
Slaveholders' Party Rule Marks Labor Leaders as Men to Watch: Bourbon Democrats Snoop and Sneak and Open Private Letters

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The Call publishes today the fifth installment of the amazing exposure of espionage practiced upon the lives and letters of American citizens by the Democratic administration.

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The Postal Censorship List, if preserved to the shame of this administration, will supply future generations with the names of at least some of the sane citizens of the United States of the present generation. It will show that there were some among us who believed that the only reason for government among reasoning beings was to further the happiness of the people.

It will also be a most eloquent indictment of those who so feared the spread of truth they left nothing undone to prevent the people from listening to those who tell the truth.

On this list are found the names of many Socialists and leaders of what is known to the reactionaries as the "radical labor movement," meaning those who believe that the workers are entitled to the full product of their toil.

Morris Hillquit's Letters Opened, Tsarist Fashion.

Morris Hillquit, whose name stands out from the list, is guilty in the eyes of the Bourbon Democrats of two offenses against our political and industrial lords. First, he is a Socialist, not only of national but of international fame. Second, for years he has placed his notable legal talents at the service of the "radical labor movements," notably the great needle trade organizations. The Bourbons fear both his pro-

bity and his ability. And so he is subjected to the prying eyes of the “snoopers,” and his mail is to be treated in the same manner as the mail of his Russian forefathers was treated by the agents of the Tsar.

Joseph (J.D.) Cannon, another citizen complimented by the attention of the Peeping Toms of the espionage system, is both a Socialist and a labor leader. He is of the constructive, militant type that annoy so much those who wish the workers “kept in their places,” said place being where they can earn just enough money to be able to continue to toil for those who rob them. Cannon is an organizer for the International Mill, Mine, and Smelter Workers’ Union.

Algernon Lee, Socialist member of the Board of Aldermen, is on the honor list compiled by the “snoopers.” Lee has been for many years educational director of the Rand School, and therefore hated by all of those who grow rich at the expense of the toilers. To be a Socialist is bad enough in their eyes, but to be an efficient teacher of the truth is worse, and so his words and actions must be watched by those who fear the truth as the devil is reputed to fear virtue.

William Bross Lloyd is Included as a “Suspect.”

William Bross Lloyd of Chicago is a citizen who has a bad habit of telling the truth as it is given him to see it, and who persists in exercising his constitutional rights in spite of all the legal lackeys of capitalism who have sought to stop him. He comes honestly by his fearlessness, being the son of Henry Demarest Lloyd, the noted publicist of the last century, who also had the same annoying habit of saying and printing things that the capitalists and their political agents did not want the people to know. He was the Socialist candidate for United States Senator of Illinois in the last campaign. He is evidently looked upon as dangerous to the rule of the few over the many, for his name is put down upon the list of the official peepers into the mail of citizens.

Edmund T. Melms of Milwaukee, prominent in the Socialist movement, must not be allowed to have the same rights as other citizens when using the mail — immunity from prying eyes. He is honored by having his name put on the list.

Walter Thomas Mills, author, orator, and Socialist, is “tainted” in the eyes of the administration inquisitors. It is true he did not sign

the famous St. Louis report, but then he did other “bad” things.¹ He wrote *The Struggle for Existence* and this alone would doubtless be sufficient to condemn him in the minds of those who flourish in mental darkness.

Robert Minor, Cartoonist, Touched 'Em on the Raw.

Robert Minor, while not a Socialist nor tagged with any particular party label, has, with wonderful skill, indicted the capitalist system, as one of the leading American cartoonists.² He devoted nearly two years of his life in helping to expose the conspiracy against the life of Tom Mooney and his fellow defendants in the celebrated San Francisco bomb case. No list of “soldiers of the common good” could be complete without his name, and so he is placed upon the list of the agents of the administration.

Prof. Scott Nearing. They could hardly miss the man who has so cruelly upset all the Tory controllers of our educational institutions. They tried to jail him and failed, though he frankly told the jury that he wrote all the words charged against him and had no apologies to make for one word. But what they could not do in open court, they evidently tried to do in secret. But Nearing calmly goes on telling the truth day after day, and will be honored by the people of the United States when the members of this administration are retired by the votes of the people for having betrayed the trust reposed in them.

James Oneal, honored by the attention of the American Third Section, is at present editorial writer of the *New York Call*. He was of Boston when this list was compiled. He is the author of *The Workers in American History*, a work that tells the true story of the working class in this country. It is on the forbidden list of all Tory institutions. He came originally from Terre Haute, a city whose fame is assured by having been the birthplace of Eugene Victor Debs. Perhaps this fact helped some in attracting the attention of the “snoopers” to Oneal.

¹ Reference is to the so-called St. Louis Manifesto drafted by the Committee on War and Militarism at the 1917 Emergency National Convention of the Socialist Party of America, which proclaimed the organization's continued “unalterable opposition to the war just declared by the government of the United States. The resolution was later approved by a party referendum and was used as justification for state repression meted out to the SPA by the Wilson administration.

² **Robert Minor** (1884-1952), later a top leader of the Communist Party, was in this interval a non-party anarchist.

J.H. Ryckman, of Los Angeles, is a labor attorney who has never been afraid to take the cases of those who have been persecuted by the employing, owning class. He adds to this offense by also being a Socialist, and so down goes his name on the list of the espionageers.

Hardshells Wary of the President of the Ladies' Garment Makers' Union.

Benjamin Schlesinger, the president of the great International Ladies' Garment Makers' Union, is included in this list probably because of the fact that the union which he is privileged to lead is known as "radical." The preamble to the constitution of this union proclaims that the worker is entitled to the full value of his labor, and this is certainly devilish heresy in the eyes of those who live by robbing the toilers. Schlesinger is also a Socialist. No wonder he gets honorable mention.

Abraham I. Shiplacoff has given the capitalist class many worrisome days and nights. One of the ablest organizers in the ranks of labor, his work in that great militant organization, the Amalgamated Clothing Workers of America, has endeared him to the hundreds of thousands who toil in the needle trades. His work as a Socialist member of the New York Assembly is too well known to all of our readers for us to have to dwell on it. The Citizens' Union of Greater New York, in its annual summary of the work of the legislature of the state, praised his ability and probity. They watched him just as did the espionageers, but in the open and not in secret. One action is a scathing rebuke for the other.

Helen Phelps Stokes is complimented with the attention of the spy system. Miss Stokes has been active for years in the work of spreading the gospel of Socialism among the colleges, being a member of the Executive Committee of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society. Inheriting wealth, she has given both her money and her efforts not only to the Socialist movement, but to many other causes.

Mrs. Rose Pastor Stokes was born on the East Side of New York. At an early age she was compelled to toil in a tobacco factory. She became a leader of her fellow workers. With that thirst for knowledge found among so many of the children of the Russian Jewish immigrants, she educated herself in spite of all the obstacles that poverty placed in her way. Some years ago she married J.G. Phelps Stokes. She has always been active both in the labor and Socialist movement. For

making a speech attacking the profiteers in this country during war times she was sentenced to 10 years in prison. Her case is now before the Supreme Court. Recent events, however, would indicate that there is some chance of the profiteers taking her place in serving a jail sentence.

Preacher Who Would Apply Jesus's Teachings to Life Needs Watching.

Rev. Norman Thomas, editor of *The World Tomorrow*, is on the list. He is a Socialist, having joined the party during the war. He is also connected with the Fellowship of Reconciliation, whose aim is to apply the ethics of Christianity to social problems. Thomas dared to question the attitude of the church toward the pressing problems of life and brought down upon himself the wrath of those who wished to serve both "God and Mammon." He is just the type of man that a Bourborn Democrat would like not only to spy upon but to put in jail. Had he lived in the days of chattel slavery he would doubtless have been found by the side of Phillips and Garrison.

We will close today's list with a typical example of the stupidity of spydom. On this list is the "Socialist Territorialist — New York." And what is this "dangerous" institution? It is merely an offshoot from the Jewish Zionist movement. They want to organize a Jewish state in some part of the world. The "Intelligencers" must have thought it had something to do with "terrorism." It would be in keeping with the balance of their work.

Tomorrow's story will deal with a different phase of the Espionage System.

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