

SOCIAL REVOLUTION.

THE MAY DAY TROUBLES AS A PRECURSOR OF THE COMING STRUGGLE.

The Rulers and Monopolists Determined to Keep Labor in Subjection - The Conspiracy of Silence a Great Outbreak in the Near Future.

In Europe and America the first day of May has been chosen by a more or less general consent among capitalist agitators as a day on which to inaugurate and parade by way of agitating for shorter hours of labor and more pay.

In Europe the day is more generally observed than in this country. Last year the demonstrations were more imposing than ever before. Of course, these demonstrations are not to be regarded as public opinion allow, by the rulers, who are the agents of the monopolists, as such, for the oppression of all who are laborers. But in this country the labor demonstrations become larger and stronger the opposition of the rulers becomes more pronounced.

Last year the rulers arrayed themselves very decidedly against the working people by openly hostile measures, but comparatively little blood was shed. This year the labor demonstrations indicated a stronger determination to ever before on the part of workers to improve their condition, and they were met by a correspondingly strong effort on the part of the rulers to keep them.

Last year the newspapers were at a great display of the May day news from Europe. The cablegrams filled many columns in the papers. This year, though it is very inferior from the news we have in this country, was far from exciting and potent, barely a column and a half sufficed to tell the despatching public of the real lines, which were not large nor new.

This meagreness of dispatches indicates an unwillingness on the part of the monopolists and rulers to let the people at large know exactly how serious the rebellion of the working people against existing social conditions is. You may be sure that the disturbances in Europe on the first of May were much greater than the disturbances in this country would be likely to gather from the cable reports. In my opinion the social revolution has progressed so far that the rulers feel the necessity of concealing its true proportions.

It has been evident to those whose attention has been directed to the fact that in this country for many months there has been, and now is among the monopolists and rulers.

CONSPIRACY OF SILENCE.

The object of which is to conceal from the public what the working people are thinking and doing in the way of revolt against political and industrial tyranny.

There are three reasons why the Baltimore jail under sentence of death for killing several of their employers in what was called a riot on May 1st. If you know the circumstances under which the killing was done, the conduct of the men who were killed, the methods by which the men in the Baltimore jail were subjected to the prosecution which was followed by the killing, you would undoubtedly decide that it were ever so justifiable, or, at least, an excusable homicide this was one. If you knew the methods by which the men in the Baltimore jail were prosecuted in the United States court at Baltimore, you would revolt against the cruelty, not to say illegality, of them. But few of you ever read the case, for the reason that the newspaper you read have never referred to it, except, possibly, in the briefest attention. It is a case in which the United States authorities has been apparently at the disposal of a free corporation, and which it was generally understood would be subject the corporation and the authorities to obtain. Hence, it has been generally kept out of the newspaper, and the condemned workmen are hanged not one person in a thousand will know what they were hanged for.

So also some workmen are under sentence of death in Pennsylvania for a homicide that occurred under similar circumstances, yet the newspapers know nothing of the case. It has been kept almost entirely out of the newspapers.

SEVERAL MASS MEETINGS.

were recently held in New York to open the circumstances of the Baltimore killings and protest against the hanging of the convicted men, but the day following the meetings the casual newspaper editor would not take any notice of the papers, that any such meetings had been held. Such notices of them as appeared were so insignificant that they attracted attention.

It has long been the habit of the railroad companies to conceal from the public as completely as possible the accidents which happen on their roads. It is now evidently the policy of the monopolists and rulers to enact their tyrannies in secret and conceal the incidents of their people's rebellion against them as well as to cause. This is a policy which on their part, for they know that the issue between themselves and the people will finally be settled by public opinion, and that public opinion would form more rapidly than it is now forming against them if all the facts in the case were known.

But in spite of the conspiracy of silence it is easy for the ears of the masses to learn from what is published that the temper of the working people all over the world is more determined than ever to inaugurate May day celebration, that they are more hopeful of succeeding in what they are attempting, that they are presenting a more logical resistance to the ruled force

than ever before. It was in the case of the strike of the miners last year as well as in the case of the strike of the dockworkers last year. In both cases, those who are not acquainted with a general view of the significance of current events, and if they are ignorant of the meaning of the word "conspiracy of silence," it is in the case of the strike of the miners last year as well as in the case of the strike of the dockworkers last year.

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