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FROM THE SEAT OF WAR.

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The appeal by the four now ex-members of the N.E.C., from the decision holding them in contempt of court, was to be argued on the 20th instant. Owing to the large number of cases ahead of it, that appeal did not come up on that day; but it will come up on the 11th of next month.

The motions to obtain a stay of the execution of the decision in contempt have failed. The thirty days within which to pay the fine or be imprisoned expired on the 23d instant. The comrades under sentence are, accordingly, theoretically, liable to imprisonment at any time, seeing that, being poor men, there is no money to be got out of them. From the latest information received, they are still at large, but ready to submit to arrest for the Party's sake, as any and all loyal Party members are. But this, of course, is not the end of that tune. Not by a good deal. The Party's innings are yet to come, and come they will in due time. But {that} time is not yet.

But this is not all that has occurred during the week.

It will be remembered that all these proceedings against these comrades result from an action instituted against them by the Volkszeitung Corporation on the fraudulent allegation that they were not members of the N.E.C. of the S.L.P., but were issuing THE PEOPLE as a private act in violation of the Party's orders. From this it will be noticed that all these injunction orders, etc., can not affect the real issue, to wit, who owns THE PEOPLE, the S.L.P. or the Tammany *Volkszeitung*? Now, then, {,} the Party, not being a compact of swindle like the Corporation, neither proposed to nor allowed the real issue to be settled by any surreptitious methods, such as the Corporation schemed. Accordingly on July 18, four days after the Corporation started its swindle-suit against the individual members of the N.E.C., the Party itself instituted an action against the Corporation itself for the property of THE PEOPLE. This action is now coming up on the calendar and approaching trial, and the Corporation is proportionately trembling in its boots about it. The case

came up on the calendar during the week, and the Corporation fraudulently sought to have it layed off on the false allegation that “the issues therein had been settled” (!!!); and it attempted some more back-door manoeuvres by trying to hand up to the Court a bunch of “affidavits,” no doubt filled with more police-spy matter. The Court, however, gagged at that, and to the discomfiture of the Corporation, the Party’s case remains on the calendar, where it will be reached in measurable time.

Finally, the proceedings against the Editor of THE PEOPLE are hanging fire.

THE PEOPLE, the name of the Party’s organ, remains, and will continue in the Party’s hands. The S.L.P. consists of men, not monkeys. It holds the fort.

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