

GLOIRY OF THE CONQUERED

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The little nations of the world are facing their hour of agony. They seem to be going down in defeat, but history will tell a different story. They will be glorified by the historian while the conqueror will be reviled and anathematized. The names of the conquered will be carved upon granite blocks or placed upon bronze tablets, but more important, their deeds will be recorded in the hearts of the people for whose sakes these heroes made the supreme sacrifice.

The glory of the conquered lies in the fact that their spirit was never defeated. Their swords may have been broken, but they were broken in conflict. And in a coming day they will be resurrected and shine forth as the heroes of a future generation. Their souls will be marching on. But this story may be told of every man who bravely faces the problems of life, because every morning he is challenged to engage in a fight to achieve his high purpose.

It may be a battle for one's friends, one's fellow workers, one's fellow citizens. It may be a fight for underpaid and overworked men and women; for sick and tired people of the tenements; for underfed and underclothed children; for disheartened and hopeless unemployed adults; for beaten and discouraged young people who could not get a start in life. These

are conflicts which cannot be won with battleships and bombers, nor through military strategy. They are won only by destroying hatred through brotherhood, through selfishness, sacrifice, injustice through equity, indifference through understanding.

Those who engage in such conflicts must not run with the mob. The mob never moves forward. It usually remains at a low level. Victory comes only through organization. Sometimes even organization fails, and its leaders seem to have lost in the conflict. But when the issues are wide-reaching, the failures must be discounted. Only the long view will determine when victory has been achieved.

This is particularly true of Labor's struggles. As one looks back over the years every sign indicates steady progress has been made, and points toward ultimate victory. They who seem to have been conquered in Labor's conflict will be glorified in the victories of the future. And we must ever be mindful of the fact that each generation has been raised to a higher level because of the struggles made by those in the past, even though the latter may seem to have failed in reaching the goal.

Labor Organizer Killed By Head Of Corporation

NEW YORK, May 10.—Angry words gave way to fists and flying knuckles to bullets yesterday in a heated dispute climaxed by the slaying of a union organizer in a Brooklyn garment factory and arrest of the firm's 64-year-old president on a homicide charge.

Shot and killed during the argument over organization of 35 women in the Trio Coat corporation was Vito Trimarco, 30, an organizer for the New York Cloak Makers' joint board, composed of nine craft unions in the industry and affiliated with the International Ladies' Garment Workers' union.

The arrested corporation president was Guiseppe Fritachi, who had long opposed the union's efforts. Police said a permit had been issued in his name for a pistol which they seized after the killing.

Headquarters of the Cloak, Suit and Reefer Makers' union, officials said they had been picketing the plant since last September. They said Trimarco was married and organized in charge of the Brooklyn division of the board.

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