

swindling increased 75 per cent, with a particularly large growth in strong Socialist centers as against a comparatively small increase in places where religion is still a strong factor.

While it is not asserted that the increase in criminality is due to the spread of Socialism, it is declared by students of these figures that they do show that Socialism has failed to prove, in Germany at all events, that it is equal to or an adequate substitute for religion as a moral and law-enforcing factor.

## Darrow's Trial

The Los Angeles Central Labor Council evidently objects to the process of law. At a recent meeting it adopted a protest against Clarence S. Darrow being again tried on a charge of bribery. The resolution shows how insistent labor leaders are that anybody being charged with anything in connection with the prosecution of a labor dispute ought not to be held responsible under the law. THE AMERICAN EMPLOYER does not prejudge Mr. Darrow, and believes that his acquittal on the other charge of bribery is in his favor on this occasion, but there seems to be no reason since Mr. Darrow has been indicted why he should not be tried like anybody else under indictment. Indeed he should be tried if only as a protest against the position of labor that those charged with offenses in labor matters are not amenable to law. The resolution of the Los Angeles Labor Council is as follows:

Whereas, Clarence Darrow has for many years fought the battles of labor and used his best efforts for the improvement of their condition, and

Whereas, By reason of his activity on behalf of labor he has been persecuted by the wealthy class, by being unjustly accused of crimes which he has never committed. Having been exonerated of any guilt in connection with the alleged bribery charges arising from the McNamara case, wherein the district attorney spent about fifty thousand dollars of the people's money in an effort to convict Darrow, and

Whereas, The district attorney of this county is endeavoring to try him on a second charge, again alleging that he was implicated in the bribery charges arising from the McNamara case, and

Whereas, The second case is being prosecuted only to persecute and harass Clarence Darrow, and to injure him, if possible, in the eyes of labor; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we, the Central Labor Council of Los Angeles County, do most emphatically protest against the action of the district attorney in bringing this second case to trial, and again spending a large sum of the people's money, which is entirely unwarranted.

## STRUCK ON HEAD

### *Structural Iron Workers Use Stone on Man—Dying*

Frank Southworth, of Bedford, is dying at St. Clair hospital as the result of an attack made on him last night by six or eight men believed to be structural iron workers. Southworth's son, who was running to the assistance of his father, saw the fatal blow struck. When Southworth fell to the ground, his assailants waited to give him a few more kicks and then fled.

Southworth holds a sub-contract from the C. O. Bartlett & Snow Co. for the construction of one of the buildings in the new plant of the Cleveland Electric Illuminating Co., East Seventieth street and Lake Shore tracks. The work is being done by non-union labor.

Southworth was one of the last men to leave the work last night. He was stopped as he walked along the railroad tracks by two men, who upbraided him for accepting the sub-contract. He resented their statement and a fight was soon in progress. The two men were quickly joined by several others.

Southworth was struck on the head by a large stone and his skull fractured. Ziehm's ambulance took him to St. Clair hospital. Doctors said at midnight his death was expected hourly.—*Cleveland Leader*, Oct. 18.