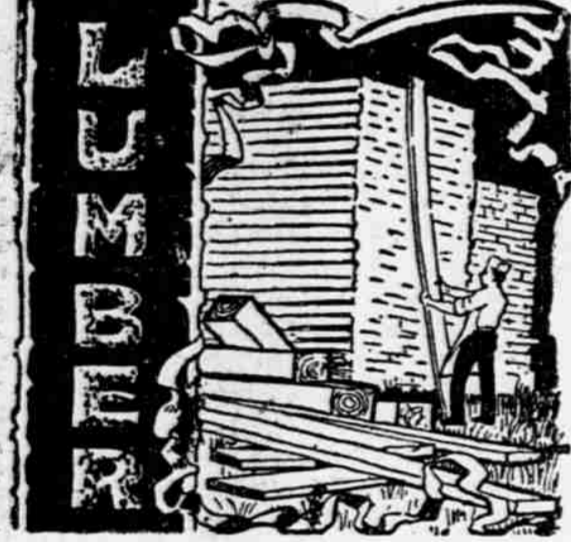


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Miss Elsie M. Sherman entertained a number of her lady friends at a six o'clock seven course luncheon last Saturday evening at which time she made public the announcement of her engagement to Mr. Clarence J. McClelland of Fullerton, Neb., the wedding to take place Wednesday Dec. 29. The decorations were carnations smilax and ferns and the colors green and white.

Epoch Making as Patrick Henry's Immortal Oration.

Would the supreme court hold to its opinion that kidnaping was not a crime if the victim was a member of the Republican party and a representative of the capitalist class? I do not believe that the \$1000 offered by the Appeal would induce any man to undertake the abduction of Mr. Taylor, as for seven years the state of Kentucky had a standing reward of \$100,000 for the capture of the murderers of Governor Goebel, for which crime Taylor had been indicted by the Franklin county grand jury in January, 1900.

Similar to Other Rewards.

But I did expect that the offer of this reward in the manner and with the language used would attract public attention to the kidnaping decision of the supreme court. I felt that if this decision, sanctioning the kidnaping of poor and defenseless workingmen by rich and powerful capitalists, was understood by the American people a wave of protest would sweep the country and force the supreme court to recede from its position, as had been done before, notably in the famous Dred Scott decision, and will undoubtedly be done again.

This Taylor reward was circulated through the mails in a manner in daily use by banks, private detective agencies, anti horse thief associations, sheriffs and marshals. I have here three postal cards mailed by national and state banks offering rewards for the arrest of men whom these banks allege to have committed crime. The card which I offer for the inspection of the court, it will be noted, bears upon the back or outside of the card, in large letters, figures and characters, the following language: "B. B. Bond, produce dealer, wanted for issuing forged bills of lading; \$250 reward will be paid by the First National bank, Nashville, Tenn., for his arrest and delivery to Nashville authorities."

First Instance on Record.

It will be observed that this language, to quote this court's decision on our demurrer to the indictment, "is calculated to impress the readers of the language with the thought that Bond was guilty of the commission of some crime for which he would be prosecuted by the Tennessee authorities if captured and returned to them." It can further be said, following the court's line of reasoning, that this language was obviously intended by the First National bank to reflect injuriously upon the character of B. B. Bond and from its terms and the manner and style in which it was displayed on the postal card is calculated to have that effect.

The other cards contain similar language and display. This is characteristic of thousands of cards which daily pass through the mails of the United States, and yet in not a single instance has any effort been made by the government to rid the mails of this objectionable matter and protect those of its citizens who are fugitives from justice.

My arrest and conviction is the first instance on record where a man was prosecuted for attempting to bring to the bar of justice an indicted fugitive charged with the crime of murder.

The Reason Not Hard to Find.

There must be some reason why I alone of the thousands of men who, according to the rule of this court and the opinion of the district attorney and his assistant, have committed substantially the same act should be singled out and marked for prosecution.

The reason is not hard to find. Society today is divided into two classes. On the one side we find the work people—men, women and children who have no means of obtaining a livelihood but by their hard labor. On the other hand we find a relatively small group of men who own the land and the tools which these people must have access to if they are to live. It is the primary if not the sole purpose of the men who own this productive property to obtain as large profits as possible, while on the other hand the work people strive constantly to increase their wages. This creates a class conflict.

The Conflict Began With Civilization.

This conflict began with civilization and has come down under varying forms to this day and will continue with increasing intensity so long as a small group of rich men are permitted to lay upon the masses, to quote from Pope Leo, "a yoke little better than slavery." Discussing the ever present problem of labor and its compensation, John Adams in 1776 observed:

It is of no consequence by what name you call your people, whether by that of freemen or slaves. In some countries the laboring poor men were called freemen, in others slaves, but the difference was imaginary only. What matters it whether a landlord employing ten laborers on his farm gives them annually as much as will buy the necessities of life or wages them those necessities at first hand?

Coming down to the civil war period, we find that the Charlestown Baptist association in presenting a memorial to the Georgia legislature in 1835 discussing this ever with us problem of labor gave expression to the following conclusion:

It amounts in effect to this—whether the operatives of a country shall be bought and sold and themselves become property, as in this state, or whether they shall become hirelings and their labor only become property, as in some other states.

Slavery of the Working Class.

It will be seen from these two quotations, clearly reflecting the opinion

of the Revolutionary and civil war periods, that the master class recognized no difference between the chattel slave and the wage hireling. In 1865 Karl Marx, the founder of scientific socialism, summed up the labor problem in the following striking sentence:

In point of fact, however, whether a man works three days of the week for himself on his own field and three days for nothing on the estate of his lord or whether he works in the factory or workshop six hours daily for himself and six hours daily for his employer, it comes to the same thing.

This surplus value over and above that which is required by the slave, the serf and the wageworker to maintain his physical existence is the portion which the master, the feudal lord and the capitalist have taken by force of arms in the first case, by ownership of land in the second and by ownership of tools and cunningly devised laws and court decisions in the last instance.

The slave master built up a civil and political system which protected his right of property in the bodies of his slaves and the wealth they produced. One does not have to go very far back in the history of this country to find confirmation of this statement. Prior to 1820 the laws enacted by congress and by most of the several states, backed by the decisions of federal and state courts, had for their object the protection of the slave master in his right of ownership of men, women and children. The man who dared raise his voice in protest against the exploitation of the black man was branded as a traitor to his country. If he attempted to speak he was thrown in to jail, and if he attempted to print a newspaper voicing his sentiments his press was destroyed and he was mobbed and murdered.

What was true in the two revolutionary periods which marked the disappearance of a political system based on kingcraft and a political system based on chattel slavery is true to-day.

Marked For Persecution.

The men and the newspapers that have espoused the cause of men, women and children who work in the fields, factories and mines of this nation are marked for persecution, as were the Revolutionary and abolition editors before them. For ten years as editor of the Appeal to Reason I have been in constant conflict with the ruling class and the men who hope to pick up the crumbs which drop from the tables of the great captains of industry, on whose will employment depends, not alone in the industries, but in the government and municipal service.

Postoffice and Courts Versus Appeal.

The postoffice department was first employed to hamper and harass the Appeal to Reason in its work of education and enlightenment. The most absurd rules and regulations were specially formulated to apply, as Third Assistant Postmaster General Madden wired to the Girard postmaster, "to the Appeal to Reason." In every instance where our right to the mails was questioned the Appeal won a signal victory, because we strictly obeyed the spirit and the letter of the law.

Then the aid of the courts was invoked to accomplish what the postoffice department had failed to do. The courts today, as prior to 1860, are with the owning and ruling class. Daily this fact is becoming more apparent. One has only to refer to the long list of decisions in which the interests of labor and capital are opposed to verify this statement. The blacklist has been legalized and the boycott outlawed. The injunction has been used with telling effect in labor controversies to terrorize and crush the men who work, while it has proved ineffective and of no avail when directed against great capitalist interests, as President Roosevelt pointed out when he was engaged in his battle with the great packing industries.

The people of Missouri in their capacity as sovereign voters recently elected a governor and legislature on a platform demanding relief from railroad extortion. A two cent fare bill was enacted into law. This law was upheld by the state supreme court. The railroads went to the federal courts, which with the stroke of a pen nullified the will of 3,000,000 people. So closely allied has become the federal judiciary of this country to the great corporations that even now there is pending in congress a resolution demanding an investigation of the acts and conduct of the federal judges who have prostituted their high office to the profit of these corporations, three-fourths of which, according to a statement made by Governor Hadley, are either illegally organized or unlawfully conducted.

Fighting Industrial Despotism.

For years the Appeal to Reason has been waging almost single handed a fight against the oppressive and intolerable industrial and political conditions which confront this country. We frankly admit having been unspurring in our criticism of the acts of public officials and the courts of this land. We have dared to tell the truth, and it is because of this that I face this court today a convicted felon in the eyes of thousands of men and women whose respect I covet.

Whence came this prosecution? The Kansas City Journal in November, 1907, editorially stated that the department of justice at the instance of the president of the United States had been instructed to commence proceedings against a Socialist sheet at Girard, Kan. I do not know the Journal's source of information, but am inclined to believe from facts now in my possession that this prosecution of the Appeal to Reason has been directed from the attorney general's office in Washington.

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Dry Creek Cracklings.

Dry Creek was well represented at the Crookston dance Thursday. Everybody reports an enjoyable time.

Miss Dora Grewe spent Friday and Saturday in Valentine attending the teachers annual association.

Bertha and Josephine Ryschon and Pearl Brown spent Sunday afternoon at W. F. Bullis.

Mary Ryschon and Josephine Miller of Crookston drove out to Ryschon's Sunday afternoon.

Mae Miller who works in Valentine spent a couple of days with her parents on Dry creek last week.

Those receiving perfect attendance cards at the Dry Creek school were; William Spratt, Oscar and Gussie Graeff, Edith and Clarence Kellogg, Leona and Hannah Janssen Edward Brown and Frank Ryschon. Those neither absent nor tardy, Leano and Hannah Jassen, William Spratt, Edith Kellogg and Gussie Graeff.

Albert Brown and Dad Miller were Valentine callers Saturday.

Joe Ryschon went to Rose Bud Wednesday.

C. Miller and daughter Loretta spent Monday in Crookston.

Eli Chat

We are having fine weather at this writing.

J. E. Hendricks is doing a good coal business in Eli now.

J. E. Ricketts departed last Tuesday for his home in Missouri.

Chas. Nelson and son Alex were in Eli after a load of coal Friday. W. D. Ricketts and son were also after a load of coal the same day.

J. E. Hendricks and part of his family took in the masquerade ball in Cody Thursday night.

Harry Springer took out a load of coal Saturday.

Arthur Wickman is low working for Henry Quible.

GRANNY CARTER.

Elizabeth Robins

the eminent English authoress, writes about the English Suffragettes. She tells why they resort to the violence that lands them in jail.

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Witness my hand and the seal of said SEAL County court this 20th day of December 1907.
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U. S. Weather Bureau Report.

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Normal temperature 29°.
Highest temperature 31°.
Lowest temperature 21°.
Range of temperature 30°.
Precipitation for week .56 of an inch.
Average for 21 years .62 of an inch.
Precipitation March 1st to date 18.39 inches.
Average for 21 years 20.71 of an inch.

JOHN J. McLEAN, Observer.

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Shorts, sacked	1 05	20 00
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