

# THE CARDS ARE STACKED AGAINST KREGER.

## Prejudice is admitted by many witnesses; but Change of Venue Is Denied.

(By Eugene Lyons.)

Tulsa, Okla., Oct. 15.—Charles Kreger will be tried in the capital of the Mid-Continent belt. He will be tried not only by a lay jury, but before a jury chosen from among men predominantly dependent upon the oil interests for the right to live and labor.

Testimony purporting to show that the public mind of the State of Tulsa was so bitterly biased against the I. W. W. as to make a fair and impartial administration of justice in the case of the accused organizer impossible, was heard for more than two days. The story of drastic persecution of the I. W. W., which reached its high-mark in the tar and feather party, was rehearsed in detail. Judge Cole finally admitting that the public officials of the city and the "patriotic citizens" had co-operated in the administration.

Dozens of witnesses, drawn from many walks of life, agreed that the prejudice against the defendant was rampant. Their evidence was supported by fifty odd affidavits asserting the impossibility of a fair trial. Several hundred stated that "them I. W.'s aren't entitled to a trial."

### Change of Venue Denied.

But the motion for a change of venue was denied—twice. After the first decision, Fred Moore secured permission to produce additional evidence. And he did produce it. However, the court was adamant. Granting that there was a strong bias, the judge nevertheless insisted that the bias was universal and no more marked in Tulsa than elsewhere.

A panel of 150 men was drawn this afternoon, from among whom a jury will be picked beginning Monday, the 13th, when the actual trial begins.

Throughout the progress of the investigation into the state-ment in the county, the courtroom was crowded, primarily by Tulsa men and workers of the local I. W. W. The discussion inevitably drifted to fundamental economic considerations, despite the heroic efforts of Judge Cole to restrain the trend. Stark, up-to-faced ironies of the philosophy of the defendant, the destitute workers of the World was flouted in court again and again. Unthinking prejudice, naive in its aggressiveness and street-crowd origin, was solemnly sworn to again and again.

At several points in the proceedings, where the atmosphere became tense—where witnesses were "led"—revelations were made which could not but disconcert a jury of self-respecting reasonable men and women of standing in the community were announced to the court and, as quizzed by the defense in that extremely courteous but guileless state. One portion of the testimony given against the defendant. Admittedly the witness said he had seen the man who happens to know in Tulsa, and he had seen him himself unaccompanied in town; Vernon Smith and Eugene Lyons, the Tulsa "Democrat," and "World" respectively; Charley Page, one of the oil men in the Tulsa, Okla., Richardson, attorney for the men charged with "aggravation" who were later named and fact-checked, etc.

### Sensational Evidence.

The most sensational evidence, however, was introduced during the hearing. It was a letter, which was suspected by the prosecution, and landed like a thunderbolt. A flat denial, excepted in its substance, was made, but did not succeed in satisfying the court. "When Miss Teets was called the witness stand she denied the conversation about Kreger," Cross Lee, state, and had in Tulsa examining the facts for the last 19 months. He had prof, although drawing a monthly salary of \$100, a high school teacher in the town of East, and had even attended some courses of university grade. He came to a search of opportunity and his willfully was drawn into the case.

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mentioned the names of men implicated in the outrage, and asserted that behind the actual participants were men of influence who had perverted the affair.

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The public faith of the trial jury was the statement by a Mr. ...

"Spirits" Leaders Performed.

The crowd in the court was touched to the quick when Eugene Lyons ...

Endorse The Soviet ...

James P. Bales, who was elected ...

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# A NEW UNION OF PACKERS

## Betrayal of Workers By International Officers Results in Revolt of Rank And File

Chicago, Oct. 13.—The Stockyards labor council, a combination of the various trades employed in the packing houses of Chicago, which brought the beef trust to terms in 1918, soon after it was formed, with the assistance of the Chicago Federation of Labor, has been suspended by Dennis Lane, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Meat Cutters and Butcher Workmen of America.

As a result of this family quarrel, about 40,000 men are confronting a dual conflict which the chiefs of the butchers' international organization has formed an New District Council of the I. W. O. U.

The case of the conflict was the refusal of J. H. Murphy, president of the Stockyards Labor Council, and J. W. Johnson, secretary-treasurer of the Amalgamated Federation of Labor, to sign a new agreement with the rank and file of the workers in the packing industry.

As ballots for a referendum on the matter of approving or rejecting the agreement were being prepared by Lane, representing the butcher workmen and some other international officers signed the agreement, causing a rebellion in the ranks, it is asserted.

# AD FOR STEEL STRIKERS

## 1,000 Affiliated Unions May Be Involved In A Gigantic Sympathetic Walk-Out

Pittsburgh, Pa., Oct. 13.—A call for special conventions of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor and the labor unions of Pittsburgh was authorized at a meeting of the Pittsburgh central labor council last night for the purpose of uniting all the forces for a general strike in the steel districts of the state of Pennsylvania.

James H. Maurer, president of the Federation was present and announced that the call for a general strike would be made at the Pittsburgh district of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen and a committee of five, from the Railroad Shop Crafters Federation and District Six, International Association of Machinists that they were to set out on any time.

The result of the action of the Pittsburgh central labor council will be presented to Chairman W. S. Kennington, secretary of the Pennsylvania State Federation of Labor and the labor unions of Pittsburgh.

Probably 500,000 workers in the steel industry will be involved in the movement.

"Let's go now which we have strong for it. If the strike continues much longer your railroad will be shut down and the automobile industry is on the verge of shutting down," Maurer asserted in his address to the delegates.

# TITANIC CONFLICT OF PRINTING TRADE UNIONS

New York.—With the sole exception of the newspaper officers, a general strike of the printing trades labor list in the pressrooms of the printing plants of this city, thereby making necessary the suspension of more than 200 newspaper and trade publications and laying idle some 8,000 men. Book publishers have also been a shortage of school books.

When the Association of Employers of Printers found that the printing pressmen, and job press employees of New York, who have been called by the International Typographical Union, were firm in their determination to go on strike for only a two-week and a flat weekly increase in wages of \$14, they anticipated this.

By looking them over, they are now aware of the fact that the printing industry will be completely paralyzed. This readiness to be replaced by the International, it will be remembered, is due to the fact that the printing industry has been organized into a union of 44-hour week with 100 cents, does not work.

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**Only a Dollar**

By Edward Rutledge

(Continued from Last Week's Issue of Workers' World)  
Just when I was about to give up, being glad from being found, a man met the girl. They talked awhile.

"How's everything?" he asked.

She showed me to him. "All I have," she said.

"Serves you right," he said. "If you would not be so foolish, you could have an easy time of it."

"How?" she asked, although from the way she spoke, I think she understood him.

He told her, talking slowly and kindly and stopping now and then as if to give her an opportunity to think. She held me tightly in her hand. It was a hot little hand, and I so longed to reach up and pat her pretty little chin and tell that fellow to go and jump in the lake. He put an arm around her. I could hear her breathing, and with every breath came a queer little groan. He led her to a corner and called a taxi-cab. They got in. During the ride he told her of the wonderful life she was going to lead. He tried to get her to talk, but in vain.

The taxi-cab stopped before a building that looked strangely familiar to me. I remembered when they were going up the steps.

"Oh!" he groaned, and lifted her hands to her face. I fell, rolled down the steps and into the gutter where a messenger boy caught sight of me and picked me up.

He walked up to the building and rang the bell. I was afraid he was going to give me up but he only delivered a message, and went away with me. I was sorry for that girl, but I was glad that I did not have to go into that building again.

I knew now what I did not know before. I did not think so hard of that woman who had me, the one with the short skirts and the painted face. Something may have happened to her like that which had happened to the little cash girl.

I am wondering again.

I have more to tell than I have told already, but I must hurry and close, or I shall not be able to close. Just a few words, and the reader will have to imagine the rest.

I am now in a toy bank and belong to a little boy whom I hear called Jimmy. He is a fat little fellow, with dimples in chin and cheeks and elbows. He has a baby sister, Margaret. I think that is her name, but her papa calls her Snickelfritz. She tried to swallow me before they put me in the bank.

The other night their papa put his arms around their mama and walked to where Jimmie and Margaret were sleeping.

"What would we not give if we could keep them as they are now!" she exclaimed.

"But we wouldn't want to," he said. "We want them to grow up."

She nodded. "But we hope they will never have to suffer as some have suffered, that they will be clean and strong and happy."

"And that they will be intelligent," he interrupted, "and know how to make it so all will be clean and strong and happy." Then he kissed her.

A bell rang. "It must be one of the comrades with those papers for you to distribute," she said and the man left the room.

I was in the bank on the dresser, and saw and heard it all. These men are poor materially, but they manage to get along, and they are rich—rich in their love for each other and in their hope of a time when none will be poor and none have to drink the bitter, deadening dregs of life.

If a dollar can be happy, I am happy here. I wish I could stay here always.

The End

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### AN EXPLANATION

At last Sunday night's meeting it was decided to skip this issue of the Workers' World. Two things intervened to make this action unnecessary. One of them was the renewed activity of the supporters of the paper, resulting in a considerable increase of receipts on Monday and Tuesday. The other was an arrangement with comrade Harman to print this issue for us at a reduced cost.

It was a close shave, comrades, and we must not let it occur again. We have kept the paper going for more than six months in the face of the greatest difficulties, and it would be sheer folly for us to let it fall now when it's going so well. It can't be fruit. But you know what a rebel the paper is up against. To bear fruit, and with out the second class mailing rate the subscription price does not pay expenses.

The party organization is too thin in the field it covers to be of any help in the paper has to help the party.

So under these circumstances the paper must have voluntary contributions.

It is not our intention to make continuous appeals for help. This frank statement of the serious condition of the paper should be sufficient to get a prompt response from all who appreciate the desperate need for a Communist paper in this territory. If it is not forthcoming the Workers' World will have to suspend.

### NO SECRET ABOUT IT

This week's sensation in the capitalist press is the discovery of a deep-seated plot of the "Reds" at Chicago.

The "plot" it appears, was discovered by an astute agent of the United States government who found a copy of a leaflet which the Communists of Gary distributed by the thousands to the strikers. This leaflet calls attention to the obvious fact that the state is simply an institution created by the masters to brutally suppress the uprisings of the workers and that, despite its pretensions of "democracy", it is in reality a dictatorship by and for the capitalists. The inadequacy of the strike for more wages alone is pointed out, and the strikers are told that they must capture the power of the state before they can be free.

This is all sound communist doctrine, clearly written in the literature of the movement. There is no "secret" about it, in fact it is our constant effort to advertise it as widely as we can. The press reports shriek: "The communists are aiming at a dictatorship of the proletariat!" That is precisely what we are aiming at—a dictatorship of the workers to replace the present dictatorship of the capitalists.

There is no "mystery" about the communist message, unless it be the slowness of the American workers to grasp the truth of it. They hate to believe that "their" government is their enemy, but the government is itself is teaching them at Gary. With machine guns and bayonets, hand grenades and poison gas all in readiness, the government is demonstrating to the workers that it is against them. This "propaganda of the deed" is a thousand times more effective than any leaflet we could print. The capitalists themselves furnish the best arguments as to why the workers should arise and overthrow them!

### SAM ROSENZWEIG'S SPEECH

Here is the speech Sam Rosenzweig was billed to make at the meeting last Sunday. He was unable to attend the meeting and so we have to print the speech as it would have been. The working class," says Sam, "is like a desert. Nothing grows on a desert on account of the lack of water. Then it occurred to some ingenious people to start an irrigation system. They dug a well and got a pump to working. As long as the pump was kept going there was a plentiful supply of water and the desert blossomed like a garden in spring, but when the pump stopped, the supply of water gave out and the desert became barren again. The desert is working class ignorance. The water is revolutionary propaganda. The pump is the Workers' World."

"But what is the point of the story?" we asked.  
"Keep the pump working," said Sam.

### THE HARBOR TIE UP

These are sad days for the labor states, that is to say the labor leaders who are "loyal" to the bosses. Events pile up every day to indicate that they are fast losing their grip on the throat of American labor. The rate at which one body or organized workers after another is kicking these parasites down the back stairs gives promise that the real American labor movement is on its way—the labor movement having the spirit of the new day.

The New York longshoremen have taken the bit in their teeth. They have tied up the harbor to enforce demands long overdue. The grand chief of the union couldn't stop them and, according to the press reports, a couple of his lieutenants were roughly handled.

"What's the use of making contracts with labor organizations, if their officials can't guarantee to keep them?" These strikes are destroying confidence in labor unions." So says the Director of Railroads who has had one of these unauthorized strikes to contend with. The answer is that there is no use of the press, that is to say the contract for the day. They will not allow officials to make contracts for the day. They will make a contract for themselves and with themselves. That contract will be for the whole works—ownership and control of all industry by the workers.

Every revolt of the rank and file is a clause in that contract for freedom; a step nearer to the day when reactionary labor officials, along with all other parasites, will get a chance to earn a living by honest labor.

### TOO MUCH FOR THE HUN

Having failed in all their efforts up to date to defeat the Workers' government of Russia, the Allied capitalists of the world now propose that Germany join them in the blockade to bring the Soviets down by starving the Russian people. How soon the "Hun" offenses are forgotten and forgiven! A year ago the Allied governments would never, never forgive the "Hun's" crimes against humanity. Today they are invited to join us in a greater crime against humanity than his ingenuity ever devised.

But this crime against women and children, so enthusiastically supported by the capitalist press, may yet be prevented. The German people, it seems, have some restraining human instincts. There is a popular sentiment against this campaign to starve Russian people expressed by one German paper: "Germany could not be a party to a blockade such as her own people suffered from in 1918." The capacity of the Allied diplomats may be checked by their inability to get the "Hun" to join them in their child hunt.

### STUDY CLASSES

It is significant that the first meeting of the Communist Labor Party in Kansas City should see arrangements made for the commencement of classes for the study of the principles upon which the movement is built. The great weakness of the Socialist Party has been that confusion of ideas, that lack of understanding of Socialist economics on the part of the bulk of the membership, that has made it possible for so many false theories to be accepted as the genuine. The Communist Labor Party will avoid that pitfall by making provision for the systematic instruction of new members in the fundamentals of the Communist theory and program.

But there is another extreme that must be avoided. Communism will not be realized by a handful of hair-splitters gathered together in a select club to debate the fine points of Marxism. Communism is first, last and all the time a creed of action. We study economics and history so that we may correctly interpret the actions of the masses and merge ourselves with them for the best results.

But we must never get the idea that the study class is going to win the revolution. It is the action of the masses, participated in and directed by the workers of communist understanding, that will win the revolution.

### COMMUNIST UNITY

From all indications this country is rushing headlong toward the revolutionary crisis. The masters are fully aware of their perilous position, and are making extensive preparations to crush the working class revolt with the iron heel of military despotism. That iron heel is pressing down today in Gary, and the public mind is being prepared for its extension to other parts of the steel strike area by widely circulated stories of bomb plots.

The revolutionary movement of the working class must prepare to meet the situation. The past year has wisely been devoted largely to a clearing of the atmosphere of the movement, laying the theoretical basis for the communist organization. The split, now de rige and complete, between the right and the left is a condition absolutely essential to the construction of a party fit to cope with the problems of the revolution. We should now be able to proceed without interruption to get at the work of constructive propaganda and organization, getting our message to the workers, winning them to our program and strengthening the party.

The successful prosecution of this constructive work requires Communist Unity. The rank and file will soon push aside the "leaders" who stand in the way.

### SPARKS FROM THE PEOPLES FORUM

It has been stated that nine tenths of the people of all nations, who come in direct contact with the Bolsheviks and learn what they are doing, and the plan of the Soviet government, become immediate converts to the system. This is why the American profiteers are holding American troops there fighting that government. They know once the truth becomes generally known to the workers of this and other countries it is goodbye forever to the exploitation of the working people.

Can any one have the audacity to claim that the American government is still in the hands of the people in view of the fact that the people are being robbed in the most outrageous manner ever known to history? Also who will state that he honestly believes it to be the will of the American people—the majority of them, that our troops remain in a country against which there has never been a declaration of war. The capitalist press accuses the radicals of being law violators—in reality they are the only ones who are still clinging to the old fundamental rights.

For good and sufficient reasons no one tries to argue on the principles of Socialism these days. We have progressed past the stage where sophistry can blind people to its truth. We have now entered upon the era where the enemy comes out in the open and uses the dungeon cell, the lash instead of hiring some smooth tongued orator to fool the people with a big display of learned words. "It is darkest before the dawn." Today it is very dark—but the red dawn is in the sky!

One Big Union of all the workers—that is the slogan!

### COOK COUNTY JAIL

By Albert Prashner

The arm of might that moulds the law,  
And blindly swings its flail,  
Takes men of courage, men of straw,  
The homicide with bloody paw,  
And slaves who freedom near would draw,  
And pens them all in jail.

The jail is but an iron hell,  
To crush and maim and blind.  
Its filthy pans are crossed with steel;  
Its strong high walls know no appeal;  
Like jailing hearts, they cannot feel,  
Pity for mankind.

High tiers of iron, walls of stone  
Hold all the living dead;  
The crowded cells rack flesh and bone,  
The crowded souls are all alone,  
And bodies from whence hope has flown,  
Mith misery are fed.

A door of bars lets in the light,  
But ne'er a gleam of sun.  
An incandescent eye of white,  
Shines all the day and breaks the night;  
So darkness cannot hide from sight  
The lives that are undone.

The lagging days run down the hours,  
The weeks move slowly by,  
A glimpse of earth or grass or flowers  
Would lift Black Gloom from where it cowers,  
In bodies sick, and grant new powers  
To those who slowly die.

But Labor's sons who perished here  
Still walk the restless night;  
With soulless steps they roam the tier;  
We find their presence always near,  
They whisper to the ones that hear  
And urge us to the fight.