

MOURNERS IN HASTE.

It has been remarked at times by persons who persist in seeing things that should pass unnoticed, such as a prohibitionist getting grippe medicine at the liquor store or a Christian Scientist consulting a physician, that while for the most part carriages on the way to the cemetery maintain a slow and solemn pace they frequently return at a trot, but it has remained for Winnipeg Social Democrats to throw off the shackles of time-worn convention and set the trot or the gallop as the gait for pedestrian mourners. But let them not be hastily censored, for they were rather put to it, having little choice in the matter of pace if they wished to live to mourn another day. They had gathered in the Winnipeg market place on Sunday to pay honor to the memory of CARL LIEBKNECHT and ROSA LUXEMBOURG when they were interfered with and chased through the streets by returned soldiers lacking in respect for the dead.

Uncouth fellows, those rough soldiers who have been over there fighting the Germans! They are not given to fine distinctions. A German is a German in their sight whether he turned out to be a Socialistic champion of world liberty after Germany was beaten or not, and whether he is dead or alive. "Fritzies are all the same to us" they crudely told the Winnipeg Social Democrats who attempted to make them see that LIEBKNECHT had always been against the war and they proceeded to send them from the market place at a pace unusual with mourners.

Ordinarily one might question the advisability of returned soldiers taking the law into their own hands, but the assembling of the Social Democrats may have looked to them in this case like another scrap of paper affair, the betrayal by the Germans of the armistice, for the reports of the incident state that all but one of the speakers at the Winnipeg meeting were foreigners, and the exception admitted he was a hired orator paid to speak in English. Besides, it is quite unlikely that the unkindness of the soldiers will seriously interfere with the great cause of Social Democracy. Freedom will not falter though LIEBKNECHT's mourners fled.

They are philosophical chaps, these prophets of a new age who have committed themselves to the task of bringing the soul into humanity. Though Canadians in the mass may be blindly ignorant to the fact that the "hour has struck," the prophets will persevere in their efforts to make them see, for has not one of their leaders, SAM BLUMENBERG, of Winnipeg, advised them: "Go to it, fellow workers. You have nothing to lose and a world to gain." As the Bolshevik manifesto printed in THE JOURNAL the other day said, in telling those it addressed not to bother about city councils or parliaments: "You should worry; there is nothing in your pockets to take out." What is the passing indignity of being chased from the market place compared with the winning of a world? Success is already in sight. Witness the declaration of Alderman QUEEN, of Winnipeg: "Bolshevism is coming here. Just as soon as the workers of the country feel like it, they will take over all the industries of Canada.....just as it has been done by the Bolsheviks in Russia." Or the cheery words of the British Columbia *Federationist*: "Look up, wearied warriors of the social revolution and see the glorious signs of victory. Russia is ours and the devils of capitalism combined cannot shake her power and her might.....Germany has burst the bonds and is now struggling to be free." No indeed. Though their public mourning for poor martyred CARL and ROSA may be rudely disrupted, they will carry the Red Flag on till it floats over a "Workers' Republic of the World."