

Avenue and Virginia Street. The meeting was to be called "on behalf of Russia," as a camouflage, then was to be turned into an organization meeting of the "Soldiers, Sailors, and Workmen's Council." A great parade was to be formed which, following the Red Flag, would march to the city jail and release the prisoners. An advertisement appeared in the *Union Record*, giving notice of the meeting. Circulars were distributed all over the city, stating that Hulet M. Wells, already convicted of sedition and out on bail, would be one of the speakers and Mr. —, of Canada, would be the other. On some of the circulars it was stated that "The meeting is to be held under the auspices of the Metal Trades, Central Labour Council and Hope Lodge No. 79, Machinists."

Knowing what the soviet plans were, I was surprised at the signature to the circular, and in company with Councilman Robert B. Hesketh, a union labour loyalist, I went to the Central Labour Council, and there the business agent of the council informed me that the Central Labour Council knew nothing of the meeting. We then called on A. L. Miller, one of the heads of the Metal Trades Council (since suspended by his International Union), and he said he knew nothing of the meeting. I made proper police arrangements, instructing the officers not to interfere with the meeting, but to allow things to come to a head. The police authorities marshalled their men in the assembly room and waited. Word had reached the conspirators that we were prepared, and the mysterious speaker from Canada did not appear. Hulet M. Wells could not be