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THE AMERICAN SENSE OF HONOR

The race riots that for several days have convulsed a large section of the city of Chicago again displayed the American sense of fair play, honor and justice, so frequently referred to in the panegyrics written by the kept editors. Hundreds of helpless negroes were set upon by mobs of white hooligans and beaten into insensibility. In a number of cases after the body of one of the victims had been pierced with bullets the mob kicked the lifeless body. The same tactics were resorted to by the negroes in the "black belt" when they had overpowered a white. Contrast this to the European custom of always permitting an opponent to arise to his feet after he has been knocked down. In every other country in the world a man who is down is permitted to get up, and if he shows no further desire to continue the conflict is permitted to go his way. It is only the justice-loving American who kicks an adversary after he is down.

THE TIDE RISES

The victory of the Hungarian army over the Roumanian imperialists proves that the Hungarian Soviet is growing stronger. The fact that the defeat of the Roumanian reactionaries and the triumphant advance of the Soviet armies was proclaimed to the world by Bela Kun, minister of Foreign Affairs, shows how little we may rely upon the reactionary press for news.

It is indeed daring for Bela Kun to deal such heavy blows upon the head of Entente imperialism. He should know that the capitalists have overthrown him, made him a refugee, driven him from the country, and killed him times without number. And despite all this he announces the defeat of the Roumanians at the hands of the very same Red Guard that just a few days before was dispersed and routed—by the capitalist press.

Reading between the lines of the dispatches it is apparent that the offensive of the Allies against Hungary is not breaking any speed records, while the affairs of the Roumanians appear to be in bad shape. According to reliable information, the Slovaks in the upper part of Hungary have formed a Soviet republic and are in brotherly federation with the Hungarian communists. These are encouraging signs, and indicate that the Hungarian Soviet will survive, despite the ravings of the counter-revolutionists of the world.

We learn that the Russian communists have been completely annihilated by the intervention of the Allies. In fact they are so weak and helpless that whole regiments from Kolchak's army have joined with them. If this "weakness" of the Soviet governments continues, the League of Proletarian Nations will soon be an accomplished fact.

Nothing can stop this onward march of the revolutionary proletariat. The inability of the capitalists to solve the problems contained within the present order is forcing revolution upon the whole continent of Europe. The workers will continue to struggle for their emancipation, which in the last analysis means the emancipation of the human race from all forms of slavery.

The press, endeavoring to perform its function of hand-maiden to the capitalist class, is anxious to convince the proletariat of other countries that the workers governments in Russia and Hungary have failed. In their perversions of truth they become ridiculous. The workers will not fail. History is working for them.

THE LION AND THE LAMB

"Might shall make right the law of the world"—this was one of the beautiful phrases President Wilson concocted for the benefit of the unthinking. It is indeed a mouth-filling resonant sentence but it is nevertheless untrue.

"Might shall make right the law of the world" is untrue— for might IS the law of the world. None but a fool or knave would contend otherwise. That Might is Right holds true in every walk of life, and no evidence can be brought to prove the contrary.

It has been true from the very beginning of time, and it requires but a scratch to disclose that beneath the thin veneer of civilization the brute still rules modern society. It is the universal law of life that the strong shall destroy the weak, that the fittest shall survive. One has to dabble but little in the realms of biology to discover that this law applies to all forms of life.

Man conquered other forms of animal life and crowned himself King of Beasts by his might. Although not endowed with natural offensive and defensive weapons, he has by cunning and mental ability succeeded in adding to his strength by the development of artificial weapons. As yet man has not succeeded in controlling the society in which he lives and has his being; its great contradictions are an unprobed mystery to the great mass of humanity.

Nor did this struggle cease with the subjection of the lower forms of life. As individuals men struggled with one another, and as society developed and groups formed, the groups struggled—and always it was the strongest that survived. If a group be weak it was conquered and destroyed or enslaved by the victors. All down through the ages the sword has been the arbitrator and the cry has been: Woe to the vanquished!

Nor has that law been altered in our time. Never in its struggle with the master class in this or any other country has the working class gained any advantage which was not due to their might. In the various labor battles throughout the country the barking voice of machine guns as they spit death and destruction gives the lie to the statement that ought but might makes right.

When out of their misery the workers arise and cast off the hateful yoke of the master class in their own country they find the ruling classes of the world, but lately at each other's throats, allied against them. The question of Right does not enter into the decisions of the master class as to whom they shall support and whom they shall oppose. It is a question of which will best serve their economic interests and perpetuate their power. Veiling their deeds behind a screen of words, they strive with every means at their command to gain their ends. They prate of rights only to those whom they wish to use to further their aims. Moral codes are bended and twisted to serve their needs. Mercy, pity, humanity—these mean nothing and are not considered in the hour of triumph.

True, it is not nice—but it is a fact. It is one of the bitter realities of life, and a lesson we must learn. Power is all that counts. If the workers are ever to emancipate themselves they must secure the power that comes only as the result of education and organization. The sword is still the arbiter.

When the lion and the lamb lie down together the lamb will be inside.

MUST WE "HATE" THE JAPS

Press despatches from Washington announce a large fleet of naval vessels moving to the Pacific Coast, but no explanation of the alleged necessity for the presence of such a fleet is to be found in the columns of Morgan's mouthpieces. When naval vessels move to a certain locality people who are accustomed to even a slight degree of thinking immediately conclude there must be some incentive other than a peaceful mission to require their presence there.

The pacific coast papers and also a number of other jingo sheets have of late been discussing the barbarities practiced by the Japanese upon the missionaries and their native converts in Korea. When we take into consideration the fact that Japan at the peace conference fought strenuously for a Monroe doctrine in the far east, we can easily understand that there might soon be a very material incentive for the American capitalists to desire to free "poor suffering Korea, in the name