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## THE LESSON OF THE STRIKE

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THE lesson of the strike will never be forgotten in the Labor movement. The shameful lie about the "Anarchist Conspiracy" will never be forgotten. Nor will the poison-gas campaign of the Capitalist press.

The workers now know—all of them know, what many had realized before—that they have arrayed against them, in the fact of the Capitalist system itself, an enemy absolutely without honor and without mercy—an enemy who will use every weapon of force and fraud to reduce them to misery and slavery—an enemy with whom there can be no reconciliation—an enemy who will smash them unless they smash the enemy.

The workers now know that the Capitalist Press, and the Government which a portion of the Capitalist Press tricked the public into voting for, are joined together with the Capitalist employers in a solid army of reaction.

The workers now know that it is

## IRELAND

DUBLIN, Nov. 11.—Immediately following the celebration of Armistice Day here today, motor lorries loaded with British soldiers swooped down on the Irish Parliament Headquarters and arrested its occupants.

quite useless to vote either Liberal or Conservative. They now know that it is quite useless to count on the support of either Liberal or Conservative newspapers when there is a plain issue before the country of a decent standard of living for the working man.

The workers now know that only in themselves lies any hope. They see that their choice is between submitting to be the slaves of the vast, organized, legalized, militarized, capitalized system of force and fraud which holds them down at present, and exercising their own power—the final irresistible power they possess as producers of all the wealth of the world—to accomplish the peaceful Social Revolution, control their own methods of work, and attain to the full status of free human beings in the Co-operative Commonwealth.

## Socialism Not Seditious

QUEBEC, Sept. 15.—Henry Seiden, of Montreal, a travelling salesman, arrested here early last summer, was discharged from custody by Magistrate Choquette (Senator,) who cleared the man and let him off without the least penalty.

Seiden had been arrested at Quebec at his hotel on a charge of seditious plottings. Literature, which the police claimed was illegal, radical and Bolshevik, was found in the man's grips and was seized as exhibits in the case. In his judgment, Magistrate Choquette said that whatever may have been done and said, the accused, Seiden, could not be held on a charge of seditious plotting, insofar as he had not been convicted of plotting.

"I'll admit," continued the judge, "that Seiden has advanced ideas, but this is no crime. We live today in an advanced world where liberty of speech and of press must exist."

"It is not in vain," said the judge, "that we have fought four years on the battlefields of Europe. Liberty

of speech and press are a recognized right. Seiden, when arrested, was found in possession of batches of literature, newspapers and reviews which the prosecution claimed to be of a seditious nature. In my judgment, these supposedly seditious and Bolshevik papers which were found in Seiden's possession have been looked over. The one to which the strongest opposition might have been made is published, circulated and openly sold in the city of Montreal. Why should the accused be punished for having in his possession a paper that is in everybody's hands in the streets and lobbies of Montreal?"

### Senator Commends Accused.

Magistrate Choquette then reverted to the personal views and so-called Socialistic ideas of Seiden.

"Whatever may be the advanced ideas of accused," said he, "we can not conclude that Seiden is a Bolshevik. He has ideas which may be termed Socialistic, but Socialism, well understood, is no crime. Seiden spoke as everybody else talks."

## Liberty Bonds for Workers A Day's Pay for Winnipeg Defence

B. C. quota is \$20,000—All Labor officials are asked to co-operate with B. C. Committee—Toronto Committee is taking the campaign in Eastern Canada—Winnipeg will look after the three prairie provinces—The fight has just begun for the defence of Labor's spokesmen.

IN order to raise funds for the defence of the men arrested as a result of the Winnipeg strike, the issue of "Worker's Liberty Bonds" has been decided upon. The Winnipeg Central Committee is taking care of the three prairie provinces, and the Toronto Committee is taking charge of the campaign in the East. The British Columbia Committee is taking care of this province, and branch committees in Prince Rupert, Victoria, Cumberland and other points are all joining with the Central committee at Vancouver, so that the campaign may be as thorough as possible.

An appeal is being sent to every organization in the Province, and the co-operation of local secretaries and other union officials is sought by the committee which has the campaign in hand for British Columbia. By the aid of the local organization officers, and other workers, that are interested in the cases now before the courts in Winnipeg, it is expected that British Columbia will respond to the fullest extent, and the

amount allotted to this Province, \$20,000, will be oversubscribed. The Central Committee in Winnipeg is determined that nothing that can be done in the defence of the arrested men, shall be left undone, but this costs money. It is expected that before the final stage of the battle of Labor for the freedom of its spokesmen is reached, that it will cost in the neighborhood of \$100,000. There is still a large part of this amount to be raised. This can only be done by the workers. The following appeal is being sent to as many individual workers as it is possible to secure the addresses of. If you do not receive one, don't wait, take this as an invitation to subscribe.

Fellow Worker:—

During his recent tour of Eastern Canada, the Rev. Wm. Ivens suggested, and used as his slogan "One Day's Pay for Winnipeg," and the issue of "Worker's Defence Liberty Bonds," which can be used as a receipt therefore.

The idea was received with enthusiasm in the East, and especially in the City of Toronto, and the Defence Committee there at once secured the services of Comrade T. Mallilieu for six weeks to inaugurate a "Liberty Bond" campaign of every worker in the three prairie provinces, with an objective of \$25,000.

The opening day of the campaign is Saturday, Nov. 15, and closing at midnight on Monday, Dec. 15, 1919.

The bonds will be issued in denominations of \$1, \$2 and \$5 each, in different colors, and will form an interesting souvenir of the historic struggle of Labor against persecution at the hands of unscrupulous plutocracy.

The B. C. section of the Defence Committee has been asked to carry on the campaign in this Province, and has consented to do so, and now makes this appeal to individual workers throughout the Province to "Donate One Day's Pay" to the defence of the men arrested, because they voiced the wishes of the workers, and whenever possible, delivered the message that will educate the workers to their position in society. This, and this alone, is their crime. True to their fellows, they now are standing trial before a capitalistic court, with all the powers that can be lined up against them, and unless every effort is made, their fate will be the penitentiary.

The Defence Committee is determined that everything that can be done to secure their acquittal shall be done, but the machinery of the law must be lubricated, and money is necessary so that every available legal process may be used in the effort now being made on behalf of our fellow workers. Unless their acquittal is secured, no member of the working class will be safe. It may be your turn tomorrow.

Your money will aid us. Surely

a day's pay is not too much to give for a fellow worker's liberty?

If it were your turn tomorrow, would you like to think that anything that could have been done was left undone? You alone can supply the answer. There is no interest on these bonds. The stake is greater than financial gain. It is the Liberty of Speech and action on behalf of the workers that is at stake. The responsibility belongs to every individual worker. A. S. WELLS, Secretary B. C. Defence Committee.

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### TRIALS WILL COMMENCE AT WINNIPEG TUESDAY

#### First Shipment of Liberty Bonds Expected to Arrive Today

The trial of the men arrested in Winnipeg as a result of the general strike is expected to commence on Tuesday next week, according to the latest word that has been received from Winnipeg. Prosecuting Attorney Andrews says that the trials will not be concluded by Christmas. Full reports of the trial will be published in the Federationist each week, arrangements having been made with Winnipeg to this effect. The Winnipeg Labor Church has already subscribed for a block of Liberty Bonds to the extent of \$5000. The campaign will be opened in Brandon on Sunday by Roger Bray, one of the men facing trial. It is expected that the first shipment of bonds and buttons for the B. C. campaign will be on hand on Saturday morning. These can be secured at all times at the Federationist office, which will be the Headquarters of the campaign in this province.—B. C. Federationist, Labor Temple, Vancouver, B. C.