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HAYWOOD SPEAKS OUT

By Arthur B. Callahan

"There is going to be a big battle in the Socialist party between the middle class and the wageworkers. We must have a National Executive Committee composed of wageworkers. And the time is coming when we will." So Bill Haywood reads the future.

I went aboard the Rosalie at Port Townsend last Saturday, because it was the first boat I could take after I was ready to return to Seattle.

There is no room in my philosophy for luck, but except for Haywood, I was the only Socialist aboard.

Jim Hickey, member of the Marine Cooks and Waiters, and waiter on board the Rosalie, is not a Socialist, but he is a near Socialist. It was Jim who told me that Haywood was on board, coming from Friday Harbor where he spoke on Friday night.

"He's in room 11," Jim said, "and he is just as common as an old shoe."

And he is. Jim was right. Two years ago, whole continents were thinking with his name. The proletariat in half the civilized world knew that an attempt was being made to railroad him to the gallows for the crime of fighting the battles of the working class. Twenty millions of the workers discussed his interdict and his peril from Denver to the oceans. In ten thousand towns, public meetings were held, and teeming millions of the toilers cheered his name a countless thousand times. Before an aroused American working class the gallows faded, and the walls of the Boise penitentiary fell away, as the walls of the Bastille fell before our fellow workers one hundred and twenty years ago.

Now, workers pack the halls across the continent, to hear that eloquent voice, pleading, to the working class, the cause of the working class.

Bill Haywood is a big man in the American Proletariat—a colossal figure looming larger every day.

"Lime-lighteritis" is a disease. Its germs lie in the gaze of men, in the praise of men. I have seen it in the varioloid state. I have seen cases that were chronic, and cases that were fatal. I have seen incipient cases, and I have seen it cured.

Before I was a Socialist I was a capitalist newspaper reporter. I am yet, sometimes. I have interviewed congressmen, U. S. senators, millionaires, masters of finance. Bill Haywood is the only public man I ever met who is not infected in any degree with "lime-lighteritis" of applauding crowds.

I saw the miner in Bill Haywood. He is that yet, as distinctly as if he carried in his cap the miner's lamp. Simple, direct, outspoken, fearfully in earnest, and terribly class conscious.

And as common, as Jim Hickey said, as an old shoe.

He told of his delight with that fairy land, the San Juan Islands, the green trees, the wonderful water, the marvelous coloring.

"I am going there some day to live," he said.

"Good!" I said, half credulous, "But when?"

"As soon as I can straighten out my affairs and move my family here."

And it is true,—he meant it. In a few months he will be a citizen of Washington.

"If you do," I asked, "what will you do with that magnificent palace of yours in Denver of which I have heard so much?"

"I'll sell it," he laughed. "I have a nice place in Denver. It's good enough for anybody to live in. It is worth three thousand dollars. And I will get it paid for some day, if I don't get it sold first."

"Some people think I am making lots of money," he continued. "I am doing all right. But what I get isn't so large when you figure what comes out of it. I have to make long jumps frequently, and my expenses are heavier than people think. But I net about as much as my wages when I was secretary of the Western Federation of Miners, and little, if any more."

Then we drifted back to the Socialist party.

"There is much fighting in the Socialist party," he said, "and it hurts."

"Yes?" I queried, "You mean here in Washington?"

"Oh, no," he answered, "It's going on in every state in the union, there's going to be a big battle between the middle class and the wage workers. We must have a national committee composed exclusively of wage workers. The feeling is every-

where, and it's growing. There is a great sentiment on the subject all over the country."

We talked of Gomer's visit to the president, of his trip to Europe, and the possibility of his labor party.

"It will never come," he said, "he can't make it."

"But last fall he got lots of union men to vote for Bryan," I reminded him.

"Yes," he answered, "lots of them. But he can't organize a labor party. The time when another labor party can be organized is passed."

Four long and tedious hours stretch between Port Townsend Bay and Magnolia Bluff, as the Rosalie measures the distance. But when I thought she whistled for some passing steamer at Point No Point, I looked up and saw the yellow tower of the Colman Dock. My monopoly of our Bill Haywood had expired.

Impressions of the Haywood Meeting

By Bessy Fiset

To me the Haywood meeting seemed very much out of the ordinary!

Usually at Socialist gatherings Socialism is "the" theme—Labor being subordinated. On this occasion, however, one listened to a magnificent labor talk dovetailed at the corners into Socialism.

On account of his close connection with Moyer, Haywood and Pettibone, the editor of "The Socialist" was asked to make a reminiscent talk before Comrade Haywood was announced—which added much interest to what followed and which served to be a connecting link between our Western Comrades and the thrilling incidents attendant upon the great trial.

Haywood gave one the impression of being a man who has so much to say that he has to keep steadily at it in order to tell all he wants to in the prescribed time. On this account the "Pause" is almost wholly lacking and one has to give the closest attention in order to follow him. This, added to the fact that what he says is of the supremest interest, causes the closest attention on the part of the audience.

The skeleton of his talk was made up of the historical strikes instituted by the Western Federation of Miners from the time of the first Bull Pen about fifteen years ago and this was filled out with story after story of the indignities, hardships, struggles, fears and triumphs of the miners. Over all was thrown the cloak of Socialism—that Political organization of the workers—without which the industrial giant cannot live.

To me organized labor became a living thing—more understandable, more vital than it ever has seemed before and I realized, as never before, the closeness of the relation between Political and Industrial organization. After coming in contact with Haywood's personality—we can readily understand the organized effort on the part of the Mine Owners Association to get this man, more than any other—out of the way—for his fearless, unflinching, even defiant, defiance of capitalist institutions, laws, courts, government is the thing that stands out most clearly before those who heard him in Seattle.

Some time ago "The Socialist" received letters from out of town comrades requesting that I be suppressed when it came to dabbling in party matters and that I be kept in my own "sphere" (The Woman). To all those comrades I say right now: Don't read on—because you will probably feel called upon to waste another stamp and it might be put to better use.

For the benefit of the one possible ignoramus in the party—I will make the statement that there is a fight on in the state of Washington.

Many people—even comrades—think that fighting is indigenous to Washington soil, alone—but the truth of the matter is that the seed of fighting

in the party ranks is taking root everywhere and is always being nourished and coaxed into growth by the same element—the Opportunists.

All over the country this fight is growing insidiously, and it will soon take a definite national shape—so it seems to me that the time for hedging and lukewarmers—whether on the part of individuals or Locals—has gone by.

My reason for taking up this matter is to be found in the following letter dated New York, May 30th, 1909. This letter speaks for itself and one doesn't require reference to a dictionary in order to understand what is meant. It is all the more forcible in that Comrade Peluso—while here—was never considered one of "The Ring."

Some four years ago Edmond Peluso started from France to study the Socialist movement in America, England and Germany. Since that time he has spent months at a time in the different cities of the United States, reaching Seattle some year and a half or two years ago.

In August of 1908 he left America for Japan intending to go to France by way of Russia, but on being denied passports came back to America via Manila.

For the last three months he has been on the staff of the United Press Association and the many opportunities he has and has had of coming in contact with working class organizations make his opinions worthy of consideration.

Here is the letter in part:—
"My Dear Comrade:—First of all, thanks for the papers sent and for the letter. I suppose all these skirmishes within the party itself are a test of strength and purity. It is a thing that I have witnessed in France, when I belonged to the Parti Ouvrier Français. The fight went on for years,

and when the process of purification was completed, all the "purified" united. And I suppose the same thing will happen here.

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WE GROW!

At the meeting of the Board of Trustees of the Trustee Printing Company, held last Monday, it was decided that hereafter the most important printing job the Company had to handle was "The Socialist", and the Business Manager was so instructed.

It was also decided to issue regularly and on time, even if the size had to be cut down occasionally. As a result of this meeting of the Board of Trustees, this week, for the first time in almost two years, the bulk of the readers of the paper will receive it on or before its date of publication, and from this time on they can count on receiving it the same day every week.

In order to accomplish this result, the Board realized that the Business Manager would have to have additional assistance, and he was authorized to employ Comrade Hattie W. Titus to do the hustling for "The Socialist". She will have, practically, entire charge of the business of the paper, as such, and will devote her energies to making it pay its own way.

This will be welcome news for the supporters of the paper who have stood by it through thick and thin, who have been disappointed time after time when it did not appear promptly, and who have had to explain to irate new subscribers the reason they did not get their paper some weeks.

It is news such as will hearten our old friends to begin again the work of securing new readers for the paper, work which they have practically dropped, and it will encourage them to again contribute to the support of "The Socialist" from time to time, as they were used.

We had to make this issue two pages in order to get out on time this week, but next week we will have four pages, and the complete "Historical Achievement of Karl Marx" promised for this week.

BUSINESS MANAGER.

A FOUL ATTEMPT FOILED! PLOT TO DOPE HAYWOOD

Conspiracy of Independent Socialists to Ruin Haywood's Meeting in Seattle - Four of Them Lay Wait for Him but He Is Too Much for Them - The Scab Cook Laudenbach, the Leader.

It was announced in the Seattle Daily "Star" of Saturday evening, June 5, that Haywood would speak for Local Seattle in Dreamland Rink Sunday night, June 6, also that he would be a guest at "The Antlers" which had been selected by the Socialist party of Seattle as the only strictly Union Hotel in the city.

Haywood was met at the boat by State Secretary Waynick and escorted to the hotel at 8 p.m. where Waynick left him. Haywood engaged his room, hung up his overcoat in the hotel office and stepped out to get a drink. In the saloon he was waylaid by several Independent Socialists, led by George Laudenbach, who then began a deliberate attempt to wreck the great Haywood demonstration announced for the next night under the auspices and for the benefit of Local Seattle of the Socialist party of Washington.

Under pretense of friendship and comradeship and good fellowship these self styled "Socialists," plied the tired Haywood with drink after drink of bad whiskey and nobody knows what other dope. At 1 a.m. when the saloon closed they practically kidnapped their victim and held him in confinement till late in the afternoon of Sunday.

But the villains had underrated the powerful physique of the giant Haywood. At 6 p.m. Sunday, only two hours before the meeting, Haywood recovered and broke away from his captors. He reappeared at the hotel at 7 o'clock, went alone to the hall and in the most masterly manner delivered his speech as advertised.

In the meantime all day Sunday the "Independents" were circulating the report that Haywood would not fill his engagement Sunday night. Not only did the "Independents" themselves, with the exception of a dozen or so stay away from the meeting, but hundreds of phone calls were sent in to the rink inquiring if it was true

that Haywood would not speak as announced. This, notwithstanding the fact that both "The Star" and the "P-I" contained the announcement and thousands of posters and circulars had covered the city for the last three weeks.

The dastardly scheme of these "P-I" Socialists was frustrated only by the wonderful recuperative powers of Bill Haywood. They knew that he was a man who "took a drink," as most men do. They laid a trap to "dope" him and disgrace him and the cause he represents. At the same time they calculated that Local Seattle and the Socialist Party organization would be "put in the hole" by the failure of the much advertised and expensive rink meeting.

Undoubtedly they succeeded in keeping away hundreds of people besides themselves, who would otherwise have attended. Undoubtedly they made Local Seattle an Haywood lose a hundred dollars apiece. But they utterly failed in disgracing either Haywood or the Socialist Party. The meeting was a tremendous success, the largest and best since the big Debs demonstration. The net proceeds amounted to over one hundred dollars to be divided between Haywood and the Local.

That our readers may see for themselves just the sort of work these conspirators are doing elsewhere we print herewith a letter sent by this man, Laudenbach, to Mrs. Gatchell, one of the members of the State Committee. It will be noticed that Laudenbach throughout his bitter letter does not deny he is a scab. The facts are, he is a member of a Scab "Union," an organization of cooks in Seattle, opposed to the Cooks and Waiters Union and refused organization by the I.W.W. National Organizer, J. H. Walsh.

No Pinkerton could have undertaken a more contemptible trick to ruin the great Labor Leader and bring failure and shame upon the Socialist Party than that which we have here exposed for the good of the organization everywhere.

"SCAB'S" LETTER—NO DENIAL

Seattle, May 24, 1909.

Mrs. Ada Gatchell, North Yakima.

Dear Lady — Our worthy genuine revolutionary Party organ, the Seattle Socialist, has in its last issue from the 15th, the report of a "shooting affair" the shooting said to be done in North Yakima by Mrs. Ada Gatchell, and said "shots" are reported to be "center shots." It is left to the reader to guess who qualified this shots as "centre shots," the shooter herself or the party who set up and watched the target. I am inclined to believe that the firing of this shots so aroused the acclamation and the applause of the little band or rifle brigade with headquarters in the "Trustee Printing Office" that in their glee they mistook the edge of the target for the center.

As it was sure no smokeless powder, with which the gun was loaded, the "smoke" indicates by its smell, that it was of the same brand of powder with which this rifle corps uses to shoot. It is the sulphurous, nauseating smoke creating "Titus—ring" powder.

We are very familiar here with this smoke, as the Local does some literary shooting at us most every week, if sufficient money and ammunition is at hand, and so we recognize the sort of powder used, by its smoke, when some shooting is done outside this local literary shooting club.

Your shots were directed against those men who objected being called "Scabs" and you are shooting at this objection with the weighty remark that because they are non-union men they are sure "Scabs." Krueger has said so and so it must be, because he must know it.

We ought to be very thankful that he did not call us highway robbers and crooks, for if he had done so, you and some others would have set your name under such expectation also, for the reason that everything which comes from this source must be true and right; and when some other comrades say he is a gambler, because they themselves with the weighty remark heard him boasting to be a gambler, they are liars and slanderers. If some candidate for office outside the dictating ring would have stood up and tried to catch votes with a platform like "Down with high rents, Local option, Asiatic exclusion," why the whole ring and of course you also would have shot him down with the epithets "Opportunist, Reformist, Compromiser, Fusionist, Middle-Class-Bourgeois Socialist, Traitor, but when Titus, the infallible, does it, both platform fits very nicely to the bottom of the demand of the National Convention, because it is in the interests of the working class. He might have advocated reduction of street car fares, cheaper gas rates, coal oil, potatoes and other things, also in the interest of the working class and you would have pronounced it just as right, scientific, socialistic and fitting to the national demands because this authority is always right and nobody ought to oppose him.

It is a well-known fact, that women protect a man with whom they are in love, even if he is a rascal or a scapegrace in the opinion of others. As we cannot speak of love in this case, we ought to say sympathy or better, prepossession or predilection in favor of some one causes most women to excuse and call good all things done by their favorite or favorites.

Indeed these men can consider themselves lucky to have such staunch supporters like you, who endorses and calls right anything they might undertake, though any other unprejudiced person would consider it crooked, unfair or unjust.

You do not even justice to yourself or the insulted parties in stating the truth, like some other members of the State Committee did, that we were not called "Scabs" above your signature, but that this clause was added to the handbills and to the "Socialist's Party answer" in the "Socialist" afterwards and that therefore a protest is filed in the state office against this remark.

But this seems to make not the slightest difference to you.

Krueger might have called us "scoundrels and crooks" above your signature and you would not protest against it, simply not to give any satisfaction to those you consider outcasts and unorganizable.

If you think to make any effectual impression with such an attitude you are greatly mistaken and your shots rebound back on you.

This is what I have to say on your article in the last issue of the "Socialist" and I have to do it by letter, because the columns of this paper would not be opened to a reply in this sense.

I enclose also a copy of the "Suppressed Facts" if you should not be in possession of it, yet, in which you may read what the opponents of "Seattle ring" have to say. It contains also some "real centre shots." Please look out that not one of them strike yourself as a protector of this autocratic ring.

But should you prefer to light your morning fire with it, before reading, look out for an explosion, as it contains some hidden bombs—I mean literary bombs.

Yours in spite of all opposition always political and economical revolutionary socialist comrade.

GEORGE LAUDENBACH.

FROM A GLOBE TROTTER

By Bessy Fiset

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WARNING TO BALTIC MEN

SOCIALIST PARTY OF CANADA.

Dominion Executive Committee

Office of Secretary, Box 836

THE SOCIALIST, SEATTLE, WASH.

Dear Comrade:—

I understand that a Lettish comrade is now held in Seattle, on a charge in connection with violation of the frontier, under the name of Peter Cold. Please jump in and have this looked into quick, before he is smuggled off to Russia. I would write Com. Krueger but have not his address.

Also kindly warn all Russian refugees through your paper to be on the lookout as at least three of the Czar's agents are known to be on the Sound and here. They are believed to be especially interested in those who hail from the Baltic provinces.

Yours in Revolt,

D. G. MCKENZIE.

This man is safe for the present.—Ed.

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STATEMENT OF PRINCIPLES

Human life depends upon food, clothing and shelter. Only with these assured are freedom, culture and higher human development possible. To produce food, clothing or shelter, land and machinery are needed. Land alone does not satisfy human needs.

Today the machinery and the land used for industrial purposes are owned by a rapidly decreasing minority. So long as machinery is simple and easily handled by one man, its owner cannot dominate the sources of life of others.

In proportion as the number of such machine owners compared to all other classes decreases, their power in the nation and in the world increases. They bring ever larger masses of working people under their control, reducing them to the point where muscle and brain are their only productive property.

As the economic power of the ruling class grows it becomes less useful in the life of the nation. All the useful work of the nation falls upon the shoulders of the class whose only property is its manual and mental labor power—the wage worker—or of the class who have but little land and little effective machinery outside of their labor power—the small traders and small farmers.

A bitter struggle over the division of the products of labor is waged between the exploiting propertied classes on the one hand and the exploited, propertyless class on the other. In this struggle the wage working class cannot expect adequate relief from any reform of the present order at the hands of the dominant class.

The wage workers are therefore the most determined and irreconcilable antagonists of the ruling class. They suffer most from the curse of class rule. The fact that a few capitalists are permitted to control all the country's industrial resources and social tools for their individual profit, and to make the production of the necessities of life the object of competitive private enterprise and speculation is at the bottom of all the social evils of our time.

In spite of the organization of trusts, pools and combinations, the capitalists are powerless to regulate production for social ends. Industries are largely conducted in a planless manner. Through periods of feverish activity the strength and health of the workers are mercilessly used up, and during periods of enforced idleness the workers are frequently reduced to starvation.

The climax of this system of production are the regularly recurring industrial depressions and crises which paralyze the nation every fifteen or twenty years. The capitalist class, in its mad race for profits, is bound to exploit the workers to the very limit of their endurance and to sacrifice their physical, moral and mental welfare to its own insatiable greed.

To maintain their rule over their fellow men, the capitalists must keep in their pay all organs of the public powers, public mind and public conscience. They control the dominant parties and, through them, the elected public officials. They select the executives, bribe the legislators and corrupt the courts of justice.

The struggle between wage workers and capitalists grows ever fiercer, and has now become the only vital issue before the American people. The wage-working class, therefore, has the most direct interest in abolishing the capitalist system. But in abolishing the present system, the workingmen will free not only their own class, but also all other classes of modern society.

The private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation, is the rock upon which class rule is built; political government is its indispensable instrument. The wage-workers cannot be freed from exploitation without conquering the political power and substituting collective for private ownership of the land and means of production used for exploitation.

The basis for such reformation is rapidly developing within present capitalist society. The factory system, with its complex machinery and minute division of labor, is rapidly destroying all vestiges of individual production in manufacture. Modern pro-

duction is already very largely a collective and social process. The great trusts and monopolies which have sprung up in recent years have organized the work and management of the principal industries on a national scale, and have fitted them for collective use and operation.

The Socialist Party is primarily an economic and political movement. It is not concerned with matters of religious belief. In the struggle for freedom the interests of all modern workers are identical. The struggle is not only national but international. It embraces the world and will be carried to ultimate victory by the united workers of the world.

To unite the workers of the nation and their allies and sympathizers of all other classes to this end, is the mission of the Socialist Party. In this battle for freedom the Socialist Party does not strive to substitute working class rule for capitalist class rule, but by working class victory, to free all humanity from class rule and to realize the international brotherhood of man.

PROGRAM

General Demands. "As measures calculated to strengthen the working class in its fight for the realization of its ultimate aim, and to increase its power of resistance against capitalist oppression, we advocate and pledge ourselves and our elected officers to the following program:

1.—The immediate government relief for the unemployed workers by building schools, by reforesting of cut-over and waste lands, and the building of canals, and by extending all other useful public works. All persons employed on such works shall be employed directly by the government under an eight-hour work day and at the prevailing union wages.

2.—The collective ownership of railroads, telegraphs, telephones, steamship lines and all other means of social transportation and communication, and all land. 3.—The collective ownership of all industries which are organized on a national scale and in which competition has virtually ceased to exist.

4.—The extension of the public domain to include mines, quarries, oil wells, forests and water power. 5.—The scientific reforestation of timber lands, and the reclamation of swamp lands. The land so reforested or reclaimed to be permanently retained as a part of the public domain.

6.—The absolute freedom of press, speech and assemblage. 7.—The improvement of the industrial condition of the workers. (a) By shortening the workday in keeping with the increased productivity of machinery.

8.—The extension of inheritance taxes, graduated in proportion to the amount of the bequests and to the nearness of kin. 9.—A graduated income tax. 10.—Unrestricted and equal suffrage for men and women, and we pledge ourselves to engage in an active campaign in that direction.

11.—The initiative and referendum, proportional representation and the right of recall. 12.—The abolition of the Senate. 13.—The abolition of the power usurped by the Supreme Court of the United States to pass upon the constitutionality of legislation enacted by Congress. National laws to be repealed or abrogated only by act of Congress or by a referendum of the whole people.

14.—That the constitution be made amendable by majority vote. 15.—The enactment of further measures for general education and for the conservation of health. The bureau of education to be made a department. The creation of a department of public health. 16.—The separation of the present bureau of labor from the department of commerce and labor, and the establishment of a department of labor.

17.—That all judges be elected by the people for short terms, and that the power to issue injunctions shall be curbed by immediate legislation. 18.—The free administration of justice. "Such measures of reform as we may be able to force from capitalism are but a preparation of the workers to seize the whole powers of government, in order that they may thereby lay hold of the whole system of industry and thus come to their rightful inheritance."

is a natural result of the antagonism between the interests of employers and wage-earners under the capitalist system. Its activity in the daily struggle over wages, hours, and other conditions of labor is absolutely necessary to counteract the evil effects of competition among the working people and to save them from being reduced to material and moral degradation. It is equally valuable as a force for the social, economic and political education of the workers.

IT DOES NOT DICTATE.

"The Socialist party does not seek to dictate to organized labor in matters of internal organization and union policy. It recognizes the necessary autonomy of the union movement on the economic field, as it insists on maintaining its own autonomy on the political field. It is confident that in the school of experience organized labor will as rapidly as possible develop the most effective forms of organization and methods of action.

"In the history of the recent Moyer-Haywood protest, participated in by unions of all sorts and by the Socialist Party, it finds reason to hope for closer solidarity on the economic field and for more effective co-operation between organized labor and the Socialist Party, the two wings of the movement for working-class emancipation.

"The Socialist party stands with organized labor in all its struggles to resist capitalist aggression or to wrest from the capitalists any improvement in the conditions of labor. It declares that it is the duty of every wage-worker to be an active and loyal member of the organized labor movement, striving to win its battles and to strengthen and perfect it for the greater struggles to come.

CONFRONTED BY GREAT CRISIS. "Organized labor is today confronted by a great crisis. The capitalists, intoxicated with wealth and power, and alarmed by the increasing political and economic activity of the working class, have as a class under taken a crusade for the destruction of the labor organizations.

"In Colorado, Nevada, Alaska and elsewhere law and constitution have been trampled under foot, military despotism set up, and judicial murder attempted with this aim in view. Where such violent methods have not seemed advisable, other means have been used to the same end.

"The movement for the so-called open shop but thinly veils an attempt to close the shops against organized workmen; it is backed by powerful capitalist organizations, with millions of dollars in their war funds.

COURTS ALWAYS HOSTILE. "The courts, always hostile to labor, have of late outdone all previous records in perverting the law to the service of the capitalist class. They have issued injunctions forbidding the calling of strikes, the announcement of boycotts, payment of union benefits, or even any attempt to organize unorganized workmen in certain trades and places. They have issued arbitrary decrees dissolving unions under a pretense of their being labor trusts.

"They have sustained the capitalists in bringing damage suits against unions for the purpose of tying up or sequestering their funds. They have wiped off the statute books many labor laws—laws protecting little children from exploitation in the factory, laws making employers liable for damages in case of employes killed or injured at their work, laws guaranteeing the right of workmen to belong to unions.

"While affirming the right of employers to bar organized workmen from employment, they have declared it unlawful for workmen to agree not to patronize non-union establishments. The only consistent rule observed by the courts in dealing with the labor question is the rule that capitalists have a sacred right to profits and that the working class has no rights in opposition to business interests.

DANBURY HATTERS CASE. "In the Danbury hatters' case the United States Supreme Court has rendered a decision worthy to stand with its infamous 'Dred Scott' decision of fifty years ago. It has stretched and distorted the Anti-Trust law, and made it cover labor organizations, and has held that the peaceful method of the boycott is unlawful, that boycotted employers may recover damages to the amount of three times their loss, and that the property of individual members, as well as the union treasuries, may be levied upon to collect such damages.

"By this decision the Supreme Court has clearly shown itself to be an organ of class injustice, not of social justice. If this and other hostile decisions are not speedily reversed, organized labor will find itself completely paralyzed in its efforts toward a peaceful solution of the labor question. The success of the capitalists and their courts in this assault upon the labor movement would be a disaster to civilization and humanity. It can and must be defeated.

BALLOT IS A WEAPON. "At this critical moment the Socialist Party calls upon all organized workmen to remember that they still have the ballot in their hands, and to realize that the intelligent use of political power is absolutely necessary to save their organizations from destruction. The unjust decisions of the Supreme Court can be reversed, the arbitrary use of the military can be stopped, the wiping out of labor laws can be prevented by the united action of the workmen on election day.

"Workmen of the United States, use your political arm in harmony with your economic arm for defense and attack. Rally to the support of the party of your class. Vote as you strike, against the capitalists. Down with military and judicial usurpation! Forward, in one solid phalanx, under the banners of Organized Labor and of the Socialist Party, to defeat capitalist aggressions, to win immediate relief for yourselves and your wives and children, and to hasten the day of complete emancipation from capitalist exploitation and misery."

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