

Turn On the Light

A deed of darkness is being attempted in the West. It began with a midnight kidnaping, and it is proposed to go on to murder. All this has been and is to be done under the forms of the law by men who have sworn to obey and enforce the law.

Yet from the beginning they have paid small heed to these forms and none at all to right and justice.

Such a deed as this can be consummated only in the dark. The light of day or the glare of publicity is fatal.

But in this case, just as those who were elected to enforce the law and prevent violence and murder, are themselves kidnapers and prospective murderers, so that which should have shed light upon the scene has become a source of darkness.

The daily press of the United States, supposed to be the most powerful organ of publicity, has closed its columns to all the facts that would really illuminate the situation.

"IF THEREFORE THE LIGHT THAT IS IN THESE BE DARKNESS, HOW GREAT IS THAT DARKNESS."

This darkness has been maintained in spite of one of the most widespread uprisings of the people of this country ever known.

The tramping feet of thousands of workers marching in protest, the words of hundreds of orators speaking to mighty mass meetings, the falling of millions of leaflets and labor papers like snowflakes through the land, all have found no echo, roused no response in the daily press.

Around about that scaffold that is being built in Idaho there rises a wall of newspapers that hope to shut out the dark deeds being done behind their silent concealment.

If that veil can be maintained, if the workers can be kept from knowing the perfidy of officials, the criminality of capitalism, the murderous vengeance that is planned by the plutocratic powers of America, then Charles Moyer, William D. Haywood and George Pettibone will dance on empty air, while the ghouls of capitalism rejoice because they have landed another blow upon the body of resisting labor.

If that veil can be torn aside, if the blazing light of publicity can be poured in upon the spot where the criminal plot is being hatched, then we shall see a scattering as of bats and owls when a blast tears aside the walls of some ancient cavern.

The only power that can tear aside that veil, that can pour in the flood of life-saving light, that can send the murderous gang cringing away into the outer darkness, is the Socialist press of the United States.

The Socialist press can do it because that press alone is a creation and the instrument of millions of workers.

Those workers can carry the message which the Socialist press bears, can direct the light which it sheds, into every home in this country.

LET US TEAR ASIDE THAT VEIL AND LET THE LIGHT BEAT WITH SUCH BLINDING, BURNING FORCE UPON THAT IDAHO SCENE THAT ITS RAYS SHALL BE REFLECTED INTO EVERY TOWN, VILLAGE AND CITY IN THE UNITED STATES.

To do this will require such a spontaneous uprising, such a widespread co-operation in work as has never been known before.

WE ARE GOING TO DO THIS.

We are going to see to it that every man, woman and child has a chance to know the truth that shall make them and our brothers free.

We will place the facts of this trial into the hands of working men in every nook of America, until there will arise such a shout of indignat protest as shall stop this foul murder.

We must do this in our own self-defense. Not alone that the spirit of solidarity, which is the one great weapon in the workers' warfare for liberty, may be strengthened and made more effective, but in order that we may preserve those fundamental rights for which the race has striven these many centuries and which constitute the foundation upon which labor must stand in its battle for further progress.

Every man, woman or child who reads this can help to turn the flood of light upon this conspiracy and direct the attention of his friends and fellow workers to the contemplated crime.

When the story of that battle is written none will care to have their names inscribed among those who skulked in the rear and left others to bear the brunt of the fight.

ARE YOU ENLISTED IN THIS FIGHT? IF NOT, WHY NOT?



LIFE WILL SOON MEAN SOMETHING TO THE BASEBALL FAN The baseball teams are headed for the practice fields—News Item

GOOD AND BAD MEN By ROBERT DUNBAR

Herbert Spencer would have defined the difference between a bad man and a good man about as follows: One who allows his egoism to preponderate to great excess, would be a bad man; also one who would not regard self at all, but allow his altruistic instincts to outrun his instincts of self-preservation would also be harmful to society.

This would not throw much light on the problem. It takes up man as if he were more or less an automaton and not governed by his own will and the will of the society in which he moves.

I would say a good man is one who is first a good, healthy animal, and second, one who, after he provides for his own wants and those dependent on him, uses his powers, bodily and mental, his will, to help along those about him, and takes an interest in the growth, betterment and enlightenment of the whole human race.

A Laugh or A Smile By P. B.

In His Humble Sphere "I shrink when I think of the future," said the village pessimist. "Everything looks black to me."

Mr. Gates, who is John D. Rockefeller's business representative, says that all these stories of the oil king's fabulous wealth are false. His income is only \$20,000,000 a year.

Those wire tappers who got \$240,000 from Banker Walker will doubtless turn the attention of some of the promoters who are now selling mining stock.

RESOLUTIONS

Dear Sir and Brother:—At a regular meeting of the Northwest Improvement Society held on Wednesday evening, Feb. 21, 1907, a committee was appointed to draw up the following resolutions and send a copy to the City Clerk to be read to the Council on Monday, Feb. 18th, also copies to be sent to the twelve aldermen who voted against the traction street.

Resolved, That we earnestly deplore the traction legislation of the last two meetings of the Council as aiming to rivet a perpetual traction franchise upon us.

Resolved, That we are willing to suffer the forfeiture of our franchise for years past by the traction companies of this city until we can secure the election of a council and to acquire with the necessary honesty, intelligence and backbone to break the hold of these traction plagues upon the people of this city.

NOW AND FOREVER

An old patriarch recovering from intoxication said of his second son, "Cursed be Canaan; a servant of servants shall he be to his brethren," and so through the centuries, in accordance with this curse, a dominant race justified the inhumanity and injustice of chattel slavery.

The slender nature of another thread is emphasized in recent published investigations of the Indian Bureau. The Kaw tribe were given their lands in fee simple, lands of immense value, flowing in oil, which is better from the utilitarian standpoint than the proverbial milk and honey.

One case illustrates all. A squaw named Betsy Gallaticher possessed a tract which Chauncey Dewey has estimated to be worth \$300,000. A typical child of our civilized system obtained the land from this typical child of nature for \$2,350.

This swindler now has a "title" which cannot be questioned by any power in the heavens above or the earth beneath. It is his control through life, and by will and testament forever and ever.

longs to him, his heirs and assigns forever. And it is by just such threads, or even more slender or rotten, that all private titles to land are hanging, if the abstract only goes back to the beginning.

The question was once asked, "On what meat hath this our Caesar fed that he hath grown so great?" And well may we now ask, "On what dope have the owners fed us that we have grown such mental imbeciles?"

It is this deep rooted idea of the fixed and sacred character of private title that makes us "conservative" enough to be slaves, and even to see our children enslaved. In the second chapter of "The Descent of Man," Darwin gives his authority for the statement that the children of the working class of England are born with larger hands than the children of the "geentry."

Look, oh working father, at the precious little mite of humanity in the cradle, bone of your bone and flesh of your flesh. Examine the tiny hand and see if he has come into the world carrying the brand of slavery.

ESPERANTO LESSON 16 Exercise on Prepositions. Mi sendas al vi tiun el libron, anstata la alia. Antaŭ el morgaŭ, vi staros antaŭ la juĝisto.

DOG FOOTWARMERS The pet dog is having his day right now. A few years ago he had to be content with a silk-lined basket to sleep in and a made-to-order blanket to cover him when he went out for a walk or a drive.

Man's business requires haste. The average business man and professional man eats in a hurry, and gets dyspepsia. He walks in a hurry and gets apoplexy. He talks in a hurry, and gets the lie. He does business in a hurry, and becomes a bankrupt.

INTERNATIONAL SOCIALIST CROSS It may be that many of the readers of the Chicago Daily Socialist are not aware that there is a musical culture in music and through song, to inculcate socialist principles, sentiment and fraternity.

LOVESOME BANCHEER'S WIFE I am deeply and gravely interested in your struggle to establish a daily paper for us and realize how greatly it is needed. Not only is it hard to get much assistance, for harder still to find time, especially for a man, "We get together and we are said between visits." I live in what is called the western country. Once I lived not far from Chicago.

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