

ALL IN ONE ISSUE

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POWER and beauty expressed in every line; a piercing analysis of the tactics and methods of the labor movement, exposing its traitors and teaching its future leaders. From cover to cover a brilliant yet solemn picture of the titanic nature of the class struggle with sparkling rays of hope for the victory to come, such are my impressions of the January issue of the Workers Monthly.

Seldom does my time permit more than just a hurried glance over the pages of our current literature but when beginning on this issue I was compelled to continue until finished reading word for word. I found the material so rich that I could not afford to skip a word. Since the first issue of this magazine in November each succeeding issue has outdone the other.

The first article, "Lenin, Leader and Comrade," by Bittelman, is precisely what its title implies; a simple but forceful description of the revolutionary qualities of the great working class leader and of Leninism. It is both the builder of the party—the only true proletarian party—and the

science of modern revolution which is described by Bittelman. Lenin, the comrade, who gave his best to the Communist Party, who belongs body and soul to that party and Leninism which now leads the struggle.

Comrade Foster's article on the El Paso convention again reminds one of the immediate grim realities. In his usual powerful style he rips into the treacherous camouflage created by the corrupt bureaucrats to hide their dealings in imperialism, their preparations to support the next war for new conquests and deliver to Wall Street a labor movement, gagged and servile with no vitality left for resistance. The actual needs of the trade unions as brought forth by the militants but shamefully ignored by the diamond studded officials are emphasized by Foster in no uncertain terms. Fred Ellis lends a touch of rather grim humor in picturing the horses . . . tail bowing before Samuel Gompers at El Paso.

The first installment of the history of the Russian Communist Party, by Zinoviev, appears in this issue. That is something all rebels will want to read.

There is a story of the lives and struggles of the Rocky Mountain metal miners by Jack Lee. Notes on Shop Nuclei by Martin Abern, who has acquired considerable experience in dealing with this subject. A timely and interesting description of the nationalist revolutionary movement of China, the desperate efforts of world imperialism to maintain its grip on this fertile field, the Kuo Min Tang Party and its leader Sun Yat Sen. There is a joint statement by William F. Dunne and William Z. Foster on the A. F. of L. and Trade Union Unity, showing the response of this organization to the drive for world trade union unity by the Red International of Labor Unions. Not a response, however, to actually help unite the trade unions, but to, if possible, establish a hegemony over the world trade union movement for the benefit of Wall Street by the henchmen of Wall Street—the reactionary labor lieutenant. Another indictment, hitting straight from the shoulder at the servants of capitalism.

The little story "Consequences" by Jack Wilgus, I read with delight. It is just a little piece of reality taking bodily out of the sphere of working class life picturing the hideous maneuvers of the employers in taking advantage of their economic power

over the workers. In this story a miner long out of a job, his beautiful young wife struggling with death and no food in the house becomes the willing tool of the boss, breaks the strike and commits treason to his class. When finally the young miner is completely broken down by the burden of his own treason he is sent away, thrown on the ash heap while the boss seduces his young wife. It is a story which fills one with hate against the present class system and the exploitation of labor. Then turning to article "At the 'Red October' Candy Factory" by Anna Louise Strong, one finds a relieving contrast. Here the beginnings of a new society, with the workers managing all affairs, for the benefit of the workers and with the aim to do away with the class system makes its appearance. This article gives relief, yes, but it also inspires to carry on the struggle to follow the glorious example of the Russian workers.

Turning again to the cover of the January issue of the Workers Monthly one finds added inspiration in the picture of the sturdy working woman with the crimson banner. One can almost feel the throbbing of millions of marching workers,—intent upon definite goal. Yes, "Revolution Comes here, perhaps slowly but surely."