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The socialistic organ [the *Arbeiter-Zeitung*] was issued yesterday in circular

form, and it is at present a reminiscence in every particular. The language is not by any means as violent as it was, and its logic in apologizing for the incarceration of its editors and some of its managers is amusing. In one column it says:

To the Workingmen of Chicago

As the entire personnel of the *Arbeiter Zeitung*, from the editors down to the devil in the composing-room, have been arrested, it was impossible to issue a paper day before yesterday and yesterday. Furthermore, after we had yesterday, with much trouble, set up the matter and carried the forms to the printing office, its proprietor, Burgess, refused to print the paper, because *The Times*, which owns the building in which his printing office is located, threatened to cancel his lease if he dared to print the sheet, and at the same time all other printing offices refused to print it, and among these firms Wehrer & Klein. After running about for four hours we came to the conclusion that there was a conspiracy among the owners of printing offices with the object of thus snuffing out this paper. Twenty-two printers have been arrested and the laughable accusation of murder has been placed against them. Men who were doing nothing but the work for which they were paid. Bail was not accepted for them. It is thus being arranged from all sides systematically to render the issuing of this paper impossible. They do not wish to disturb the impression that this is a free country or they would simply forbid its issue.

You can see, workingmen, from this that the ruling classes have realized the power of a workingmen's paper better than the workingmen themselves have done.

You will have read with deep sorrow in your hearts the triumphant bellowing of Raster and the *Freie Presse* when this paper did not appear yesterday and its staff was arrested. Now we want to show you that, although a few are under ban

now, the workingmen's party is perhaps for the time being a little troubled, but that it cannot be crushed. We now appeal to you, workingmen of Chicago! You have seen that a workingmen's movement without a workingmen's paper is an impossibility. Each one of you should, therefore, work to this end - that in the circles wherein you move the paper be supported. We have now taken the place of our arrested comrades. Should further arrests take place, then will others step into our places. We shall continue the fight for liberty and right, which this paper ever wages, to the terror of the robbing employers and their deeds, and in their faces we fling our motto, which is "Down with everything that resists us!" and inform them that this sentiment is too deeply rooted in the people to be exterminated by the imprisonment of a few leaders, especially where the movement is of such gigantic dimensions. Forward and unceasingly forward will this movement continue, in spite of all the chicanery of the ruling classes. Force engenders force. The truth of this axiom has been proved by others, and with us it is not going to be a fiasco.

Now, once more, workingmen, do your duty and we will do ours. If for a short time we can only issue our paper in small form we beg our readers to excuse us on account of the circumstances under which we are compelled to work.

We will do all we can to be in a short time again complete....