

THE SUPREME COURT

DEBAUCHED BY THE MONEY POWER, IS AN OBJECT OF UNIVERSAL CONTEMPT.

The Rich Escape All Just Burdens of Taxation, Which Are Piled Upon Those Less Able to Bear Them.

The overthrow of the income tax is the triumph of selfishness over patriotism. It is another victory of greed over need.

A reversal of its decisions for thirty years past. More than that, they have persuaded one of the judges to reconsider and reverse his own opinion of a month ago.

LAW AS JUSTICE.

No dictum or decision of any court can make wrong right. And it is not right that the entire cost of federal government shall rest upon consumption.

These just and democratic principles are violated when a man worth \$10,000,000 pays no more in gross than the man who is worth \$100,000, or when the man with an income of \$1,000 is called upon for substantially the same amount as the man with an income of \$100,000.

The Supreme Court has said by a MAJORITY OF ONE that this just equality cannot be in any degree secured under the income tax law passed by the last congress.

TAX DODGERS

may as well prepare for it—a way will be found to revoke what Justice Brown calls this "surrender of the taxing power to the moneyed class."

RUSSIANIZING THE UNITED STATES.

The Portland (Oregon) Leader has this to say about conditions: "Look at the condition of the 'common herd' in Russia. Do you imagine they can ever throw off the yoke of slavery to plutocracy?"

It must not be supposed that the schemers of the plutocratic class to reduce workingmen to slavery are of recent date. Lubbock, an eminent English writer, said years ago: "There is likely to be an effort made by the capital class to fasten upon the world a rule through their wealth, and by means of reduced wages, place the masses upon a footing more degrading and dependent than has ever been known in history."

THE A. R. U. ABROAD.

The people who are thinking of Debs and do not want government by injunction are watching for the nomination of an honest man free from corporation influences.

Debs in jail without a trial by his peers, the income tax declared unconstitutional, the Ohio inheritance tax declared unconstitutional, the Illinois inheritance tax on the point of being declared unconstitutional—go it, sweet galoots, go it; you can't go it too fast to suit us.

The door that was opened wide by the Supreme Court, when its judges approved the sentence of Debs, without a trial by jury, to a term in jail, is one that will not lack for use.

Strike—till the last Gold-bug expires. Strike—every tyrant, as did your sires, as did your sires, Strike—down all old party liars. And save your native land.

Grand Master Sovereign has issued a general order requesting all local lodges of the Knights of Labor to observe labor day, September 2nd. It is expected that local labor and trades organizations will co-operate in a grand demonstration in protest against the imprisonment of Eugene V. Debs and his associates without trial by jury.

Mr. E. V. Debs is the last labor leader the courts of the United States will dare to imprison without a trial as provided for under the constitution. If the people of this country cannot enjoy the liberties guaranteed by the constitution the sooner the whole fabric is demolished and rebuilt on a sound foundation the better.

The New York Tribune recently contained a cowardly editorial attack upon Eugene V. Debs, and the managers of some of the western railroads were so well pleased with it that copies of the article were posted conspicuously along their routes.

Mr. Debs is in jail at Chicago. How about the managers of the Atchison railroad fraud? The day of judgment is at hand for soulless corporations. The government must find out whether they have any souls or not.

The current number of the 'Frisco Voice of Labor' is a mid-summer souvenir of twenty pages. On the front-cover is printed a three-colored picture of a triumphal arch, with Miss Columbia on top, and upon one side appears the familiar profile of George Washington and upon the opposite side of that of Eugene V. Debs.

The supreme court has denied the application of the officers of the American Railway Union, Messrs. Debs, Howard, Keliher, Rogers, Hogan, Burns, Goodwin and Elliott, for a writ of habeas corpus.

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Hurrah for Washington and his revolutionary patriots, who in 1776 planted the tree of liberty in this great republic!

Hurrah for Lincoln and his union soldiers, who in 1862, added renewed life and vigor to that tree by chopping off its dead and rotten limbs, by striking off the shackles from the limbs of chattel slavery!

"A negro has no rights that a white man is bound to respect."—Dred Scott Decision.

The supreme court so decided. The people went to work and shot some rights for him into the constitution. The supreme courts of the present day have ruled that the working people have no rights that capital must respect, and some of those working people are now in jail for questioning that power.

Pueblo, Col., A. R. U. No. 60 at a recent meeting denounced Judge Woods and resolved to drape its charter in mourning for a period of six months, or the time that their president, Eugene V. Debs, is incarcerated in prison.

Debs' private secretary says that Debs is receiving an overwhelming amount of letters of condolence and sympathy from all parts of the country. This is something we imagine that strikes the venal rulers and judges with surprise, as their acts plainly show that they thought when he was incarcerated as a common felon he would have no one to stand as his friend.

And Debs is in jail and the rich escape the income tax. How beautifully glorious.

September 2nd is not only labor day but it is Eugene V. Debs day also. Don't fail to register your protest against the imprisonment of honest and upright citizens by the petty tyrants of the modern dark age.

Let all citizens, organized and unorganized, join the K. of L. and labor unions on Labor Day, in denouncing the crime of sending Eugene V. Debs to jail for the infraction of no law and without a trial by jury.

We are in receipt of a package of circulars sent out by Colorado laboring men urging the laborers to nominate their own candidates on the presidential ticket next year. The plan proposed is to send postals to Eugene V. Debs, Terre Haute, Ind., pledging that gentleman and Henry C. Caldwell, United States circuit judge of Arkansas, their support for the positions.

If labor were compactly organized there would be no calling out of the standing army to force submission to the dictates of combined capital. If labor were properly organized no court in this country would dare set at defiance the constitutional rights of trial by jury.

If labor were properly and effectually organized, Debs and the other officers of the A. R. U. would not be behind prison bars today.

If by chance organized capital should commit such a wrong as is illustrated in the Debs case the wrong would be righted, peaceable if possible, but righted it would be.

The object lessons of the past year which culminated in the outrage inflicted upon Debs and his fellow officers should be sufficient to open the eyes of the labor elements and set them to organizing on the correct plan.

The constitution is the supreme law of the land. From the constitution all power should emanate. The constitution provides for the executive, legislative and judicial departments of the government. The constitution declares that every person is entitled to a speedy trial by an impartial jury.

From the prison cell to the presidential chair—Debs! What say you, brothers.

And Debs is in jail and the rich are laughing. It is good that they have their laugh now, for the probability is

that it will not be many months until they are in the predicament of the Irishman who attempted to rub the bull's nose in the dirt.

Every reform paper in the land should publish the call of Master Workman Sovereign for labor day meetings for September 2nd, to denounce the convictions of Eugene V. Debs and his associates.

Yes, dear brother American, Debs is in jail hard and fast enough. Why? Because he advised the railroad men to quit work when a one-horse judge told him not to so advise them.

"Whom the gods would destroy they first make mad." Putting Debs in jail will not settle the question.

Olney, a corporation lawyer, at the head of the President's cabinet, and Debs, the friend of the people, in jail. This is the kind of government the people are submitting to.

The last issue of the Railway Times states that five applications have been received from Ohio for the organization of American Railway Unions.

We want to remind the plutocrats that hanging John Brown did not save the institution of slavery, and neither will putting Debs in jail establish a government by injunction.

Judge Woods has modified the sentence of Eugene V. Debs for one year in jail to six months, and those of the other officers of the A. R. U. from six months to three. The sentences are now as the court originally imposed them.

Debs and fellow prisoners in the jail at Woodstock, Ill., will have in some respects an experience similar to that of Paul and Silas in the Philippian jail. There may not be a miraculous deliverance of the modern apostles of the brotherhood of man—first taught by the Great Teacher, and so little taught by modern Pharisees.

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THE WAY IT GOES. The Cleveland Citizen is not pleased with the way workingmen follow a trail which leads to disaster.

Truth stranger than fiction. The K. of L. Journal says: A workingman will not allow a poor devil of a pickpocket to rob him of one single dollar without calling the police, and resisting the robbery with all his might; but these same workingmen will allow the plutocracy to rob them of more than a thousand dollars every year of their lives and never say a word.

The "Labor Day" edition of the RAILWAY TIMES will be the Pike's Peak of labor literature.

DEBS IN JAIL.

Our country 'tis for thee, Once land of liberty. For thee we quail. The land where patriots died, That right be not denied, To be by juries tried, Keeps Debs in jail.

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THE MINISTRY

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