

"Who's Loony Now?" Gives Way to "Who's Liberal Now?"

By JAY LOVESTONE

A time there was when the phrase "Who's loony now?" was on the tip of every American's tongue. Sassy street urchin and reverend grandfather, light-veined baseball fan and sweating stock-broker—all used to go their separate ways with "Who's loony now?" on their lips.

But "Who's loony now?" is dead—dead even beyond the grasp of most memories. A new stock-phrase will soon be popular on the "Main Street" Exchange. I'll bet good, 100 per cent white patriotic, reactionary American dollars against brand new pink German Socialist Marks that the new phrase, or craze, will be "Who's a liberal now?"

The Liberal League

The other day there was organized "The Liberal League of America". This League is to serve as the haven and House of Refuge for all genuine American liberals. But pray, my dear Reader, don't choke with laughter! Nor should you sneer at me when you are given further information about this bulwark against reaction now to come to save the workers!

This Liberal League will strive to create and concentrate public opinion against all descriptions of radicalism. The League invites into its membership "all who wish our American Democracy to remain true to its high calling as the builder of free institutions and the guardian of personal liberty."

We wonder how many workers who form the mass of enslaved humanity on which there has been reared that marvelous structure of steel and profits will be invited to membership in the League in order to preserve their "personal liberty"! We wonder how many of the hounded, evicted striking railway shopmen who were tenting in Utah in the bitterest cold of winter, will be allowed to join this League in order to have "American democracy remain true to its high calling as the builder of free institutions"! We wonder how many bituminous miners, who in the midst of a terrific prosperity and a shortage of labor are given the chance to work a maximum of two days a week, will be permitted to enter this new Klan of pure American Democracy.

Leaders of the Liberal League

The reader should stop wondering. He should rather hold his breath. Here are a few of the new galaxy of American liberals. Here are a few of the national leaders of this Liberal League.

L. F. Loree, of the Delaware and Hudson Railway Co., one of the leaders, is a sworn enemy of the workers. He was one of the leaders in the smashing offensive against the striking shopmen.

Then comes Bishop Manning—Patron Saint of this new Liberal Church—educated as a minister of God and serving as a menial, sycophantic messenger of Mammon. Bishop Manning is one of the most indefatigable of brazen apologists for and defenders of the most heinous crimes of the exploiting class.

The noted "progressive", Nicholas Murray Butler, titular President of Columbia University and errand boy plenipotentiary for J. P. Morgan is another one of the leaders of the Liberal League.

One abreast behind these luminaries of liberalism follow such poor men and servants of humanity as "Silk Stockings" Ogden L. Mills, Walter F. Mannard, R. Fulton Cutting, and John G. Milburn.

Finally, a royal send-off and holy benedictions were given to this Liberal League by that well-known journal of genuine American liberalism—the Financial and Commercial Chronicle published by the Wm. B. Dana Co. in the heart of the sacred

environs of Wall Street, the stable of America's Golden Calf.

Let's All Be Liberals Now

Apparently the world is moving forward despite the fact that "Warren Gamaliel" is having an awful time of it in selling us Harding's Permanent Court of International Justice. "Nicky" Butler, Bishop Manning, and L. F. Loree have been annointed liberals by the Heavenly Fathers of Lower New York!

Who's a liberal now? Why, let's all be liberals now. Let's have a sense of humor. Let's call this new venture merely a case of monumental gaff. But let us not stop here. Let's wake up and tell these guys in the only language they understand that no amount of war paint can hide their poisoned arrows and tomahawks against the workers.

Let's tell them we are on to their game. We are no longer hobbled and hogtied. We are ready for the fray—and ready to take them on, all comers, all weights.

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