

## Dawes' Defenders Protest Over-much Their Hero's Innocence

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Defenders of Dawes are protesting overmuch. They are scrambling the whole defense with their loud cries about the innocence of their hero.

It is admitted by the most earnest protesters that Dawes broke the banking laws of Illinois in the matter of compounding an unlawful act with William Lorimer when the candidate for vice-president supplied the La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank with funds of the Central Trust Company to the amount of \$1,250,000 which was used as a "dummy" fund to convince the state auditor that the bank had an adequate supply of capital and surplus to lawfully permit the institution to change over from a national to a state bank.

According to statement issued by John Barton Payne, in apologizing for the illegal acts of Dawes, the latter did something that many other bankers have done in the past—in fact, he indicates it is a common custom!

He says it is practiced frequently and that it was not an "intentional violation of the law."

When the Lorimer bank busted no doubt Mr. Lorimer did not intentionally bust it, but it was just as busted, so far as the depositors were concerned, as if the act was intentional.

In fact the depositors did not consider Mr. Lorimer's inadvertent and unintentional acts as entirely blameless. They got action. The Chicago Title and Trust Company as receiver for the Lorimer bank sued the Central Trust Company (Mr. Dawes' bank) for \$1,000,000, charging that by supplying the dummy capital it had violated the state banking laws, and therefore should be held responsible to the creditors. Recently the case was decided in favor of the plaintiff and Mr. Dawes' bank must pay something like \$100,000.

Let us have some of Mr. Payne's own words by way of explanation: "When application was made to organize the state institution, the auditor stated to Mr. Lorimer that it was the practice to require the actual cash capital and surplus of the proposed organization to be presented and counted."

"Mr. Lorimer went to the Central Trust Company and asked General Dawes, then its president, whether the Central Trust Company would cash the cashier's check of the La Salle Street National Bank for \$1,250,000, stating that the bank had adequate assets in the form of notes and other securities, but did not, of course, keep on hand the entire amount of its capital and surplus in currency, and to call in cash would require the calling in of notes and an annoyance to the bank's customers."

"General Dawes replied that he

would cash the check with pleasure. Mr. Lorimer asked what would be the charge. General Dawes replied, "Nothing," that he would do it as an act of courtesy. A cashier's check of the National bank was thereupon drawn, the auditor and Mr. Lorimer came with the check to the Central Trust Company, presented the same for payment, and the cash was delivered to Mr. Lorimer in the presence of the auditor and by and by Lorimer handed it to the auditor, who counted it and handed it back to Mr. Lorimer.

"The money was returned to the Central Trust Company, and the cashier's check of the national bank taken up. A certificate was issued, certifying that the La Salle Street Trust and Savings Bank was duly organized."

Quite so. Precisely, that and nothing less. Mr. Dawes knew what the law was. He willingly and knowingly violated the state laws. To credit him with ignorance of the law is to brand him as stupid and guileless. Mr. Dawes is not that.

It was not a technical violation of the law. It was a real, deliberate and intentional act on the part of both Lorimer and Dawes and the depositors and the judges who have just said so in their decision and Mr. Lorimer and Mr. Dawes know it.

So does any sane man who will give it a minute's thought.

The contention that, Mr. Dawes had not the slightest intention to aid a fraud is not even specious. It is insincere and unconvincing and despite Mr. Payne's former high standing, does not carry weight.

### ED CANTWELL IS DEAD; LOVED BY POSTAL MEN

Washington, Oct. 23.—Edward J. Cantwell, national secretary of the National Association of Letter Carriers, died in this city following a general breakdown as a result of his efforts in behalf of the postal employees' federal wage bill. The direct cause of his death was pneumonia, which his weakened condition could not resist.

For 26 years he has been annually elected national secretary and editor of the Postal Record. Prior to 1898 he was a member of the letter carriers' legislative committee. At the last convention of his organization he was called from the hall and the delegates then voted him \$100 in gold for each year he had served the organization.

To be of more aid to the workers he studied law and was graduated 20 years ago by Georgetown University. The funeral was held at Brooklyn, his old home. President Gainor and associate officers and members of the Letter Carriers' Association, together with other trade unionists, attended the services. The A. F. of L. was represented by General Organized Hugh Frayne.

### WANT FREE NIGHT SCHOOLS.

Memphis, Tenn., Oct. 18.—The trades and labor council objects to a charge that pupils of Memphis night schools must pay. These schools are conducted by the public school authorities. The unionists insist that adults should be encouraged to attend these schools, rather than tax them.

### OIL PROFITS INTO MILLIONS.

New York, Oct. 23.—The Union Oil Company of California reports a profit of \$9,000,000 for the first nine months of 1924. This is after interest, depreciation, depletion, federal taxes and other charges have been made with a decreased production of more than 2,100,000 barrels of oil in the nine-months period.

### ABOUT THE DAWES!

An' there's Charley Dawes, as good a publicity hound as ever hung a jimmy pipe upside down. Lord, how he hates page 1!

But when it comes to collecting votes, it is to be feared that the Dawes will have to more than hit the front page. And something more to the point than smoking a pipe top-side down.

There was that little jaunt down to Florida to tell Mr. Daugherty this campaign ought to be run on a union-smashing basis.

There is the good old story about the Lorimer bank and the fiscal relations of the Dawes bank to the Lorimer palace of ruin.

There are the Minute Men, ready any minute to uphold everything in the constitution except the right of wage earners to organize.

There is the support of the Republican Dawes for a Democratic injunction judge just a few months ago.

There is the Republican platform. There is—But after the Republican platform there isn't much. The last disreputable spires were used in knocking together that worn-out old contraption and there was nothing left but shavings.

We shall hear more from, of and about Dawes before the election arrives. It isn't so much that he's an issue as it is that he's an incident—Chester M. Wright, in October American Federationist.

## Says Socialists and I. W. W. Will Destroy Labor Unions

Buffalo, Oct. 22.—Thomas V. O'Connor, chairman of the Shipping Board, a Buffalo man and for years head of the Longshoremen's Union, was one of the speakers at the Broadway Auditorium Wednesday night. He asked the audience if any one in authority would deny that a large sum of money has been sent from Russia through Mexico to strengthen the cause of Senators La Follette and Wheeler, the Independent National ticket.

"How much money has been sent here by Soviet Russia," he asked, "to win this fight and bring about uncertainty in this country, the same as in their own country?"

Mr. O'Connor spoke at length on the connection of union leaders with the La Follette-Wheeler campaign and asserts that "members of labor organizations are not going to stand for having their vote delivered by national officers or local representatives."

"Labor," he said, "will never allow its vote to be delivered by this conglomeration of union leaders, socialists and I. W. W.'s who have been enrolled or conscripted in the political army led by Robert La Follette."

"I am not worried," he continued, "about the political effect of the La Follette vote in this campaign, but what does worry me and should worry you men of organized labor, is the destructive effect of a large La Follette vote upon organized labor. You cannot exaggerate the destructive effect a large La Follette vote would have upon the present strong position of union labor, a position we have secured after many years of hard, patient plodding."

"It took many years for us to become strong enough to obtain agreements with employers, and it took rugged honesty, which is absolutely necessary, to carry out these arrangements as to wages and working conditions. And yet, we organization men are now being asked to deal with a group which constitutes a small per cent of our total number—a group composed of I. W. W.'s who believe in sabotage, destruction

of property and even the destruction of human lives. To these I add the Socialists, the whole outfit comprising a gang of union wreckers."

Quoting Samuel Gompers as having previously opposed Socialists within labor unions, the speaker said he was now wondering at the position of Gompers, Frank Morrison, Matthew Woll and other American Federation of Labor leaders supporting Senator La Follette. He sounded a warning to international officers of labor organizations "that a day of reckoning is coming, because the members of the union who own union funds are going to demand an accounting."

"They will ask," he said, "why a bunch of fake organizers have been placed on the different international payrolls, not for the purpose of organizing members in various locals, but for the purpose of boosting the political cause of La Follette and Wheeler."

### G. P. O. PRINTERS GAIN; LONG DEADLOCK BROKEN

Washington, Oct. 23.—After a deadlock for five months, during which time a committee representing the journeymen printers employed in the government printing office were

negotiating with Public Printer Carter for new wage rates, a settlement has been agreed upon. After the committee, with the officers of Columbia Typographical Union acting in an advisory capacity had failed to secure a satisfactory proposal from the public printer, President Edward of the International Typographical Union, was called in and secured the offer which was unanimously accepted by the committee acting in behalf of the employees. The proposal provides for a general advance over the rate of 90 cents per hour which has been operative since the enactment of the law conferring upon the public printer authority to fix wage rates. The public printer also withdrew his original proposal that several grades with variable rates of pay for different classes of work be established, which suggestion met with general opposition by the printers.

The new scale, which will be presented to the joint committee on printing of congress for its approval, is as follows: Hand men, 95 cents; readers, make-ups and impositors, \$1; operators, \$1.05. Night rates are 15 per cent higher than day rates. Overtime and Sunday work, price and one-half; holidays, double price and one-half. This is the first time in the history of the government printing

office that price and one-half has been allowed for overtime. Last year's flat rate was 85 cents an hour.

### OPPOSE INJUNCTIONS.

Cincinnati, Oct. 23.—"I am running for this office to make a demonstration against government by injunction," said Nicholas Klein, lawyer of this city and candidate for the short term of the state supreme court.

"Short as my term will be I intend to devote every moment of it to the task of bringing to the people of our state an understanding of the outrage that inheres in the use of the injunction in labor disputes. I shall take the opportunity of making a state-wide attack on the whole system of government by injunction and my words will not soon be forgotten by judges."

### BUTCHERS WIN 12-YEAR STRIKE

Louisville, Ky., Oct. 23.—Organized butcher workmen have won their 12-year strike against the L. P. Bornwasser Company of this city. All differences have been adjusted and the firm has signed the eight-hour wage scale of local 227.

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200 yards pretty cotton checks—small or larger plaids, at yard 10c  
Good Hickory Shirting at 16-2-3c  
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50 DOZEN PILLOW CASES AT 29c EACH.  
Made by the Peppercell Mills—under a different brand we think just as good for this sale at 29c  
20,000 yards 32 and 36-inch Dress Gingham—Regular prices 15c to 25c. In lengths 3 to 10 yards. On two big counters, best fast colors, at 15c  
10,000 yards of the best standard gingham—Bates, Kalburney and other gingham—Romper Cloths, Ladlassie, etc. All worth 29c to 35c. Buy any of these at this sale at 25c  
For the Harvest Sale we will sell 90-inch best 60c full bleached bed sheeting, for yard 50c  
Best 9-4 81-inch Utica sheetings, regular 75c to 85c good—genuine Utica sheeting at 67-7-8c  
20 dozen only for this Harvest Sale. Extra fine bed sheets 81x90—the best \$2.00 sheets made at \$1.69  
All sheets and pillow cases at Harvest Sale prices. All sizes.

Counterpanes, quilts, blankets—all yellow ticketed for this, our Annual Harvest sale.  
81x90 FULL SEAMLESS BED SHEETS AT \$1.  
This is a good heavy sheet, none better for \$1.25 and some not as good for \$1.50. For this sale at \$1.00  
FOR FALL SALE ONLY  
1,000 yards Barker Mills Bleach—the best 25c bleach made at 19c  
Also the Truth Muslin and fine Cambria, the best 25c quality, at 19c  
GOOD QUALITY CANTON FLANNELS AT 15c, 16 2-3c AND 19c  
Bleached Canton Flannels. Extra special at 16 2-3c  
For the Fall Sale only—15c Longcloth and Bleach Domestic, 36 inches wide, at yard 10c  
GOOD TIME TO BUY YOUR OUTFITTINGS AND FLANNELS FOR THE FALL AND WINTER.  
1,000 yards, yard-wide white outing—the 25c quality at 19c  
5,000 yards best 25c outing for underwear at 16 2-3c  
1,000 yards 36-inch fine Sea Island or sheetings, a good one, at yard 10c  
A Splendid 10c Apron Gingham, yard 5c

### WOMEN'S, MISSES' AND CHILDREN'S KNIT UNDERWEAR AT TREMENDOUS REDUCTIONS

Consisting of all kinds—pants, vests, union suits—all sizes and ages at about half the regular price—  
19c, 25c, 29c, 39c, 49c, 69c  
Garments sold 25c to \$1.00.



### JUST IN FOR THIS FALL SALE—FOREST MILLS UNDERWEAR

We have sold this same underwear for 25 years. Every year it gets better. This mill makes the best fitting, best wearing underwear we can find—and the prices we make on it makes it the most popular underwear you can buy—See the new line in this sale—ladies' and misses.

### BOYS' AND GIRLS' SCHOOL SWEATERS AT FALL SALE PRICES.

Heavy sport ribbed in all colors and sizes. Reds, blues, browns, grays. Some roll collars, slip-overs, etc., at—  
95c, \$1.45, \$1.95, \$2.45, \$2.95  
See these on first floor—all yellow ticketed.

### HOUSEHOLD NEEDS AT BIG SAVINGS.

50 dozen all corn brooms, good strong quality. No grass, all brooms corn, at 25c  
25 dozen very best 50c to 60c brooms—4 and 5 strings. Purest broom straw, at 39c

### 200 DOZEN SILK LISLE HOSE AT 25c PAIR

This is a remarkable value in ladies' hose. In the lot you will find real 50c hose. Some are imperfect but most of them hardly can be told from firsts—a genuine 50c value at 25c

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12 cakes Arrow Laundry for 40c  
7 cakes larger Star Laundry for 25c  
7 boxes Trade Washing Powder 25c  
6 cakes P. & G. White Naptha Soap 25c  
6 cans Sunbright Cleanser for 24c  
Limit 5 to a customer—Old Dutch Cleanser, can 6c  
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Men's all wool suits—newest materials.....\$16.95, \$19.95, \$25.00, \$29.50

Quite a number of these special suits have two pairs pants.  
A wonderful line of men's overcoats in this Fall Sale—  
\$14.95, \$16.95, \$19.95, \$25.00 up

500 DOZEN MEN'S FIBRE SILK SOX. Actually 39c to 50c value. See them in our gents' furnishing department. All colors—double heels and toes—and you can get no such values—4 pairs for \$1.00

### FALL SHIRT SALE AT \$1.00

For this Fall Sale we are putting out 200 dozen men's fancy shirts, made of good quality percale, pretty patterns, colors good. You will pay \$1.50 and not get a better one. Extra special \$1.00

Great Fall Sale of men's pajamas—flannel or outing—all sizes—  
\$1.50, \$1.95, \$2.50, \$2.95

These garments are all silk braided and are well made.

### IN OUR MEN'S UNDERWEAR

It's a good time now to save on your underwear. Men's union suits in all sizes, good quality at \$1.25, \$1.35, \$1.45, \$1.75  
Men's 2-piece garments in the plain rib or fleece at 75c and 95c  
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Great values in men's work shirts—made of good quality blue and gray chevrons—50c—69c and 95c. The best shirts in America for the money.

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