

Long live the Social Revolution!

RICARDO FLORES MAGON

THE LAND

(Translated from the Spanish section.)

A free earth, a free labor and a free consumption. Life without encroachments, life of liberty and justice, where the rights of all shall be respected and exerted nobly and freely. That revolution shall bring a complete social transformation, the barbarous exploitation of man by man shall not exist and its impulse shall establish a more just and human society.

"Towards that revolution we march
"Land and Liberty", here is the motto for which Pr xedis G. Guerrero and thousands of revolutionists have died in Mexico, where for six years the revolution has blazed unabated. "Land and Liberty" is our motto."

How comforting are such phrases as the preceding ones. Those of us who are growing old in the hard struggle, feel that our spirits rejuvenate before such great examples of courage and sincerity as those presented by our young brother Leopoldo Ramos Gimenez who in the very midst of Paraguayan tyranny, hounded by conscienceless assassins, dares speak bold and clear.

By all the above it can be seen how the spirit of rebellion thrives and how the Revolution approaches with gigantic strides. The pacifists, the wishy washies, those who are satisfied with their condition, even tho it be that of a mauled beast, may feel vexed; but the discontented, the restless, those who feel shame and have not forgotten what dignity is and what honor means, feel that our heart flutters with violence as we forebode the moment of proletarian justice.

The labor unions are very conservative and timid bodies, nevertheless, even among them can be noted the spirit of protest that prevails in the horizon. Harry Gosling, the delegate of the English unions to the convention of the American Federation of Labor, recently held in Baltimore, speaking in the name of one million five hundred thousand organized workers of England, said: "The only hope we can gleam as a ray of light thru the darkness of this war, is that the workers, upon returning to civil life, shall overthrow the hideous system that makes war possible and inevitable."

In this country, which we revolutionists are pleased to believe that it is inhabited by a race incapable of rebellion, the spirit of protest kindles the air. It is enough to read the bourgeois press, to have an idea of how undermined are right here the institutions that we do not respect: private property, government and religion. As to patriotic fanaticism, it can well be said that it only exists among the bourgeoisie, and that, naturally, for convenience; but among the proletariat it does not exist. The bitter wail of the capitalist papers against the fact that the workers do not fly to cover themselves under the stars and stripes to defend the country is the best proof that humanity wants to venture thru other paths.

In a local paper, "The Record", appears a news item that is inspiring to those of us that hate militarism. It says that not less than 355 officers of the militia tendered their resignation during the three months between the 20th of July and the 25th of October of this year. Officers, that is, the most privileged in the ranks! How many withdrawals must there have been among the poor cannon fodder, the common soldiers? The paper adds: "Besides this demoralization among the officers, there is the terrible difficulty of securing soldiers for the ranks."

Brothers, the world marches

this way their right to live.

The salvation of the human species lies in the armed revolution of the proletariat against the usurpers of the social wealth.

For that reason, in the case of Mexico, if we want its present Revolution to benefit all the despoiled, we must fight to the end that the land remain in the hands of all the inhabitants of that region, as their own common property, regardless of sex, race or color. Let us prevent that there be any peace so long as the land, which is the fountain of all social wealth, does not remain as the common property of all.

March on!

ENRIQUE FLORES MAGON.

CONVICTION OF MOONEY.

When Billings was doomed to prison for life on the farcical testimony of a prostitute, a convict and a dope fiend, it seemed that the limit of capitalistic judicial piracy had been reached. Even the layman, who usually sees no deeper than what the mercenary press reveals, gasped with astonishment at the brazen outrage.

But now that Mooney has been convicted of first degree murder and automatically sentenced to the gallows on not less vicious testimony and in the face of his absolute innocence, as proven by the twenty-one alibi witnesses who testified to his being home all the day of the parade, the last vestige of anything resembling justice for the working man of today should indeed vanish from the minds of even the most simple.

While the verdict is not strange when we consider the arrogance with which the mercenary courts treat a slave with stamina, this case is amazing even at that.

But the "Law and Order" bandits have it all fixed. One would think that no jury, no matter how depraved, would deliberately send an innocent man to the gallows, and even when it appears that the said jury was picked with some degree of fairness in view of the good counsel that represented the defense, the fact remains that, as in all such cases, it was composed of exploiters, or "business men," and they knew what their future would be if they disobeyed the Chamber of Commerce.

As to the prosecution and its tactics, it is useless to dwell upon this; even the leaks in the daily press put the District Attorney and his gang in a light that would make a Mafia ring look sweet and decent in comparison. They were after the reward and it was big, as big was to be their loss if they failed. Their witnesses, a mere few, also were hungry for their piece of silver. The star witness, a rich cattleman of Oregon, on whose testimony Mooney was mainly convicted, was made a sorry spectacle of with his "evidence" by the defense attorneys. Still, his word was final. A woman has since come forth and sworn that this man, whom she had known before, was viewing the parade at the same place where she was and at the same hour he claimed to have seen Mooney a mile away at the scene of the explosion. This is the only hope that remains for an appeal or a new trial for Mooney.

But the gangsters have sniffed blood, proletarian blood, and in their frenzy they not only want Mooney's head but also that of Mrs. Mooney, Nolan and Weinberg. Emboldened by their "victory", they are now licking their chops for their prey, ready to devour them all.

And what are we going to do about it? Mooney well said right after his conviction: "It is a short road to the gallows, and altho innocent, they will hang me unless my friends arouse the working class and that must be done now! before they forget."

But the working class is so pitifully dead! San Francisco, the strongest organized city in the country and powerless as a ghost. The attitude of the working class in general in this most important case Alaram" Chicago Ill \$13; Workmen's Circle No. 559 Los Angeles, \$3; Opr. of the tremendous efforts of the Defense Plasterers Int. Assn. Los Angeles, 50c; League of San Francisco and a few organizations that have been whipped into line, Cal. \$250; Dr. Wesley Van Nette, Clyde, Ohio, \$1.; F. Rascher, St. Louis, Mo. \$1.; C.C. Everson, Palmyra, N. Y. radical press has been likewise silent, except for the excellent work of "The Blast" of San Francisco and "The World" of Oakland and perhaps a very few other papers.

It is true that the jails thru the land are filled with our prisoners of war as perhaps never before, but it is also true that no case at present is of more consequence

than this. The Everett boys are in peril, but Mooney, Mrs. Mooney, Nolan and Weinberg must be saved from cold blooded murder. If a storm of agitation is not stirred to arouse the mass, the crime will be consummated, and the blood of our brothers will be in our hands! Will we dare look each other in the face then?

A relentless, nation-wide campaign of agitation should at once be started, not only to raise funds for the defense, but mainly to awaken the dozing peons from their slumber. If this fails, nothing remains to avenge justice but the redeeming hand of those rare ones who have the manhood to act according to the dictates of their conscience.

R. G. COX.

From Emma Goldman.

The following are extracts from a letter by Ben Reitman written at the request of Emma Goldman who sends \$100.00 for the medical care of Ricardo and Enrique. We regret that space forbids publication of the whole letter:

"My dear Enrique and Ricardo: Miss Goldman has just received word that you have both been ill and we all tender you our loving sympathy and greetings. Miss Goldman encloses you one hundred dollars to help you in your great struggle. But she insists that this money shall be used for your personal use and not for the paper.

"Alexander Berkman who is in this city and I join Miss Goldman in sending you our sincere greetings and assure you of our love and devotion and willingness to do anything we can in helping you and in ridding the world of tyranny and ignorance. Sincerely, Ben L. Reitman."

Deeds speak louder than words. This is not the first time that Emma has come to the rescue at the critical moment. Our readers are familiar with her solidarity in this direction.

Ricardo's medical treatment, which the doctors assert will consist of not less than two and a half months, can now be said to be assured. Ricardo already shows signs of improvement.

Don't Forget.

The social and dance by the Italian Radical Club for the benefit of the Rebel Press at Burbank Hall, Saturday, March 3 at 8 P. M.

REPORT

OF MONEY RECEIVED BY THE INTERNATIONAL WORKERS DEFENSE LEAGUE FOR CAPLAN DEFENSE.

Donations to the David Caplan Defense Fund, from Sept. 1st to Dec. 18, 1916.

Previously acknowledged... \$217.87
Covington Hall, (3) \$1; Jewish Garment Workers, L. A., Cal., \$20; Ladies Garment Workers, L. A., Cal., \$5; Arbeiter Group, L. A., Cal., \$30; J. B. Rutherford, Long Beach, Cal., \$1; J. Nemser, McKees Rocks, Pa., \$4.50; Fred Colzolari, Boulder Creek, Cal., \$1; Workmen's Circle 279, Port Chester, N. Y., \$3; H. Yaffa, L. A., Cal., \$25; C. T., Sprading, L. A., Cal., \$5; Frank Lewis, Hawthorne, Cal., \$1; Mrs. Mary E. Garbutt, L. A., Cal., \$1; Mrs. H. Morse, L. A., Cal., 25cs; Miss Proct. Assn., L. A., Cal., \$1.50; Ladies Tailors & Dress Makers Local 38, New York City, \$5; Int. Brotherhood of Teamsters Local 208, L. A., Cal., \$1.50; I. Cline, Salt Lake City, Utah, \$2.50; Ben Capes, Topeca, Kans., \$2; Steam Engr. Local 72, L. A., Cal \$1 65; John Cairnes, S. Manchester, Conn., \$2; So-

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Florida, \$1.; Clement Anastasoff, Portland, Ore. \$11.; Daniel Kiefer, Cincinnati, Ohio \$2.; Walters Local No. 17 Los Angeles, \$1.50; NO NAME San Francisco, \$2.; Charles Rubin, Chicago, Ill. \$2.; Reed & Rattin Wks., No. 15033 Los Angeles \$1.50; Carpenters Local No. 158 Los Angeles \$1.50; Pattern Makers Assn, Los Angeles, \$1.50; F. Earky, Sacramento, Cal. \$1.; E. O. Findeisen, Lawrence, Mass. \$2.; Building Laborers No. 1, L. A., Cal., \$1.50; Workingmen's Circle, No. 404, Chicago, Ill. \$1; A. Harovitz, Parnassus, Pa. \$2; A friend, Lakebay, Wash., \$1; Ed. Suell, L. A., Cal., 25cs; I. W. W.'s, Chicago, Ill., \$2; Arbeiter Ring, No. 169, Winnipeg, Manitoba, \$1; Workingmen's Circle No. 488, New Kensington, Pa., \$1; S. Solomon, Brooklyn, 50cs; Workmen's (incl No. 320 Albany, N. Y. \$1; Const Mkr's, Un. No. 39 New Haven, Conn. \$10; Seattle Literary Club, Seattle, Wash. \$1; Int. Anarchists Committee, (Cronaca Sovversiva) Lynn, Mass. \$125; B. Kall, New York City, \$1; Emma Pischel, Los Angeles, \$5; Painter's Local No. 202 Los Angeles, \$1.50; Cigar Mkr's. No. 3, Paterson, N. J. \$1, Educational & Democratic Soc, Cleveland, Ohio \$10; C. M. Raymond, Norwalk, Conn. 25c.; Workmen's Circle No. 457 Grand Rapids, Mich. \$1; Int. Garment Wks., No. 28, Seattle, Wash., \$5; W. S. & D. B. Fund No. 173 Bronx, N. Y. \$1. Ice Wagon Drivers No. 251, Los Angeles \$6 50; H. Haegelstein, (LOAN) San Francisco, \$100; W. S. & D. B. Fund, No. 244, Linden, N. J. \$1; Carpenters Local No. 2516, Los Angeles, \$1.50 Bridge & Struct. Iron Wks. 181, L. A., Cal., \$3.50; P. Capitola, Indianapolis, \$1; J. Hallenbeck Manhattan, N. Y. \$5; U. B. of C. & J., 890, Pittsburg, Pa. \$5; U. B. of C. & J. 211, Allegheny, Pa. \$5; Lids wst & Drs. Mkr's., 25, N. Y. City, \$10; W. Plotkin, L. A., Cal. \$5; W. Circle, N. Y. City, \$1; Frei Arb. Group, L. A. Cal., \$140; Clk & Sutr Prs. 18, Chicago \$10; B. Snellenberg et al, Seattle, \$10.88; Int. Un. Brwy. Wks 22, Pittsburg, Pa., \$5; Ele. Wks. 61, L. A., Cal. \$2.50; Int. Brwy. Wks. 61, Kingston, N. Y., \$1; Int. Lds. Gmmt Wks. 14, Toronto, Ont., \$3; J. Palude, N. Y. City, \$1; Int. Bro. Elec. Wks. 213, Vancouver, B. C., \$5; C. Weill, Seattle, \$2; M. I. Lerner, L. A. Cal., \$3.75; Bakers Loc. Un. 37, L. A., Cal., \$5; W. S. & D. B. F. No. 1, N. Y. City, \$1; Woolen & Crpt. Yarn Wks. 825, Philadelphia, Pa., \$5; wkn's. Cir. 136, N. Y. City, \$1; Iron Wks. 51, L. A., Cal., \$1.50; Workmen's Int. U-Lbl. Lg., Peoria Ill., \$2; A. H. Campbell, Treas., Loc. 165 (name not given), Peoria, Ill., \$1; Dr. M. Ratenick, Pittsburg, Pa., \$5; No Name, S. E., Cal., \$1; Beer Drivers & Sblmn. 27, L. A. Cal., \$1.50; Int. Un. Sm & Op. Engrs. 8, \$5; G. A. Rubio Sama, California, 50 cents

C. T. Cassens, Yonkers, N. Y., \$5; Mvng. Pre. Operators un 348, Vancouver, \$5; Wrkmen's Cir. 312, Memphis, Tenn, \$1; Mt. Pol. Brass Slvr. Wks. Un. 146, K. C. Kans., \$5; Stry. Firemen, L. A., 50c; Cronaca Sovversiva, Lynn, Mass., \$11; Hans Toll, et al Kenosha, Wis., \$2.24; Augst. M. Ctrs. & Bthrs. U. 566, Peoria, Ill., \$250; Bortlers Union, I. A. \$150; Untd. Mine Wks. 734, Peoria, Ill., \$1; Peoria T. & Lab. Assbly., Peoria, Ill., \$5; Office Employees U. I. A. Cal., \$1.25; Mr. Lerner, L. A. Cal., \$25.06; Independent Arbeiter Ring, L. A., Cal., \$5; Metal Polishers, Buffers, & Platers No. 38, Jamestown, N. Y., \$3 35; Plumbers & Steam Fit. No. 143, Zanesville O. \$1; Int. Union Bakery & Cnf No. 20; Detroit, Mich., \$5; Cronaca Sovversiva, Lynn, Mass. \$2; A. K. & S. K. No. 210, Allentown, Pa. \$2; Sheet Metal Workers, No. 454, Forestville, Conn., \$2. Total, \$1,340.60.

KATHERINE L. SCHMIDT.
GRN. AND FIN. SEC'Y.

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"The dear God who has fought with my armies so faithfully!"—The Emperor of Austria-Hungary.

"Remember, my soldiers, when you are in battle that God is always beside you."—The Czar of Russia.

"O God, we pray that thou wilt end the war and restore peace; but if Germany persists in interfering with our ammunition trade, then, O God, for the honor of our Christian nation, lead our armies to victory!"—The American Plunderbund. (Melting Pot)

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