demonstrating the necessity for the overthrow of the capitalist system. But it must be clearly emphasized that the chance of winning even advanced reforms of the present capitalist system at the polls is extremely remote; and even if it were possible, these reform would not weaken the capitalist system."

Attorney Sharts proved to any one one whose ears were attuned to a sense of logic that the charges were groundless.

One of a large number of Communists and Communist Laborites who were recently indicted by a Chicago Grand Jury for organizing the Communist Labor Party there in August last, Mrs. Prevey was arrested nearly three weeks ago at her home near Akron. Her extradition from Ohio was sought and Governor Cox had approved the extradition papers and allowed her arrest in his office by an agent of Illinois when her attorney Jos. W. Sharts of Dayton demanded that the

formalities of the law and legal procedure be complied with by Ohio authorities before she could be taken. She was placed in the county jail at Columbus and bail denied. At the hearing on extradition Judge Kincaid ruled that before he could properly grant the extradition of the prisoner, the state of Illinois would have to prove to his satisfaction that the Communist Labor Party was formed for the purpose of overthrowing the government of the United States "by violence and unlawful means" in violation of the criminal syndicalism law of Illinois.

Cites Cleveland case.

Testifying on the witness stand, Secretary Allison related the case of the arrest of five officials of the Party at Cleveland in October last.

The testimony showed that at an organization meeting himself with four others had been arrested and charged with the same offense under the Ohio criminal syndicalism law. At the hearing before Judge Moylan the Party Platform was submitted as evidence of the lawless character of the Communist Labor Party, but Judge Moylan refused to bind the accused over to the Grand Jury and dismissed the case. The transcript of the evidence in this case which contained a speech of Mrs. Prevey's which was delivered at the meeting, was not at hand, it having been delayed in reaching Columbus, but it was shown that the cases paralleled.

Attorney Sharts moved for a dismissal of the case. It was denied. Judge Kincaid, in his decision, stated that the declaration of the Party's Platform declaring itself to be in harmony with the principles of the Third International constituted a proper basis for the arrest of the prisoner and being satisfied in other particulars as to the extradition processes he would grant the extradition of the prisoner to Illinois. An appeal was taken by Mrs. Prevey's attorneys and a stay of execution of 48 hours was granted in order to perfect the ap-

peal to the Court of Appeals. The entry to that effect went on that afternoon and the following morning a further stay of execution was granted by the Court of Appeals at Dayton until the case could be heard before it and a summons was issued.

Habeas corpus may release Mrs. Prevey.

Learning of the kidnapping of their client by the violators of the law, the sacredness of which they prate so much about, Mrs. Prevey's attorneys at once wired Wm. A. Cunnea of Chicago to start habeas corpus proceedings in the Chicago Federal Court for the return of the prisoner to Ohio. A certified transcript of the proceedings of the hearing at Columbus has been forwarded to attorney Cunnea.

It is expected that before this issue reaches our readers Mrs. Prevey will have been returned to Ohio and placed at least for the present, out of reach of these wolves of capitalism, whose disregard for their own laws would disgrace even the society of savages. But capitalism knows but one law—that of brute force. And if its henchmen have gone insane with power, it behooves the workers to bring about a state of society wherein such beasts will be kept in subjection.

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RE-DEFINING LIBERTY

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John Donovan now has the choice of staying on with the steel corporation at 50 cents an hour or going with the Illinois Central railroad at the same

figure. In either case he and his family face starvation.

No matter which master he chooses, of each dollar that he produces, a part will go to the bond and stockholders of the corporation for which he works. He will labor, and they without playing any part in the production of the things that are needful for the maintenance of life, will be able to enjoy themselves out of the wealth which Mike Donovan produces.

Lincoln used a phrase which fits the case exactly. Because of his ownership of the means of livelihood, the capitalist is able to say to the worker, "You work and toil and earn bread and I'll eat it." Lincoln used that phrase in a debate over the issue of chattel slavery, but it rings as true today as it did in 1858.

Define slavery as the ownership of the body and slavery disappeared in 1865. Define it as a system which compels one man to support another out of the product of this labor, and slavery is more prevalent in 1920 than it was in 1860.

Slavery today is a matter of ownership by the few, and that slavery can never be abolished until those who work own the jobs on which they are employed. That is the new basis for liberty and on that basis alone can liberty be set up.

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— and out of that enforced labor comes the huge profits which fall into their coffers.

The workers of Kansas are up against the age old question of Life against Government. So far in the history of the world, Life has always won out against Government. There is more reason today than ever before to believe that in the coming conflict between the Kansas workers and this infamous capitalist class moulded law, the lives and freedom of the workers will win.

What do you say, workers of Kansas?

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Ben Peterson	1.00
S. R. Bedford	1.00
X. Y. Z.	50
Total	\$15.50
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## The Black Sheep

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press themselves as those who are willing and anxious to take the responsibility of freedom and those who desire the freedom from responsibility. The "let George do it" attitude will give rise to a new despotism. For society will always need laws and eighty percent of the people would rather go to a picnic than to the legislature. Then there are other problems; for instance the problem of over population, the problem of the feeble minded, the problem of hereditary disease. All these must be regulated for the welfare of the race and they who do the regulating will be the masters. I tell you boys what the trouble is as I see it. Nature turned the lizard into a bird by natural selection, and you try to turn an individualistically minded slave mass into a social organism by talking to them."

"Oh, well "Collins said, as he straightened out the quilts upon the bed and proceeded to lace his shoes, the kid is young yet, when that brain of his becomes class conscious, by being rubbed against the struggle, then he will get over the merely theoretic part of his objections and put himself into the harness to organize those who are organizable. Just wait till his whiskers tickle his chin and he has seen his own soul reflected in a woman's eyes, for whose favor he would gladly shed his blood, then he'll quit thinking of beavers and lizards and get busy on the system."

"I thot you didn't like poetry," remarked the boy.

"Taint poetry, 'tis facts," replied Collins.

At this point the jailor entered with their breakfast. It was about ten o'clock. He said that the kid had better get his clothes on as the judge would want to see him by and by, so saying he left them to wonder what the new developments might be.