

THE

NATIONAL RIP-SAW.

OUR MOTTO
BLIND AS A BAT TO EVERYTHING BUT RIGHT.

Profits and Prayers

By Henry M. Tichenor

Big deckheads in the St. Louis daily papers of October 1, ran as follows: "4,500 Army Horses ordered by French in St. Louis Market"—"\$750,000 Purchase, Largest Since Boer War, Made at East Side Stock Yards"—"Dealer Says Representatives are Authorized to Buy 100,000." Another read: "European orders swamp East Side Packing Concerns"—"Special Buyers Sent out to Meet Heavy Demands for Canned Meats"—"Cattle from Florida Sent by Train Loads"—"Large Number of Goats Killed for Use of Warring Nations." And another: "St. Louis Mill Makes Record Flour Sale to Nation Engaged in War." We are told that "the largest sale of flour ever made in St. Louis was consummated yesterday when the Kehlor Flour Mills Company agreed to furnish in short order, to one of the nations at war, 110,000 barrels of flour. The grade is known as the Rex 95 per cent patent, and is to be made of Kansas hard wheat, of which 540,000 bushels will be required. The price was not made public, but it was stated that it was satisfactory to the company. Shipments will begin in a few days and will be rushed to New York as fast as the wheat is ground."

Three days later—Sunday, October 4—the whole United States was solemnly called to prayer to beseech God to stop the war.

Editorials in the papers lauded this day of public prayer as a wonderful manifestation of the spirit of peace that prevails in Christian America.

Other editorials in the same papers hurrahed over the immense purchases of horses and flour and canned meats made by the foreign nations engaged in the wholesale human slaughter, that the day of prayer was set apart to stop.

They said that millions of dollars would flow from now on into American pockets on account of the warring nations buying stuff of America, and that this meant prosperity with a big P.

The editorials about "Profits," to be brought about by the war, and the editorials about "Prayers" to stop the war, ran along side by side, with a recklessness utterly

regardless of all logic.

To help wage the war millions of dollars worth of horses and food were being rushed to the soldiers.

To try and stop the war millions of petitions were being rushed to heaven.

"Profits" and "Prayers" were nationally matched against each other to see which would come out winner.

News From the Battlefield



Killed!

—Picture from Walter Jacob

It is needless to remark that no prayers have so far been reported that asked God, as one of the best means at hand to stop the war, to head off the cargoes of horses and flour and meat on the way to Europe, and not to allow these powerful munitions of war to leave our shores.

In the name of Christian love of all creatures, it would seem that at least a few prayers might have been offered that the poor horses be not dragged into the war.

These kind and noble animals have done nothing that they should be torn and slaughtered by the shot and shell of savages.

But, no, the poor horses, like the barrels of flour, only figured in the column of profits.

The prayers were carefully worded so that God would understand that in stopping the war He was not in any way to interfere with the profits.

With all due reverence, this certainly puts God in a very trying position.

How to continue to sell millions of dollars worth of stuff to Europe, to assist the fighting armies in their bloody work, and at the same time to stop the war, will require a much greater miracle than overrunning Egypt with hoptoads, or even making the sun stand still while Joshua mopped the earth with the heathen.

The sight of a people gloating over the profits that loom up so large, on account of the war, and at the same time offering prayers to God to stop the war, is one of the most wonderful exhibitions of unflinching faith that the imagination of man can conceive.

The religion of Profits and Prayers is some religion.

The only trouble with it is that so far nobody has been able to make it work both ways at once.

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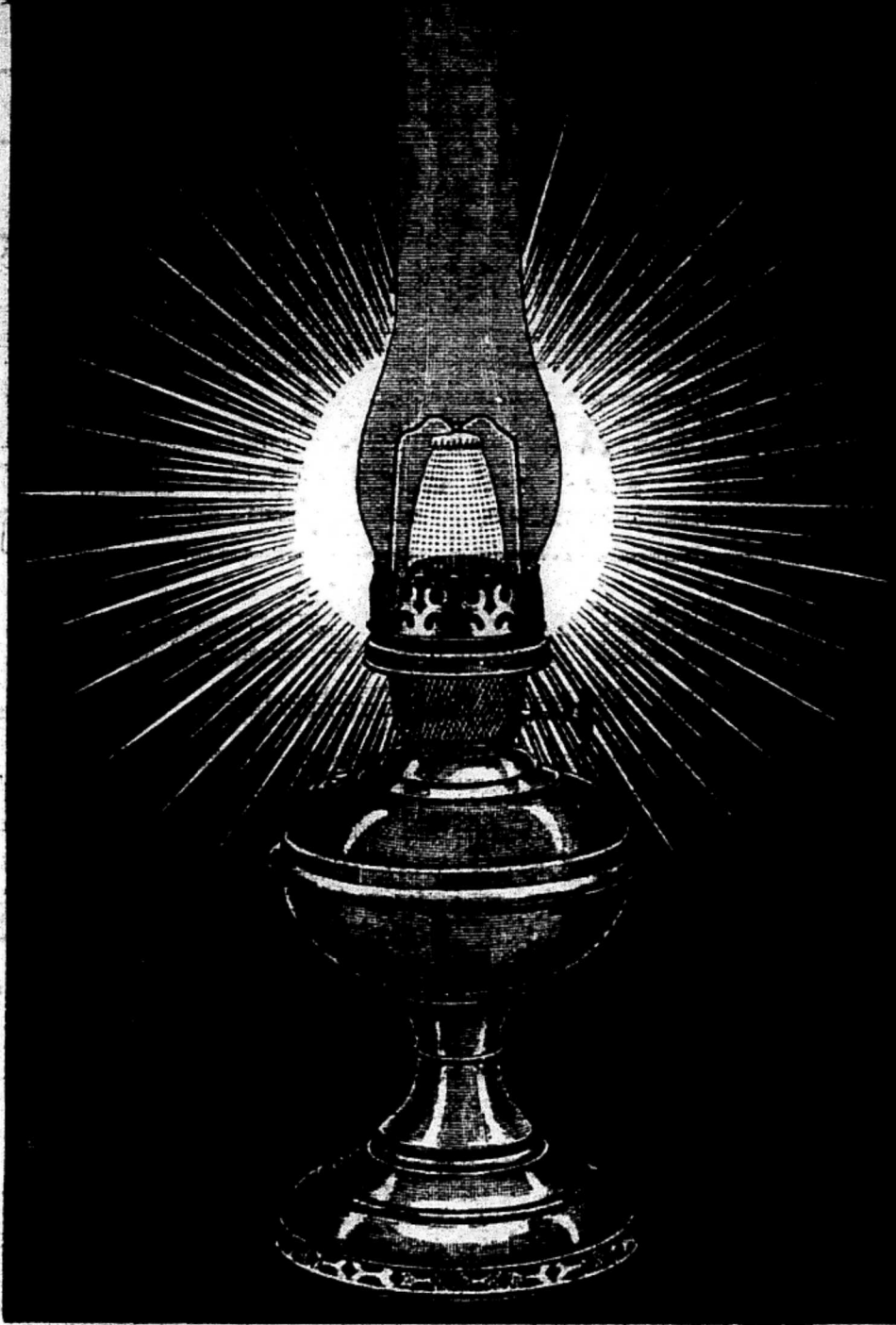
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Editorial



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By EUGENE V. DEBS

THE WAR DEVIL

It is not often that a minister has the courage to tell the truth about the church. The reason for this is too obvious to require elucidation.

The church of mammon will tolerate no priest or preacher who is not absolutely subservient to its ironclad rule. He may mouth as many pointless platitudes and engage in as many meaningless ceremonies as he will, but he may never remove the cloak which hides the real nature of the institution and boldly point out its hypocrisy and false pretenses.

But now and then there is a recalcitrant who speaks out and cannot be silenced and such a one was Rabbi Stephen S. Wise when he arraigned the church in an address recently in Carnegie Hall, New York, in which he declared that "Failure of the churches and synagogues to maintain leadership over the people was the cause of the present war."

Rabbi Wise charged that the church was "feeble, faltering, halting and timid" and then he proceeded as follows:

"THE CHURCHES DO NOT TAKE THEMSELVES SERIOUSLY * * * THEY ARE MUZZLED AND THROTTLED INTO SUBMISSION. THEY ARE LIKE A DUMB DOG, OLD AND TOOTHLESS, THAT CAN NO LONGER BITE."

The utter moral impotency of the church to prevent the war it is now praying to God to end, is an object lesson of the gravest import to the working class. It is this church that is the bulwark of the class in power, the class that robs the workers and producers of all nations and incites nation to war upon nation for loot and pillage, for profit and plunder.

Discussing the destruction of the cathedrals at Rheims and elsewhere, Rabbi Wise very pertinently declared that "Our souls are wounded when we read of the destruction of these cathedrals, yet these cathedrals were destroyed long ago and it is only their outer walls that have now fallen. War gods, money gods and power gods have been destroying these edifices century after century."

In a word, the church of Christ, so-called, has been mammonized and it is not strange that Rabbi Wise concludes his arraignment by saying that "It would be better for missionaries to teach Christianity at home first."

THE "BELGIAN RATTLESNAKE"

An American engineer named Lewis invented a machine gun that literally mows down human beings as grass falls before the scythe. Lewis, unable to make a satisfactory arrangement with the United States, Germany or any other foreign power, finally disposed of his deadly gun to the Belgian government and the use of this frightful weapon accounts for the surprise and disaster encountered by the German troops in their attempted dash across Belgium at the opening of the war.

With this gun it is possible to massacre a regiment, utterly annihilate it in less than a minute. This is the gun that the Germans named the "Belgian Rattlesnake."

It is this kind of weapon that the highest order of ingenuity is taxed to invent and that the war lords and their accessories are on the alert for and prepared to pay the highest price for in every civilized (I) nation on earth.

The "Belgian Rattlesnake" is a powerful peace promoter—the peace of death.

If the "Belgian Rattlesnake" could be turned on the Russian bureaucracy, the British aristocracy, the German imperialism and the French nobility in this war, instead of upon the honest peasants, artisans and mechanics of these nations, its destructiveness, instead of being a curse, would be a blessing to mankind.

THE DESTROYERS UNMASKED

Capitalism is now in action on all the battlefields of Europe.

Its monster guns are belching its message of flame and slaughter to all the nations of christendom.

Capitalism's ethics, morality and religion are now in concrete evidence for our uplifting and edification.

The class behind, far behind, the deadly machine guns and responsible for the slaughter now disgracing civilization, consists wholly of professed Christians.

We see their religion in practice on the bloody battlefields while they have the monstrous perversity to pray to God to end the frightful war they have launched upon one another to gratify their greed

and rapacity for profit and plunder.

These are the gentry who all these years have been charging the socialists with being godless and irreligious and with being bent upon destroying the home and family, and wiping out religion.

What think ye now, ye who have been deceived by these arch-hypocrites and destructionists, of the real atheists and the real destroyers of the home and family.

CARL PERSON ACQUITTED

Every reader of the Rip-Saw will rejoice to learn of the acquittal of Carl Person by a jury of farmers at Lincoln, Illinois.

The Illinois Central brought every particle of its influence to bear to secure his conviction, but failed. Despite this criminal corporation, the case was venued from Clinton to Lincoln and a jury of farmers found Person innocent of the charge made against him and sent him back into the world a free man.

Carl Person was charged with murder for having slain a gunman of the Illinois Central in self-defense. The case was so clear that the verdict of the jury was unanimous and when it was announced the people who crowded the court room broke into cheers and for an hour Person was made the recipient of their most hearty congratulation.

Thus has the conspiracy of the Illinois Central to murder a labor leader who could not be bought or bullied, been defeated, and this mainly, if not entirely, because of the publicity given to the case by the socialist and labor press. Had Person been tried at Clinton, where the Illinois Central is in practically complete control, as originally intended, there is scarcely a doubt that he would have been convicted. But the wide publicity given the case by the labor press compelled a change of venue and a fair trial with the result that our comrade was found innocent and set free without a blemish upon his name.

Upon his release Person issued a statement in which he said:

"We have reached a crisis in our industrial struggle. The appeal of the hour is to the manhood and courage of the workers; my faith is reborn. We will win. We must win. Every drop of blood in my body is at the service of the movement."

This is the inspiring message of a man. Carl Person has grown in stature and in power behind prison bars and he will now return a thousandfold in service to the workers the service they rendered him in saving his life.

Now that Comrade Person is free let us turn our attention to Rangel and Cline and their comrades in Texas; to Ford and Suhr in California; to the miners held in jail at Trinidad and to other comrades who are in custody for loyal service to the working class. Let us have the manhood to stand by them and to work for their release until they, like Comrade Person, breathe the free air again.

JAURES' LAST GREAT SPEECH

Jean Jaures' tragic and untimely death at the hands of a war-crazed wretch is an irreparable loss not only to the socialist movement but to the cause of humanity. He was in the very prime of his transcendent powers and his fame as an orator was wide as the world.

Jaures combined in an extraordinary degree all the elements of a great moral leader. He had character, personality and intellectuality in super-abundance. His naturally fine mind had the benefit of a thorough philosophical training. He knew history, economics, sociology and politics and was the master of them all. He had a massive head, keen and kindly eyes; the power of a giant, yet, gentle as a child.

It is ten thousand pities that this great soul could not remain to finish his great work on earth. He was the true leader of the oppressed, the staunch champion of the poor, and the inspired evangel of brotherhood and peace. But, since even the greatest have their day and Jaures has had his, it is fortunate that he was struck down in the very hour that he had expanded to his grandest proportions and had delivered the master oration of his life in protest against the cruel war now raging in Europe and in pleading for the brotherhood and peace of mankind.

It was this great speech that cost him his life and added his name to the shining scroll of martyrdom.

Bruce Glasier, the English editor and writer described Jaures as he delivered his last great speech in the following graphic language:

"His whole frame came into action. One moment his massive head and shoulders were bent forward, his great arms sweeping toward his chest as if gathering both his audience and his argument in a heap;

another moment he would swing around, addressing some imaginary culprit hidden up somewhere above the corner of the platform, thrashing his outstretched arm and finger at him, or boring them into his heart; and yet another moment with head up-turned toward the ceiling above his audience, his hands would work furiously one over the other, as if he were hauling his argument or his audience up with a cable. His sentences rolled one upon the other into a magnificent crash, and, falling without a pause into a subdued pitch, proceeded in quick, darting rushes, again ringing louder and louder into another and yet another thunder roll. Friend and foe alike were swept off their feet, and burst into hurricanes of applause."

Marvelous man and marvelous orator! It is only the universal appeal that could have so inspired its most eloquent and gifted apostle and the burning speech that was to be his last will echo and re-echo throughout the world until at last war is no more and peace prevails among all the children of men.

A NATION OF HYPOCRITES

A little while ago President Wilson issued a proclamation calling upon the American people to unite in prayer for the cessation of the war that is desolating Europe.

A nation that supports capitalism and is therefore in favor of war, is guilty of the most arrant hypocrisy in praying for peace.

That prayer did not rise higher than the market price of musket balls and bayonets.

God was not at home when that prayer was delivered.

On the Saturday before the pious American people assembled in their churches and synagogues to pray to God for peace, a ship left the New York harbor with sixteen million rifle cartridges in her hold for the wholesale killing of the soldiers engaged in the war they had the audacity to ask God to end.

Prayers are cheap, but there is profit in rifle cartridges.

To pray to God to send peace while furnishing the armies with shot and shell for their mutual destruction, is not only the rankest of hypocrisy but the vilest of blasphemy.

Capitalism, based upon profit, extortion, robbery, is essentially a system of war and pillage, of murder and devastation, and they who support this system and are responsible for war could with far more consistency appoint a day for thanksgiving to the devil than to set apart a day of prayer to the God of peace and love.

INTERNATIONAL PATRIOTISM

We socialists hold in scorn and contempt the narrow, mean and contemptible "patriotism" surreptitiously inculcated in the minds of unsophisticated workers by their crafty and unscrupulous masters.

But for this false and vicious "patriotism" which has poisoned the minds and hearts of its millions of victims the war now deluging the nations of Europe with blood would have been impossible.

It is "patriotism" for the workers of one nation to fall upon and foully murder the workers of another nation to enlarge the possessions of their masters and increase the piles of their blood-stained riches, and as long as the poor, deluded toiling masses are fired by this brand of "patriotism", they will serve as cannon fodder and no power on earth can save them from their sodden fate.

We socialists are not wanting in genuine patriotism but we are deadly hostile to the fraudulent species which is "the last refuge of the scoundrel" and which prompts every crook and grafter and every blood-sucking vampire to wrap his reeking carcass in the folds of the national flag that he may carry on his piracy and plunder in the name of "patriotism."

Ours is a wider patriotism—as wide as humanity. We abhor murder in uniform even more than we do midnight assassination.

We stand with Garrison upon the proposition that the world is our country and that all mankind are our countrymen.

We stand for peace and for the only system that makes peace possible.

They who support a system that breeds war cannot consistently say they are for peace, and they who prate so much about their "patriotism" have as a rule the hearts of poltroons and the souls of cowards.

Patriotism, like brotherhood, must be international and all-embracing TO BE AT ALL.

Socialism rightly understood is the most profoundly patriotic movement on the planet.

WOMEN AND THE WAR

In her new book on "The Younger Generation," Ellen Key makes a powerful protest against militarism and proves by irrefutable logic that when woman comes into her rightful heritage and her spiritual transformation is complete, she will have sufficient influence and power to make war absolutely impossible. Says she:

"It is from the woman of the new age and, above all, from the young mothers, that we may hope for a spiritual transformation. Many men and women now regard it as their highest contribution to culture to be the parents of the new generation. They feel it to be blasphemy against life that the beings their love has called into existence and fostered with infinite care, the beings who bear the heritage of all past generations and the potentialities of all those to come, should be prematurely torn out of the chain of development."

The women of the new age will be economic, political and social equals of the men of the new age and both the women and the men will be of such a type, mental, moral and spiritual, that to them war, the art of killing human beings EN MASSE, will be an unthinkable crime against humanity. They will read of the early years of the twentieth century under international capitalism and shudder to think of the refinement of barbarism which masqueraded as civilization during this dark period in the world's history.

Mrs. Key argues powerfully for peace and brotherhood among the nations of the earth and she puts the question so clearly and forcibly that it is impossible to escape her logic.

Most heartily do we agree with the Swedish writer when she says:

"Ought not all the limbs and brains shattered on the battlefield, all the power and resources sucked up by armaments, to have been utilized in making our race better fitted to hold its place in nature, in the face of whose terrestrial and extra-terrestrial revolutions it is still powerless?"

Yes, it is a thousand pities that all these limbs and brains that are so essential to the progress and development of the race should be ruthlessly sacrificed in international slaughter to gratify the greed and vanity of titled parasites who profit by the slaughter of which themselves should be the victims.

Be it said to the lasting credit of woman that she had no voice in declaring this or any other war. The mother and wife and sister of the soldier is never consulted. Her loved ones are torn from her and dragged forth to be slain or mangled beyond recognition with no more consideration for her than if she were a mummy. Her heart is broken, she sobs in silence in her crushing bereavement, but the war lords heed her no more than if she were not on earth.

Women know, as men cannot, the cost of war, and with the coming of woman, war goes out forever!

RANGEL AND CLINE MUST BE SAVED

These comrades are about to be put on trial and the urgency increases for all the support possible to give them in the attempt now being made to send them to the gallows. Our readers are familiar with the story of these men and their associates, fourteen in number, who have been in jail in Texas for months for trying to give aid to the peons in their struggle down in Mexico and who were pursued and assaulted and finally killed one of their assailants in self-defense. Rangel and Cline and their fellows are staunch and loyal union men and it is on this account that they are now to be tried for their lives.

We have just received a letter from Attorney Moore, who is making a brave defense of these comrades under desperate circumstances. All the powers of capitalism are arrayed against him in this trial and unless every possible effort is made in their behalf, our comrades will certainly be sent to the gallows. Money is sorely needed in this crucial hour and every dollar and penny that can be raised should be promptly sent to the Rangel-Cline Defense Committee, Room 108, Labor Temple, Los Angeles, California.

PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE COLORADO MINE OWNERS

When President Wilson submitted his plan for settling the Colorado coal strike to the operators and miners, respectively, the latter promptly called a convention and as promptly submitted to the president's plan and agreed to abide by the settlement so reached.

Not so with the operators. They are not used to being dictated to, even by the President of the United States. When the plan of the president reached them Wellborn of the Colorado Fuel and Iron company went to Washington to explain why it could not be accepted. At this interview Wellborn was told by the president, according to the dispatches, that he and the rest of the operators must find some way to accept the plan and put an end to the strike.

Following this interview some forty of the operators prepared an answer to the president in which they agreed to the inconsequential sections of the plan, but refused its really essential provisions and refused the proposition as a whole. The president has since remained silent and what his attitude will now be toward the defiant operators is not known up to the time this issue goes to press.

Just imagine, if you please, the operators promptly accepting the president's proposition to settle the strike and the miners insolently rejecting it! What a howl would go up from the Capitalist press in condemnation of the miners for insulting the president and setting at defiance the government of the United States.

It now remains to be seen what action the president will take to compel the operators to unbend sufficiently to recognize the fact that they are not bigger than the government of the United States.

The president's plan was prepared by specialists under the supervision of the national labor bureau. The plan is eminently fair to the operators. There is no reason why they should not be compelled to accept it and put an end to the strike which has cost so many lives and made Colorado a stench in the nostrils of the nation.

Now is the time for President Wilson to use the power of his high office to teach a wholesome and much needed lesson to the gang of law-defying and union-wrecking buccaneers that have so long cursed the state of Colorado with their autocratic and bloody misrule.

WHERE IS OLD MAN HUERTA?

By Henry M. Tichenor, the Rip-Saw Poet

Where is old man Huerta, the guy with the chronic jag,
Who wouldn't bang his pistol off in honor of our flag?
We killed a lot of people on account of this darn cuss,
Because, says Doctor Wilson, he had insulted U S!

Where is old man Huerta, the sot soaked up with booze,
Whose insults sent our murder ships to blow up Vera Cruz?
What's the use of all our killings there, if Huerta doesn't shoot
His pistol at our banner by way of a salute?

Where is old man Huerta? We ought to go to war
And let our valiant soldier boys kill lots of people more,
Because this orn'ry outlaw, that has a chronic jag,
Has never banged his pistol off in honor of our flag!

Why not be "patriotic," like the Kaiser and the Czar,
And start a human slaughter-house to show folks who we are?
Why not hunt for Huerta, no matter where he is,
And raise all bloody hell we can, for glory of—Big Biz!

A Protestant Church Paper's Opinion of Socialism—And the Deadly Parallel

By H. M. Tichenor

The New York "Independent," one of the oldest and most influential Protestant church publications in the United States, in its issue of October 12 last, loudly exploits as its leading article, "Socialism's Moral Collapse." This article is blazingly advertised on the front cover page, and is impudently reputed to be "by an American Socialist."

For vituperation, billingsgate and bald lies it would put to shame a ward-heeler. In the face of all the public demonstrations and heroic efforts made by the Socialists of Europe, who, as everybody knows, are still in a hopeless minority, to prevent the war, this loudly advertised article in the Independent unblushingly charges the Socialists as being morally and actually responsible for the human slaughter-house that Capitalism has brought about!

Under the compulsory military laws of the European countries, after the war was started, it was simply a question with thousands of Socialists, whether to obey the law or be shot for treason. There are other questions that arose, that we on this side of the world are not in position to judge. For instance, not many years ago, August Bebel declared in the German Reichstag, "If ever Russian Cossack reign and Czarism should dare to wrest from us what we have so dearly fought for, then we will all be only Germans and we Socialists will shed our last drop of blood in defense of our acquisitions."

It makes no difference now which ones of the Capitalist class of Europe are the most responsible, the most guilty, in bringing about the war, the fact remains that the menace referred to by Bebel, the menace of barbaric Russian Cossack reign and Czarism—the most reactionary and terrible threat that could face the German Socialists and German culture—has been sprung upon Western Europe like a bat out of hell. Capitalism, stained with all the blood and infamy of the centuries, is alone guilty of this awful war, and the Socialists have simply been dragged into it by the overwhelming forces of the still dominant master-class.

The party that is said to have written this article in the Independent is somebody by the name of McMahon. Whether it was such a person or not is hard to tell. Maybe it was David Goldstein, or Roosevelt himself, that wrote it, and the name of McMahon is simply used as a blind. A paper that would stoop to not only publish, but to loudly exploit and advertise such a miserable and hypocritical pack of lies and blackguardism, would not hesitate at any deception.

In order to disclose the utter hypocrisy of the article, and to actually put the guilt on the vast majority of the population of Europe, where it rightly belongs, instead of trying to load it on the shoulders of a minority that were at best hopelessly helpless, it is only necessary to pick out some of the choice utterances found in the Independent's article and run them in a deadly parallel. Here they are, side by side—and remember that in the article published in the Independent it is only claimed that there are about eight million Socialists in the warring nations, while there are something like over two hundred million Christians all told:

From the article as it actually appeared in the Independent.

"Socialism in Europe is guilty of a monstrous crime. It has swallowed its principles, spat upon brotherhood, betrayed the class it professes to represent. * * * It has surrendered to the enemy; it has joined with enthusiastic abandon the capitalistic and dynastic butchers who are turning Europe into a people's killing bed."

"The cowardly surrender of this false army of peace, eight million able bodied and 'class-conscious' men, has already had terrible results and will yet spread chaos over the whole earth. The example of treachery has been set, the futility of Socialism has been demonstrated."

"Not an apology nor excuse advanced for European Socialism will bear examination. * * * 'We would have been shot if we had refused military service.' * * * How many Socialists were shot and will be shot in the service of the enemy! For betraying your principles you gained a few weeks' life and the agony of the battlefield."

"You cannot plead ignorance. You have the light. You act deliberately. What right have you to the name of Socialists?"

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Hiz Lettur

Mister Editor:

Az I wuz a tellin' uv you in my last lettur about stayin' in a salune all nite and buyin' uv a interest uv sum feller in-a patent baby inkubater, and havin' tu borror sum munny uv the bar-keeper tu git me sumpting tu etc.

Well, after I got a good brek-fust I went down tu my offis; or rather I went down tu where it wuz when I last seed it before leevin' Washington tu go tu New York tu inlist a regiment uv milyunaires az Smooth Riders tu go tu the frunt provided we had war with Mexiko. When I got tu the bildin' and went up stairs I found it okkupide by a feller who maid a bizziness uv sellin' sope tu kongressmen—soft sope.

I asked him how long he had bin in there, and he sed only a few days. Then I asked him where the feller wuz that okkupide the offis before he mooved in. He sed he didn't know, but he heerd he went tu New York tu git sum milyunaires tu jine the army and go tu Mexiko tu help fite fur their interests down there. He sed the offis wuz empty when he mooved in.

My desk and type-writer and chares and everything wuz gone. I looked in the bak room but there wuzent ennything in there but sum barls filled with soft sope. I coodent find nuthin' about the whole buildin' that belonged tu me and noboddy knowed what had becum uv my belongin's, or if they did they woodent tell me. I wuz discouraged and diskonsolate and grait gobs uv gloom hung all round over me. I wood have gone at oncet tu the Prezident and asked him what it all meant but I coodent appeer before him with my breth a smellin' like it wuz, fur he didnt drink ennything but graip joose.

I didnt know what tu du. It wood take at leest 24 hours before my breth wood becum normally sweet agin. So I sot down and talked with the sope dealer awhile. I asked him if there wuz much demand fur hiz sope. He sed there wuz; that he coodent maik enuff uv it tu supply half the demand. He told me that it wuz in kommom use among the politishuns, but he maid a extra good artikle and sold it exklusively tu kongressmen.

"What do they use it fur?" I asked.

"Tu soft sope the peeple," he replied.

"How du they du that?" I asked.

"Most uv 'em soke their speeches in it before they send them out, and all uv 'em rub a little uv it on their constituents when they cum tu Washington tu see them," sed the sope dealer.

I didnt say ennything fur a good bit, I wuz a wunderin' whether that feller what sold me an interest in the baby inkubater had put a little uv this kind uv sope on me, fur the sope dealer sed that a little uv it wood maik ennybody du jist what you wanted them tu du. I'll bet old Kizer Bill and them uther kings and Empeerors over in Yurrop have put trane lodes uv it on the poor fellers who air a shootin' uv each uther down just fur the fun uv the thing, or becoz the rulers tell 'em tu. They jist put a little uv it on the soljers and then say: "Sic 'im, Tige," and the soljers "sic 'im."

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I sot there and talked tu that sope dealer till I got hungry and then I went out and got my dinner. After dinner I santered down tu the salune where I staid all nite. The barkeeper sed the inkubater man hadent bin in but he thought he wood be that evening, so I—no, I didnt taik a drink, but I ete a clove frum force uv habit. I hung around there a while and then went out and got my supper. When I went bak after supper the feller wuz there. He got after me tu sell me a half interest. I found out by the way he talked that I had only bought a fourth interest the nite before. He sed he had just taken out that day a patent on a improvement uv the masheen. He sed he cood now, by a peekulyer rotairy moshen uv the heet maik it hatch out all mails or all feemails, jist akkordin' tu the way he turned the adjuster. The barkeeper wuz so interested in the feller's deskripshun uv the masheen that he sed he wood taik part uv the fourth interest if I didnt want it all. I told the feller I wood like tu see the mash-eeen wurk before I paid out enny more munny on it. He sed he wood satisfy me on that pint before he wood ask me tu pay anuther cent. I told him that wood he all rite and az I wanted tu git in shaip tu see the Prezident the next day I left them and went tu a hotel and went tu bed urly, but there wuz sumptin' the matter with my sleepin' appyratus and I dreemed bad dreems. I had a tuch uv the Jim-Jams and uther simptoms uv demockrasy. I woke up with a crooked taiste in my mouth and a unsteddy step and red ixe. I always du that when I try tu sober up tu quick.

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restore the equallibrium so I cood flote on an even keel. I put my breth in the hands uv a druggist who give me a dose uv assyfetidy tu sweeten it. Then I went down and drank a pint uv graip joose, fur the Prezident iz use tu smellin' uv graip joose on peeples' breth. It iz the offishal drink uv the administrashun. Sum peepul say that iz the reason the administrashun iz so weak.

When I got up tu the White House the Prezident wuz jist a gittin' reddy tu taik a oughter-mobile ride, but when he saw me he told the shuffer tu unharness the masheen and put it bak in the garbage. He wuz glad tu see me and shuk my hand till my sholder aaked. He maid me set down in one uv them big eazy chares and sed:

"Now, Kurnal, tell me all about yoor trip tu New York; you seem tu hav got intu trouble."

I told him all about how I got in jail in New York and how them milyunaires woodent jine my regiment and go tu the front and help du the fightin'. Then I told him that I wuz out on sum kind uv a corpse but wood have tu go bak agin and stand a tryal when the witnesses fur the milyunaires got bak frum Yurrop.

"They'll never git you," he sed, "I am a goin' tu send you over tu Yurrop."

"What fur?" I asked.

"I want you tu taik a lettur tu Bill, and taik note uv the condishuns over there and report tu me regular," sez he.

"Who iz Bill?" I inquired.

"Who iz Bill? Why don't you know who Bill iz? He's the Kizer; the Empeeror uv the German empire, the feller who haz bin wantin' tu fite fur 20 yeers and haz bin organizin' uv a army and a makin' uv big guns and amunishun all that time and a keepin' uv the uther nashuns uv Yurrop skared half tu deth," sed the Prezident.

"Oh, yes, I know now," I sed, "and you want me tu go over there and talk tu him."

"Yes," sed Woodsaw, "and carry him a lettur frum me."

"But I can't go now," I sed, "fur I'm finanshally embarassed."

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"Uv korse I'll go," sed I, a gaspin' fur breth every time he menshuned them big sums uv

munny, and purty neert a fallin' off my chare when he sed ten thousand dollers at the Bank uv Burleen.

"When du you want me tu start?" I asked.

"At oncet," he sed, "I'll set down rite now and rite the lettur tu the Kizer."

He sot down and writ the follerin' lettur which I copy, all exsept a few things uv sich a private nature that it woodent be right fur me tu maik them publick.

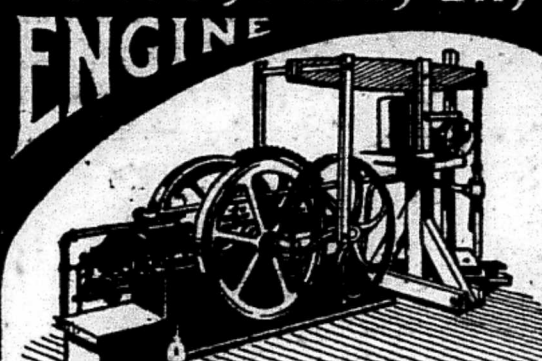
THE LETTUR

Deer Bill: This will be handed tu you by Kurnel T. Spilkins, a brave and gallant offiser who haz bin in nearly all the wars the United Staits ever had and whose grandfather waz in the balance uv them. He iz commander uv the regiment uv gallant Smooth Riders, who air all millyunaires, and whose charges dim the brite luster uv all past ages. They have slain their thousands and their tens uv thousands and have never lost a man. They have the strongest intrenchments uv enny power on urth. They furnish the spondulix with which tu carry on wars and the way they charge wood jar one uv yoor big siege guns. But tu the pint: I want you tu talk tu Kurnel Spilkins, if he lives tu git throo the lines, and you live till he duz git throo. He iz my private and pursanel representative and will tell you things that I don't like tu rite. I heerd you wuz mad becoz I wuz a sellin' uv provishuns tu the British and French combatants. You have no rite tu git yoor bak up about that. You know we have got things tu sell by starvin' sum uv our own peepel till they strike. It wood du my hart good tu sell sum uv these things tu you, az I am newtral in that fite over there and don't want tu git intu it, direktly or indirektly. Jist send yoor ships over here with the munny and we will sell you all you want. Why don't you send over fur sump-thing? Kurnel Spilkins will stay with you indefinitely; don't kill him, pleeze. Throo him you can have direkt komunikashun with me. Don't permit the censors tu interfere with hiz male, and tele-graff messages. Don't charge him over 2 dollers a pound fur meet and uther things tu ete in proporshun. He don't ete graip joose. Let him go out and see a battle when he wants tu but give him a fast horse so he can maik a successful retreat if necessary.

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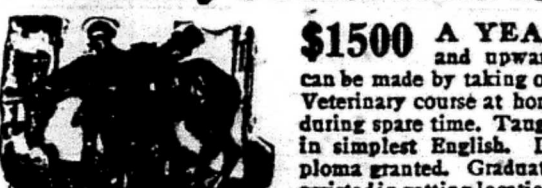
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Signed, "Woodsaw Wilson."

When he got the lettur writ he red it over tu me. It wuz sum time before I cood git my breth tu speak.

"But, Mister Prezident," I gasped, "I never wuz in enny war, my grandfather wuzent either; he died when I wuz a little baby, and I aint commander uv enny regiment uv Smooth Riders; they have got me skinned. What duz all that meen, a tellin' Bill Kizer them things?"

"That's diplomacy," sed the Prezident; "if a man can't lie he's not much good az. a diplomat. Can't you lie a little, Tobe? If you can't, I'll send sumboddy else."

"Oh, I kin lie," I sed quickly; "I've bin a Demokratick politishun fur purty neert 40 yeers, and I've redoosed lyin' tu a syence. Yes, I'll go; I'm jist the man fur the place."

"I thought so," sed Woodsaw, "and now git off az sune az you kin. Here's a check fur a thous-and dollers tu start with. Oh, yes, I almost forgot it; ask Bill Kizer what he haz dun with." "Der Watch On Der Rhine." Ask him if it keeps good time yet. Now, good-bye."

He shuk hands with me and I went out with that thouzand dollar check and a commishun tu go tu Yurrop tu see Mister Kizer. "Well," I sed tu myself, "Tobe Spilkins, you have had a good menny ups and downs but this iz about the highest you've ever bin, but it's all on akkount uv der var in Schermany." I'll rite agin sune, if I liv.

Yooors' trooly,
Tobe Spilkins, Diplomatt.

DUDES IN WALL STREET WAKING UP TOO LATE

By Max A. Hayes

Now the dude bookkeepers, clerks and typewriters of Wall Street, who have always displayed considerable scorn toward the very common persons who work, are up against the real thing.

Hundreds of the snobbish crowd have been laid off or discharged outright on account of the closing of the Stock Exchange, the bankers, brokers and other manipulators having little or no work for office servants.

It is only a few months ago that unemployed meetings were held in the Wall Street district for the purpose of impressing the moneychangers with the fact that there were unfortunate people in the world who deserved to be treated justly.

The nasty little satellites of the bankers and brokers created much amusement for themselves and each other by pelting the speakers with orange peelings, apple cores, peanuts, etc., accompanied by hoots and sneering remarks to display their great wit (and long ears).

Now they are getting, at least, a partial dose of their medicine. A New York paper says large numbers of office men and women flock around the buildings in the financial district and make anxious inquiries about the possibilities of securing employment.

They frankly admit that they are up against a serious situation, for the most of them are virtually without means, as the high cost of living in New York has become a nightmare. The real labor element is shedding no tears of sympathy for the flunkies of Wall Street, who ordinarily glory in their slavishness.

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Suppression of German Socialist Paper Proves that the German Socialists Are True to the Cause

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An associated press dispatch of September 29, that appeared in the capitalist papers in this country, says that the Socialists of Germany "still condemn and oppose the policies of the government and retain what they term 'class consciousness.' When the war is over they say they intend to take up anew the battle to free the proletariat from the yoke of capital and to take the reigns of government out of the hands of the bourgeoisie. These aims are set forth by Vorwaerts, the chief organ of the party, in a remarkable article which has led to the indefinite prohibition of the paper's publication."

Only a short time previous "Vorwaerts" was suspended for three days for publishing an article on the "class struggle" that the government didn't like in time of war.

The evidence looms up bigger and bigger that, among other things, the suppression of the Socialist movement in Germany is one of things taken into consideration by the war-demons.

Vain vision of the master-class! Out of the ashes of this bloody capitalist holocaust will grow faster and greater than ever the proletarian revolt against the social system of war and plunder!

The article that led to the final suspension of Vorwaerts, says the associated press dispatch, begins by referring to Germany's efforts "to make the truth known abroad" and to the alleged fact that these efforts may not have succeeded fully.

"The extent of these efforts," it is declared, "shows how difficult it is to create confidence in the German reports."

The fact that foreign countries were for so long deprived of German news, says the article, was in part due to necessary military measures. It continues:

"But this alone cannot explain the existing difficulties. It is necessary to go back to times of peace to find the explanation. For a long time a great measure of mistrust, suspicion and antagonism to Germany has been heaping up abroad—even in the neutral coun-

tries—and we now see the effects of this.

In part, says Vorwaerts, this was due to Germany's sudden rise in the economic world and to fear and suspicion on the part of the great capitalists. But "the Jingo abroad would hardly have had such success with their propaganda if another factor had not been present. That land which developed so mightily was at the same time that land that made its workmen a present of the anti-socialist law and which also, after the repeal of this law, instituted a police government of chicanery and allowed the equality of all citizens to exist only upon the paper of the Prussian constitution. * * *

Mistrust Aids Germany's Foes.

"Thus Germany appears to the rest of the world, and even to the working classes, in the light of a power whose rule meant militarism and political oppression. It was this made it possible for that distrust and bitterness to arise which so greatly aided our bellicose opponents in the ruling classes and which makes it possible for us to gain the sympathy of neutral countries only with the greatest effort. This explains why regrettable pronouncements have come even from the laboring classes in these lands. These are regrettable above all because they try to fasten upon the German folk as a whole the responsibility for the acts of a single class. * * *

"The comrades abroad can be assured that the German working class disapproves today every piratical policy of state, just as it has always disapproved it and that it is disposed to resist the predatory subjugation of foreign people as strongly as the circumstances permit. The comrades in foreign lands can be assured that, though the German workmen also are protecting their fatherland, they will nevertheless not forget that their interests are the same as the proletariat in other countries, who like themselves have

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By Lilly Johnson

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I journeyed overseas in slave ships to a white man's land.

I stayed upon the velds and clearing forests of Africa,

And have helped reclaim the desert sands the white man

Uses for gathering added wealth. These slave tasks were my first investure.

Then, noting my frame of taut muscles, docility to bidding And my scorn of death, my white masters gave me a soldier's suit.

Drilled my khaki ranks and taught me the rudiments of war.

For years, I've had my separate barracks, my officers, my separate mess,

The while I in this second investure awaited my third.

This third honoring has brought me from sunbaked lands and turgid rivers,

Surfashed shores, frowning rock mountains, steaming swamps,

And diamond haunted blue clay pits, the land of my fetish gods.

Has drawn me through plowing wind-rolled seas to strange cold lands Of which I've heard. For, I am splendid cannon food. I save white men's blood.

Ah well. My gods still live! The memory of long-passed tribal wars

In which my people fought, died, conquered, riots within my blood,

Tingles my black skin, makes me feel that War is worth all else.

So onward I gladly rush, making fine battle heaps, fit cannon food,

Happy am I if I may die as my fathers passed—In War.

been compelled to go to war against their will, indeed, even against their often repeated pronouncements in favor of peace."

The concluding paragraph in the editorial of Vorwaerts, in which it is stated that the "proletariat" "have been compelled to go to war against their will," was doubtless the main cause of Vorwaert's suspension. **THE RULING CLASS OF GERMANY DOES NOT WANT THE TRUTH KNOWN, AND WILL CRUSH EVERY ATTEMPT TO PUBLISH IT.**

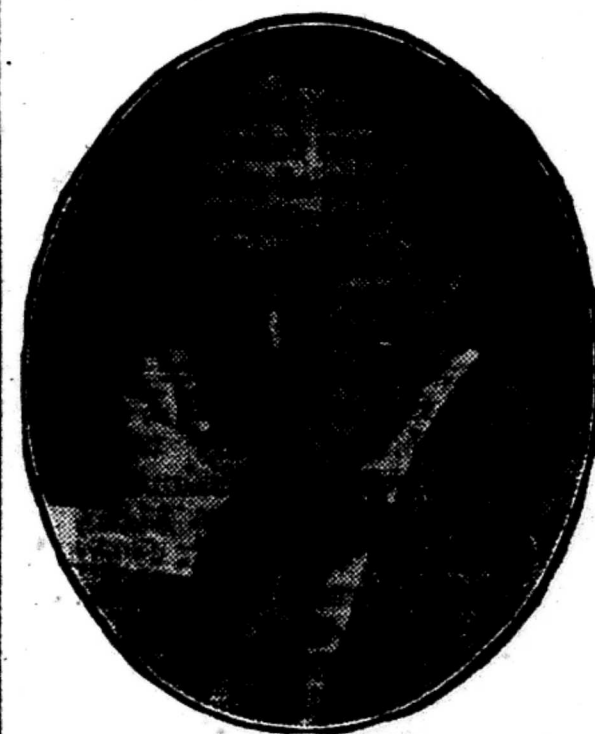
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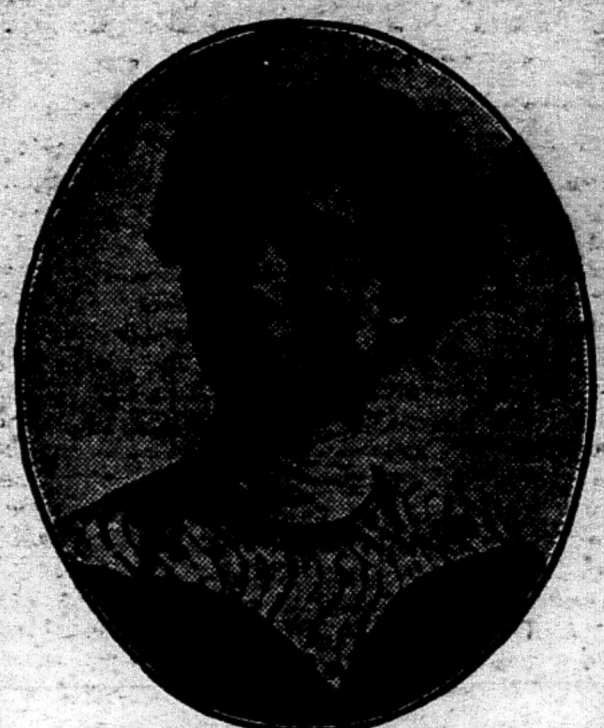
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OF THIS DEBATE



KATE RICHARDS O'HARE

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By Mrs. Ruler

WHAT IS ANTI-SUFFRAGE: The party itself really is what used to be called, **THE WOMAN'S RIGHT PARTY**. Then the Suffragists thought that they must have a vote to get all the things which they **NOW** have;—the opportunity for self development, education, entrance into the industries, and all the changes that have since come in the past forty years, in the laws for the protection of women and children. Even now the Anti Party feel that they are properly, today, **THE WOMAN'S RIGHT PARTY**, because many suffragists say that they want **EQUAL EQUALITY** with men,—not **PROTECTION**, and for this **EQUALITY** they would wipe out all the work that men have done towards giving women **PROTECTION** on the Statute Books. Therefore, we stand for **THE RIGHTS OF WOMAN**, because of our sex, not as a class, to be protected, from the added burden of the ballot. We claim that women have a right to the exemption from the ballot, and we should not have it **FORCED** upon us. The Suffragists have a way of saying, that **SUFFRAGE** will do **MANY THINGS**. We have heard it said at hearings, seen it in their literature, that the ballot is **NECESSARY**, but all these things are being done now by men and women working together. All that women need now is to realize her **OPPORTUNITIES**, and to learn how to take advantage of them. The ballot is not a short-cut—it takes **TIME** to work out reforms; there is no short road to them. It is through long slow forming of **PUBLIC OPINION**, and that is what women can do. We do not draw the line for women *except* at the ballot box. Careful consideration and the weighing of the facts in this **BURNING QUESTION** of the **HOOR**, will convince any intelligent person that **GOVERNMENT** and **ACTIVE POLITICS**

are not a part of woman's work in life, and that just because there is a class of gentlemen who realize these facts, and protest against the ballot for women, is no reason they should be accused of doubting the **INTELLIGENCE** of women, comparing them with the idiot and the negro, etc.—it is a silly, unworthy utterance.

Mrs. O'Hare takes exception to my expressions of what "**PUBLIC OPINION**" accomplishes over the ballot as a remedial agent for social reform, sanitation, etc., that it is **TOO** slow getting results. That men had long since discovered this fact. "**If BALLOTS** for **WOMEN** are utterly useless in securing better conditions of life, then **BALLOTS** for **MEN** are useless also," says Mrs. O'HARE, and she is correct in her statement **THIS FAR**—that, **TO SECURE THESE SPECIFIC** things in question, **SOCIAL REFORMS, SANITATION, ETC.**, which are **NOW** being obtained by **WOMEN AND MEN WITHOUT** the **BALLOT**. I repeat, **MEN** do not try to use or need the ballot to obtain these results, but use the same **TACTICS** women do, "stirring up the public" at their various political meetings and rallies, **BUT**, they are not as successful in the arousing of **PUBLIC SENTIMENT** as women are, for they are as a rule, "tied up politically," while the woman is **FREE, WITH OUT THE BALLOT**. There is so much said as to "**PURIFYING**" politics when the women vote. That "women are tired of being humiliated by having to lobby for laws to protect her from many things peculiar to her sex." This is absurd and far fetched. To **VOTE** for the **BEST MAN** is one way to **PURIFY**, they tell us. A most honorable man, with an exceptional clear record, may not be the **BEST MAN** to serve in a certain capacity politically, while his opponent, while not nearly so **GOOD** from a woman's view would possess the requisites to fill the office with more satis-

faction to the majority of the people he would be serving. Men by nature are able to systematize their **POLITICAL HOUSE KEEPING**, while it is true of woman, that she can better systematize her **DOMESTIC HOUSEKEEPING**. Tell me why a woman becomes so irritated **NOW**, when, in the course of a Suffrage talk, when the duties of **HOME** and **CHILDREN** are mentioned? Mrs. O'Hare can ridicule the **NATURAL Mother** and what the "**Incubator** means in knocking the setting hen's job into smithereens." I am glad Mrs. O'Hare mentioned this, for it gives me a thought, quite appropos. A few years ago, while on a small chicken farm, I personally manipulated an incubator, holding over five hundred eggs. Never will I forget the experience—and if ever there was a more pathetic illustration to prove the **NECESSITY** of the natural, old fashioned **MOTHER**, I do not know what it could be. To see the poor little helpless things trying to emerge from the shell without assistance from the **MOTHER**. I very carefully endeavored to assist them, in the most gentle and delicate manner, like the mother does, but found they did not live. Then to the most modern **BROODER**, the **IMITATION MOTHER**, with the most diligent attention, 60 to 70 per cent are lost. While the comparison may seem peculiar, Mrs. O'Hare "started it,"—that is, about the same per cent of human babies who die in our most modern equipped institutions, from the lack of that **INVISIBLE SOMETHING**, which the **REAL MOTHER** is endowed with, and which **NO MODERN MACHINERY** can ever improve on—a gift from **GOD**. It is natural, that this **CLASS** of women who want to enter politics, and do many things which were only intended to be done by men, to **ADVOCATE** all the inventions possible, that will enable her to get away from the care of home

and babies. No one with **COMMON SENSE** will agree with Mrs. O'Hare either, that **BREAD** and **PASTRIES** are better and cheaper, and **MORE NOURISHING** than that made by a woman who will **TAKE TIME** to make them in her **OWN KITCHEN**. No more than "**Canned Soup**"—but it is **EASIER**. There are **FREE DOMESTIC SCIENCE** instructions, which women **COULD** attend if she had time, but you would have to call it something else than **DOMESTIC**, for the minds of so many of our **REAL WOMEN** have been poisoned as to **THAT WORD**. Mrs. O'Hare's arguments are all **LABOR** and **CAPITAL**, not **Suffrage**. I and "**My Class**" are accused of "inducing the working girl to become a **DOMESTIC SERVANT**. Personally, I am criticized by **HER CLASS** for "giving too many privileges, thus making them **MY EQUAL**," and when presiding at a gathering of women, discussing **Subject of women, THE SERVANT PROBLEM** came up, and I was requested to explain my method of always being blessed with "such good help." But, when I **DID** explain,—That a girl who was **GOOD ENOUGH** to wait on **OUR TABLE**,—assist me with the children, was **GOOD ENOUGH** to use my **BATH**. That she was just as important at the **HOME** as the **STENOGRAPHER** is at the **OFFICE**, and should be **PAID** in **PROPORTION**. She invariably is the **ONE, WHO**, by her good wholesome, scientific cooked breakfast, sends the man to his office, properly fed, enabling him to do his work with more efficiency, and the more income, the more the **STENOGRAPHER** receives, because she is working for a **MAN**. But, even if the man suggests to the wife to pay the **SERVANT** at the house **MORE** wages, **SHE WILL NOT**. Neither will this **WOMAN WHO WANTS** the **VOTE**, take the time to teach a

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COMPEL him to legitimize the child.

Will Mrs. O'Hare tell us what sort of law she thinks would be just in these cases of the ILLEGITIMATE CHILD, as regards inheriting with the LEGITIMATE CHILD? What protection would marriage be? And, MARRIAGE is the remedy, and the ONLY PROTECTION, so here we have a most inconsistent argument. Let them turn to the very STATUTES, and read for themselves, and think for themselves, on this one particular point! Mrs. O'Hare and the Suffrage women dwell so upon—as a last straw, to create SYMPATHY—knowing full well that the MAJORITY of persons will NOT TAKE TIME—HAVE NOT OPPORTUNITY, to read either ANTI-SUFFRAGE, or LOOK UP THE RECORDS OF FACT. Do not wait until it is too late, as others did in the other States and then be seeking a way to retract, and undo. It is not like the CAMP MEETING of the REVIVAL KIND, where you become all wrought up and JOIN the church—by getting religion. You can "consult your pillow" on the religion question, and NEVER GO BACK—realize the mesmerism—but not so with the question of PUTTING THE BALLOT into the hands of WOMAN and IMPOSING UPON HER the RESPONSIBILITIES of GOVERNMENT, when at the present time her hands and mind are full, and she was NEVER NEEDED at her NATURAL POSTS more than she now is in the HISTORY of the WORLD. Do not FORGET THE MAJORITY of the PEOPLE do not WANT WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE. Do not let OTHER PEOPLE THINK FOR YOU. Nothing so arouses my nature, through and through as to be MADE A FOOL OF, unless it is TO SEE SOME ONE ELSE, less fortunate as to education, experience and opportunity than myself, MADE MORE THAN A FOOL OF—and it was this very FACT that I experienced, which led me into endeavoring to put the OTHER SIDE OF WOMAN'S SUFFRAGE TO THOSE WHO ONLY KNEW ONE SIDE. Also, with all due respect to those working for the cause of SUFFRAGE, their leaders DO make some VERY GRAVE mistakes—and talk too much at random, and deal in generalities. Mrs. O'Hare, too, has not told us, either, in this long discussion of the subject, WHAT it is a BALLOT will GET for WOMEN that they can not get without it. I mean, the route this ballot will take, when placed in the hands of "Miss Rumbold" (Whom I am accused of not being willing to have vote) and others of her ADMITTED NOBLE CHARACTER, in putting through these social reforms, and other activities THEY ARE NOW DOING. Show us the advantage of that ballot over the present method,

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Mrs. O'Hare and her class repeatedly say they are **ONLY ASKING EQUAL RIGHTS, NO PRIVILEGES**. So say all of the Suffragists, **BUT**—the following fact disapproves this. The Suffragettes claim absolute **EQUALITY** in every respect with the man, physical, mental and political. The State of **OREGON** about seven years ago passed a "special law allowing the hours for work for women of certain occupations to be ten hours, out of the twenty four. That law was passed especially for women, and it named **WOMEN** in the Law; men of course do not have the privilege of that law. The Supreme Court of Oregon held that Law to be constitutional, and it was appealed from the Supreme Court of Oregon to the Supreme Court of the United States, which expressly decided that

while the law was one of **SPECIAL PRIVILEGE** and **PROTECTION** for **WOMEN** that still, in view of sex, that we, as men, we **DIFFERENTIATE** from **WOMEN** and they were entitled to this Special Privilege. A law like that, if it covered cases of men, would be wholly unconstitutional, and we find no Suffragette refusing to claim the benefit of this special privilege. (**OREGON** is now a **SUFFRAGE STATE**.)

There is nothing Mrs. O'Hare has said that is so proof positive of why she and her class of thinkers should **NOT HAVE THE** ballot, as the following:—"I am not interested in **ANY CLASS** but the **ONE I BELONG** to, the **WORKING CLASS**.—It is for **THAT CLASS I WANT** the **BALLOT**. The **OTHER CLASS ARE WELL PROTECTED**—the **PROPERTY CLASS**."

The ballot in possession of the people of unjust minds, would not only play havoc with one class, but with every class of the entire **UNITED STATES** and precipitate the **GOVERNMENT** into **WAR**. And still, you **SAY** you want **JUSTICE**—and **PEACE**, and so **DEPLORE** the **PRESENT WAR**. Such inconsistency, when everything you say and do is in that trend—to create dissatisfaction, unrest, in the name of **JUSTICE**, and instead of **PEACE** you bring a **SWORD**.

By Mrs. O'Hare

In the final summing up of the whole argument against Woman's Suffrage, Mrs. Ruler has advanced no new arguments, simply rehearsed the three preceding installments. It will only be necessary for me to emphasize the facts dealt with in previous installments of the debate.

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By William MacIlwaine

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While love and peace, twin seraphs, from dawn's rosy red,
Brought forth in infancy our universal flag!
Then hail, all hail! thou emblem of Liberty true,
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Justice to all prefigured on thy radiant scroll
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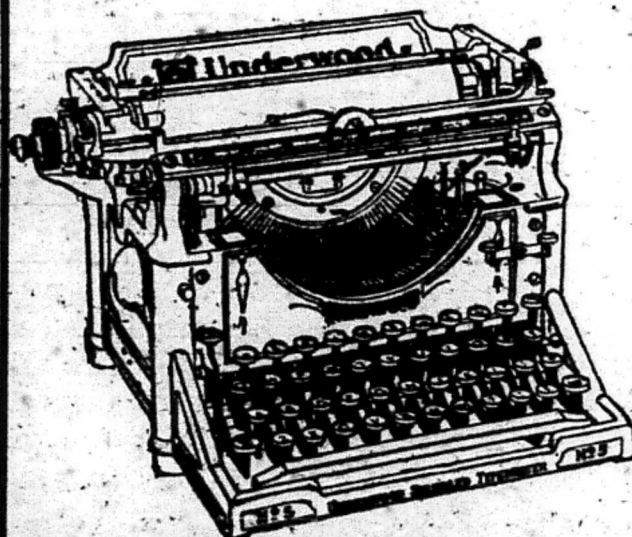
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'Tis the Red flag of Freedom, on high let it wave,
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'Till our lost rights restored and our futures secure—
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Beneath thy onward trend of destiny sublime,
Shall sink all flags of ancient or modern time;
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Third—It is political action, the use of the ballot and the power to have a voice in the governing of the nations that has lifted the serf from his "mud wattle, slut and litter of brats" to the position of a citizen. If political action can and has performed the marvelous service for the male portion of humanity, it can and will perform as great service for the female portion. If ballots are necessary for the protection and upliftment of men, they are just as necessary for the protection and upliftment of working woman whose needs are the same.

All other things brought into a discussion of Equal Suffrage are aside from the main issue.

However, in deference to Mrs. Ruler's habit of repetition, I will repeat once more "that if Public Opinion has secured all advances for the race without the use of the ballot", why should men be burdened with the ballot? Why not be ruled entirely by divinely appointed representatives of God like Kaiser Wilhelm, John D. Rockefeller and the Czar of Russia? Why should my husband and Mrs. Ruler's husband and all the balance of the husbands "have the added burden of the ballot thrust upon them" when nice, pious, respectable PUBLIC Opinion is so much more refined and useful? If Mrs. Ruler "does not draw the line for women except at the ballot box," if she sanctions woman's embracing every opportunity from the college hall to the fertilizer factory and brothel, if all heaven and hell shall be woman's domain, WHY draw the line at the ballot box, especially since it is such an impotent sort of an institution?

Mrs. Ruler states "that in the states and countries where Woman's Suffrage has been granted, the "intelligent" portion of the citizenship has decided that it has been a mistake and then Mrs. Ruler challenges me to tell the working girl how suffrage will help her to secure better wages and better conditions.

I have traveled all over the United States in the last three years, visited every suffrage state and met thousands of their citizens and never, but in two instances, have I heard such a remark. In Colorado, I overheard one of John D. Rockefeller's mine bosses curse the women of Colorado for marching down on the state house and demanding of Governor Ammons that he stop the slaughter of women and children in the coal fields. I suggested that they

were only a group of hysterical women and that he was foolish to be annoyed by them. With a ready flow of oaths, he replied that I was a ——— to talk that stuff. Women have votes in Colorado and they will raise ——— next election. Again in an Illinois town, I heard an ex-city official who had been the owner of a saloon, a bawdy house and a rock crusher, curse the evil fate that had given votes to the women of that state. These women had tried by public opinion to clean up the city for years and failed, but at one fell swoop with the power of the ballot, they had wiped out the saloon, closed the bawdy house, robbed the intelligent citizen of a nice fat contract for crushed rock and ousted him from his city job. I am sure that both of these men would agree most heartily with Mrs. Ruler. On the other hand the hundreds of clean working men and women to whom I have talked take quite opposite views.

Understand, Mrs. Ruler—We do not wish to "PURIFY" existing political organizations; we wish to uproot bodily existing political parties and establish a new political system, based on adult suffrage and guaranteeing real democracy, and that can only be secured by Direct Legislation.

We do not hope to better conditions by merely electing "GOOD MEN." We expect to establish a political system that will compel all elected officials to serve us honestly and efficiently or be recalled to private life.

It is not irritation we feel when home and babies are mentioned but a white hot revolt that there should be millions of women denied wifehood and motherhood and chained by poverty to a machine or a counter in order that idle capitalists may have cheap labor. Every nerve in our bodies cries out in protest when we think of the millions of children robbed of childhood and crushed in the mills of Greed that capitalists may have workers even cheaper than women.

I am most delighted to know that Mrs. Ruler allows her "maid" to use her bathtub, but I have always supposed that bathtubs were intended to use and that "maids" required baths as frequently as mistresses.

Mrs. Ruler weeps large moist tears over the sad fate of the home neglected by a mother who spends time enough to go down to the corner drug store or ward school house to vote and then calmly admits that she has handed the wifely and motherly duties of caring for her children and cooking her husband's breakfast over to a "maid." What a shocking neglect of womanly duties.

Mrs. Ruler states that the legal age of consent is being raised by men. Who placed it so disgracefully low that it must be raised? Mrs. Ruler has also discovered that a "majority of people don't want Woman's Suffrage." Then why

worry about it? A majority vote is required to secure the necessary legislative action and until a majority do want it, suffrage will never be a fact.

Mrs. Ruler states that a woman with a ballot is a politician; then a man with a ballot is a politician and if its bad for the goose it must be bad for the gander.

There are states that do not have Woman's Suffrage that have fairly decent child labor laws, but that arises from the fact that the working men and women in these states are strongly organized in trades unions and through the political power of the unions force better laws. I would merely give women more political power to assist the men to secure still better laws. In the states where cumulative poll tax laws disfranchise large numbers of the working men, there are no child labor laws worth mentioning. Mrs. Ruler's statement like most of her statements are unfortunate.

WHAT WOULD THE BALLOT DO FOR THE WORKING WOMEN?

If the working women displayed no more intelligence than do a very large number of working men, the ballot would still be of service, though of minor service. If the woman with a ballot voted to sustain the capitalist system with all its iniquities, her position would be just that of the working man who has no more intelligence than to vote the Democrat or Republican ticket. If on the other hand, the women with ballots possessed intelligence enough to study economic and political problems, and grasp the limitless power her ballot gives her to control her job, she would in all possibility join the Socialist Party, co-operate with other intelligent working men and women, vote the capitalist system out of existence and help to establish the Co-operative Commonwealth.

When a majority of the intelligent working men and women working together and voting together decide to dump the capitalists off their backs, scrap the capitalist system of politics and

organize our industrial life on an intelligent basis, the problem of the working women and her wages will simply be settled on a basis of how much she can produce, just as in the case of the working man. If women use the ballot only to support the capitalist system, it would help her but little, but even so I still insist that a woman has just as much right to make a fool of herself self at the ballot box as a man has.

Mrs. Ruler's last wail is that if people of "unjust minds," meaning the working class, insist on playing havoc with the divine right of the capitalist class to exploit us in the industries, that we will precipitate our government in war.

That seems to have a sort of familiar sound. All Europe cried that if the workers did not bow in humble submission to the divine right of kings to rule and capitalists to exploit, war would result. Well, the war is here in all its hellish force and it was precipitated, not by the workers, but by the blind greed of the capitalist class and the damnable, insane egotism of kings and emperors. Humanity wallows in blood today and the stench of dead men's rotting carcasses pollute the very air of the earth. The working class pays the price, the working men who fight and die, the working women who bear the burdens and neither, working men or women, had a voice making war; that was the privilege of king and capitalist.

BALLOTS AND BRAINS WORKING IN HARMONY WILL WIN FOR THE RACE, THE EARTH GOD GAVE AND THE MACHINERY MAN HAS CREATED, AND WILL ENDOW EACH HUMAN BEING WITH THE HERITAGE OF ALL THAT CIVILIZATION CAN GIVE. THEN LET US HAVE THE BRAINS AND BALLOTS, THE HEARTS AND SOULS OF MEN AND WOMEN THAT, TOGETHER AND IN HARMONY, WE MAY WORK OUT THE HIGHER DESTINY OF MANKIND.

Socialism and War

By Oscar Ameringer

When Monarchs Fight for Freedom

By 1864 the land business of the Hohenzollern's had sufficiently progressed to embrace almost all of Northern Germany with the exception of Saxony and Hanover and a few free cities. South of the Main River there was still considerable land lying around which was claimed by the small fry in royaldom. The little fellows were hardly in a position to defend their estates, but since Austria had an eye on their provinces, Prussia wisely refrained from extending the business in that direction. However, there was a tract lying north of Prussia which was worth while investigating.

The southern part of Denmark, Schleswig and Holstein was populated by Teutons. These good people concluded that it was preferable to be

exploited by a prince of their own blood hence, they started a war of independence against the King of Denmark. In this laudable undertaking they received the hearty support of the German people and even the German monarch looked benignly upon a war which had no more dangerous aim than to exchange one prince for another. But for the present they allowed the brave volunteers to do the fighting. There was a possibility that if these irresponsible people tore a slice off Denmark, it might fall in the maw of certain hungry land grabbers by the grace of God.

However, neither the brave Schleswig-Holsteiners nor the German volunteers were able to wrest the oppressed provinces from the claws of the Danish tyrant and to place them in the gentle care of their own dear Duke of Augustenburg. Thereupon the King of Prussia decided to take a hand in the Schleswig-

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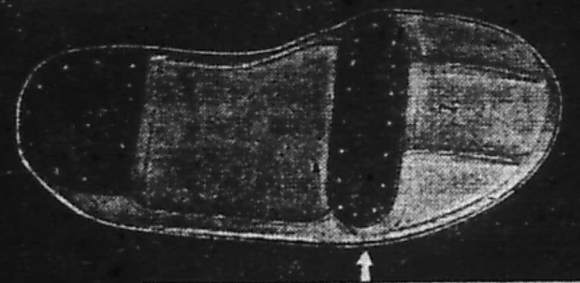
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Holstein war of independence. It hurt his feelings to see good Teuton stock being dependent on a king whose name wasn't Hohenzollern.

When Austria heard of the impending war of independence under the auspices of Prussia, it smelled a rat. The Hapsburgs had not lived for nothing next door to the Hohenzollerns for eight centuries. If there was any independent state laying around, Austria wanted to be near enough to shout, "I saw it first" and thereupon rushed to the support of Prussia with the fervor of one dog helping to bury the other dog's bone.

The combined armies of Prussia and Austria had little trouble in loosening the strangle hold of the Danish tyrant. Independence being happily consummated the two powers promptly forgot what the war was started for. Each held on to what he had and dared the other fellow to come and take it. In the excitement they even lost sight of the poor Duke of Augustenburg, the rightful lord and master of Schleswig-Holstein. The two houses finally struck up a compromise by which Prussia was to hold Schleswig and Austria, Holstein. The county of Lauenburg which also had become independent in the shuffle was sold by the Hapsburgs to the Hohenzollerns. After closing this deal both parties prepared for war to scrap for the remainder of the territory.

In the year of 1866 Austria lost Holstein and its position in German affairs. Hanover, which foolishly had assisted the latter, was annexed by Prussia, Saxony and the South German states which also had thrown in their lots with the Hapsburgs retained their independence, thanks to the interference of Napoleon. It was at this juncture that the sick man in Paris butted into the real estate business of the Hohenzollern.

The Great Year

With Austria out of the way and the South German states thoroughly cowed there was only one obstacle left for the unification of Germany under the spiked helmet of Prussia, and this was France. The manager of the Hohenzollern ranch, Count Von Bismarck, now decided to put an end to the meddling of Napoleon. An excuse soon presented itself.

Spain had managed to get rid of her royal family. But somehow the Spaniards felt lonesome without a crowned head at the helm of the state and the parliament went on a still hunt for a king. After some time Leopold of

Hohenzollern was selected as the most suitable person to wear the crown of Castile.

Thereupon the French people raised a row, so to speak. To their thinking one Hohenzollern on their frontier was plenty. With another one on the Southern boundary, they reasoned, France may be invaded from two sides. Somehow they couldn't forget how the Prussians had visited their country twice, bringing their rheumatic old king with them on both occasions. The Paris papers clamored for action. They put it up to Napoleon to do something. He did by asking the Berlin-Hohenzollerns to withdraw the candidacy of Leopold.

It seems that Leopold had no particular hankering for the shaky throne of Spain. Moreover he didn't need the job since he was the sole owner of the southern Hohenzollern homestead which by that time comprised 450 sections of land with a national capital of nearly 5000 population. Leopold declined. It now seemed the trouble was over. And it would have been if Bismarck had not been anxious for war. The iron chancellor relates in his autobiography, how he, Von Moltke and Von Roon had set at supper when the message was received from the King of Prussia in which the latter reported how he had settled the Hohenzollern controversy with the Minister of France. "Thereupon" (I'm quoting Bismarck)

Prussia. But his throne was getting shaky. After all it made little difference whether Frenchmen or Prussians got his scalp. Coming right down to brass tacks he had less to fear from the Prussians than from the folks at home. Moreover there was a wee chance to lick the enemy and return to Paris as a victor, which of course would have propped his throne a while longer. So he hung out the "safety-first" sign, declared war and marched into the trap set by Bismarck.

When the German people found out that an unquenchable desire to murder Frenchmen possessed their hearts, they were greatly surprised and grieved. For to their credit, it must be said that they are kindly disposed and peace-loving. There is more Teutonic furor in a Kilkenny Irishman with a quart of whiskey than there is in an army corps of Germans. If they were really scrappers they would have hung their kings and kaisers long ago instead of allowing the breed to turn Europe into a slaughterhouse. But as I was going to say the German people saw absolutely no reason why they should shoot Frenchmen. However, Bismarck furnished a reason, the fear of a French invasion. A foreign invasion is a calamity that a nation cannot forget readily, and the German people had good reason to fear a French army on German soil as much as France feared a German army on French soil.

Emperor Napoleon has declared war against us without cause; only he and his army are our enemies."

As previously stated, the German people had no desire to fight the French people and it was really touching how beautifully the utterances of the rulers coincided with the sentiment of the masses. Had the people known then, what we know now, that this was not a war for German independence, but for conquest and the aggrandizement of Prussia they would, docile as they are, have rebelled against it.

The one man against whom the war was directed, Napoleon, surrendered at Sedan. There are strong reasons to assume that he had maneuvered his army in the blind ally of Sedan to save his hide from the French people. In the meantime, his right hand bower, Bazaine had been bottled up in the fortress of Metz where he later surrendered with 150,000 men.

The grand army which was to march to Berlin in less than a month to repeat the stunts of Napoleon the First was not even fit to put up a decent defence of the fortified frontier. The utterly corrupt regime of Napoleon the Third resting, as it did on the support of adventurers and get-rich-quick swindlers had resulted in a paper army marching on paper-soled shoes. From the millions the people had paid to the support of the army only a small portion found its way to military equipment. The greater bulk was put aside for a rainy day by the generals and war ministers of Napoleon. They like the arch swindler, invested their illgotten gains in English securities to be prepared for the inevitable bankruptcy of the regime.

And now that the culprit Napoleon was in the hands of the Prussians and in the light of the royal Prussian proclamation, the world had a right to assume that the bloody war was over. For was it not a war against Napoleon alone and not against the French people. Two days after the surrender of the emperor, the Republic was declared in Paris and the French people settled down preparatory to settling up with the Germans. It was worth something to get rid of a Napoleon and they were willing to pay the bill. But, alas! they soon woke up to the fact that their troubles had only started.

The infuriated king of Prussia, caused Napoleon to be incarcerated in the beautiful Castle Wilhelmshoehe near Cassel. As a further indication of the profound hatred between the two monarchs, they addressed each other as "dear brother." Queen Augusta, not to be outdone in the persecution of the fallen conqueror, sent her best cook to Wilhelmshoehe and a German military band furnished the music to help digest the delicacies prepared by the royal chef. We all have our troubles.

In the meantime, the merry war went on and on. It had taken just six weeks to lick the army of Napoleon; it took six months more to lick the republic without an army. The war of defence became a war of conquest. Busy as the Hohenzollerns had been they kept their eyes on the main chance—more land. The beautiful French provinces Alsace and Lorraine looked good to them. They just were needed to round out the Hohenzollern farm, so as to speak. Besides it was against the traditions of the family to wage war without adding to their real estate. In the end Alsace and Lorraine were annexed to the new German Empire. But inasmuch as the Hohenzollerns owned Germany by this time it all stayed in the family.

IF THERE IS ONE SINGLE CAUSE FOR THE PRESENT WAR, IT IS THE ANNEXATION OF ALSACE AND LORRAINE IN 1871. And if a people ever paid a price for tearing asunder a nation, Germany is paying that price now. And she will continue paying it even if she should be victorious in the present struggle. Of all the blunder of blunders the annexation of Alsace and Lorraine was the worst.

(Next month Comrade Ameringer will tell about the position of the "International.")

Just as the November RIP-SAW goes to press, in steps an agent of the United States Government, who requests a complete file of the RIP-SAW containing the sensational exposures of industrial conditions, published in 1912-13 in this magazine. The agent also asked for the original actual documentary proofs, such as correspondence, black lists, contract forms, time-checks and merchandise checks, etc., of which original photographs appeared in the RIP-SAW and which we have been keeping in a safety deposit vault.

This agent told us that he had personally gone over the ground covered by the RIP-SAW exposures, and in every instance found that the RIP-SAW had stated facts, but that the BIG AND VALUABLE THING WAS THAT WE HAD THE GOODS—THE ACTUAL LETTERS WRITTEN BY THE ILLEGAL TIMBER TRUST—THE ACTUAL BLACK-LISTS SENT OUT BY THE LUMBER COMPANIES—THE ACTUAL NON-UNION OATHS—THE REPORT BLANKS—SAMPLES OF THE UNLAWFUL COMPANY MONEY—ACTUAL PHOTOGRAPHS OF HOUSING CONDITIONS, ETC.

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"Roon and Moltke greatly perplexed, laid down knife and fork. The prospect for war having vanished, their appetite was spoiled. I then moved to a nearby table, took a lead pencil and edited the message so as to give it an entirely different character. When I read the same in the new form to Moltke and Roon, the eyes of both sparkled and Moltke the Silent, exclaimed, "So this has a different sound! before it was a chamade and now it is a fanfare! After this all three set cheerfully down at the table and dined with the best of appetite. War was assured."

For those not familiar with military terms it may be added, that a chamade is the signal for parley, whereas a fanfare is the signal for attack.

The cunningly revised message turned the trick. Its publication created a storm in Berlin and Paris, and France prepared for the war—Too late! As far as Prussia was concerned, the preparations had been made during the previous four years. Prussia was ready. France was not. How little this France thought of war is proven by the fact that two weeks before the outbreak of hostilities, the Chamber of Deputies decreased the annual levy for the army from 100,000 to 90,000 men.

Neither was Napoleon anxious for war. The man suffered with bladder trouble and felt more like clawing the air than leading an army against

According to the official statements issued in Berlin this was to be a war for German independence. The patriotic Teutons were called upon to protect the sacred soil of their fathers from the ravages of a foreign conqueror. The man with the bladder trouble was painted as the incarnation of Hannibal, Alexander and Attila wrapped in one bundle.

At the opening of the North-German Reichstag the crown announced, "We will, after the example of our fathers, fight for our liberty and our right against the outrage of a foreign conqueror and in this struggle in which we have no other aim than to perpetuate the peace of Europe, God will be with us as he was with our fathers."

At the time when the above noble sentiments flowed from the pious lips of the Prussian king the knowing ones in Prussia feared a French invasion about as much as the people of Denver fear a bombardment by the Turkish navy.

In a proclamation issued by the king on Aug. 11th., the day he entered French territory, he announced, "I wage war against the soldiers of France and not against the citizens of France."

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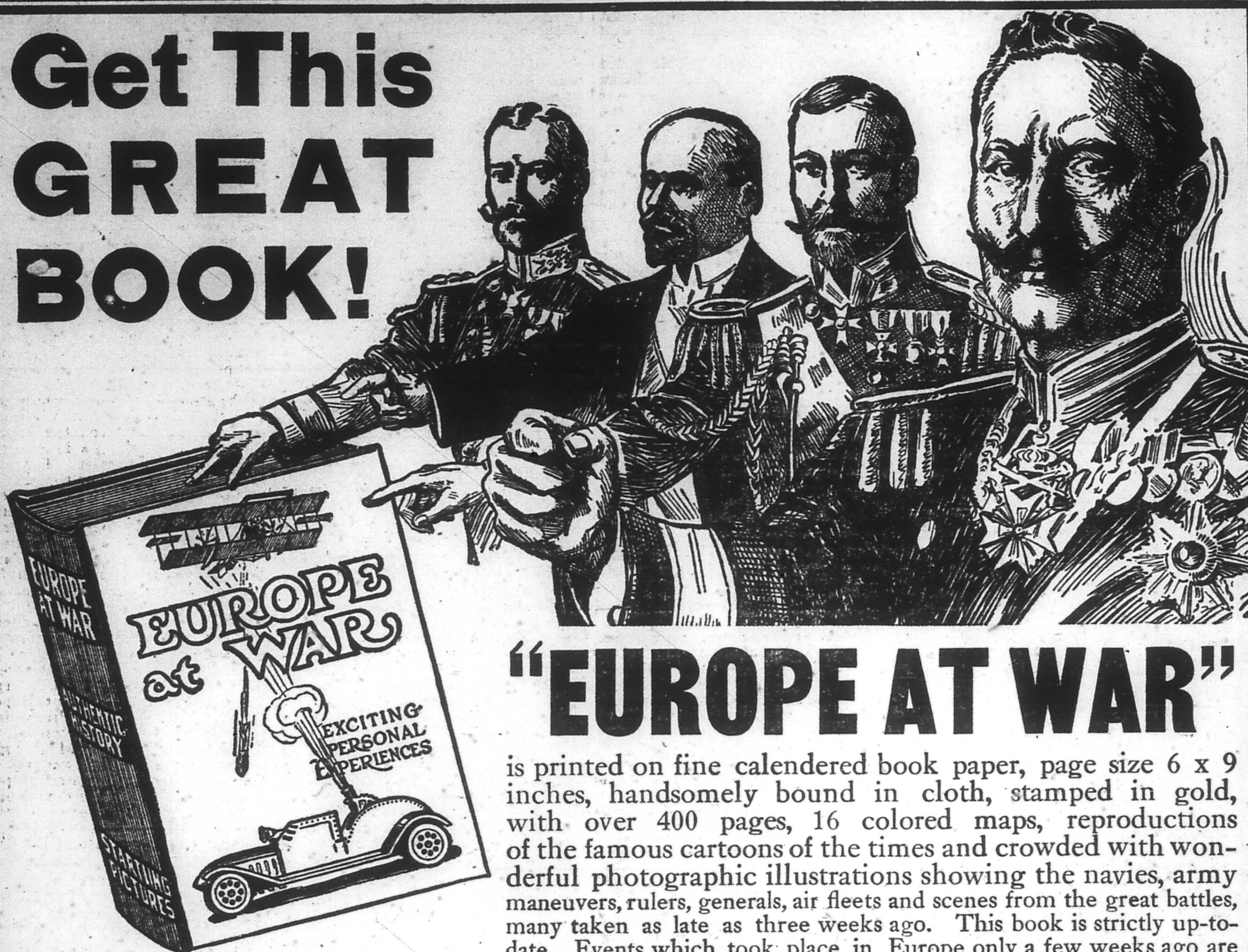
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The Bankers' Pool

By F. P. O'Hare

As a general thing, the cotton farmer is poor. He runs a store bill during the spring, summer and fall while making his crop, and settles up once a year when the cotton crop is sold. Usually his crop is mortgaged far in advance of its harvest. The merchant carries his account and in turn the merchant operates on credit or on capital borrowed from the bank.

The cotton crop totals about fifteen million bales, of which ten million are manufactured in this country, and five million bales exported.

When the European War broke out, the cotton exchanges closed. Cotton had absolutely no price. There were no buyers. A terrible condition ensued, terrible for the farmers and for the merchants, staggering under their loads of debt. Here was a bumper crop, enough to clothe the entire white race, and in other parts of America was plenty of food for all, plenty of lumber to build shelters for all, plenty of labor to do all the necessary work, no need for anyone to worry, but everything came to a standstill. Cotton could not move.

Capitalism had broken down. It was as helpless as an automobile in a sand pit with the engine dead.

At this writing the situation is made clear by the following press dispatch:

"Sir George Paish takes the position that English cotton manufacturers do not wish to go into the market now and buy cotton unless they are satisfied that it has reached the bottom

price. The American manufacturers, according to information available at the Treasury Department, apparently feel about the same way and in consequence but little cotton is being sold."

In other words, the spinners and importers feel that they can expect to squeeze the very last cent out of the cotton farmers, and will wait a while longer before buying.

With the market for cotton closed, the wholesalers in the cities immediately felt the pressure. The "Buy-a-bale-of-cotton" movement was started for their relief. But the city people who could each put up fifty dollars for a bale of cotton were few. The results were puny and pitiful.

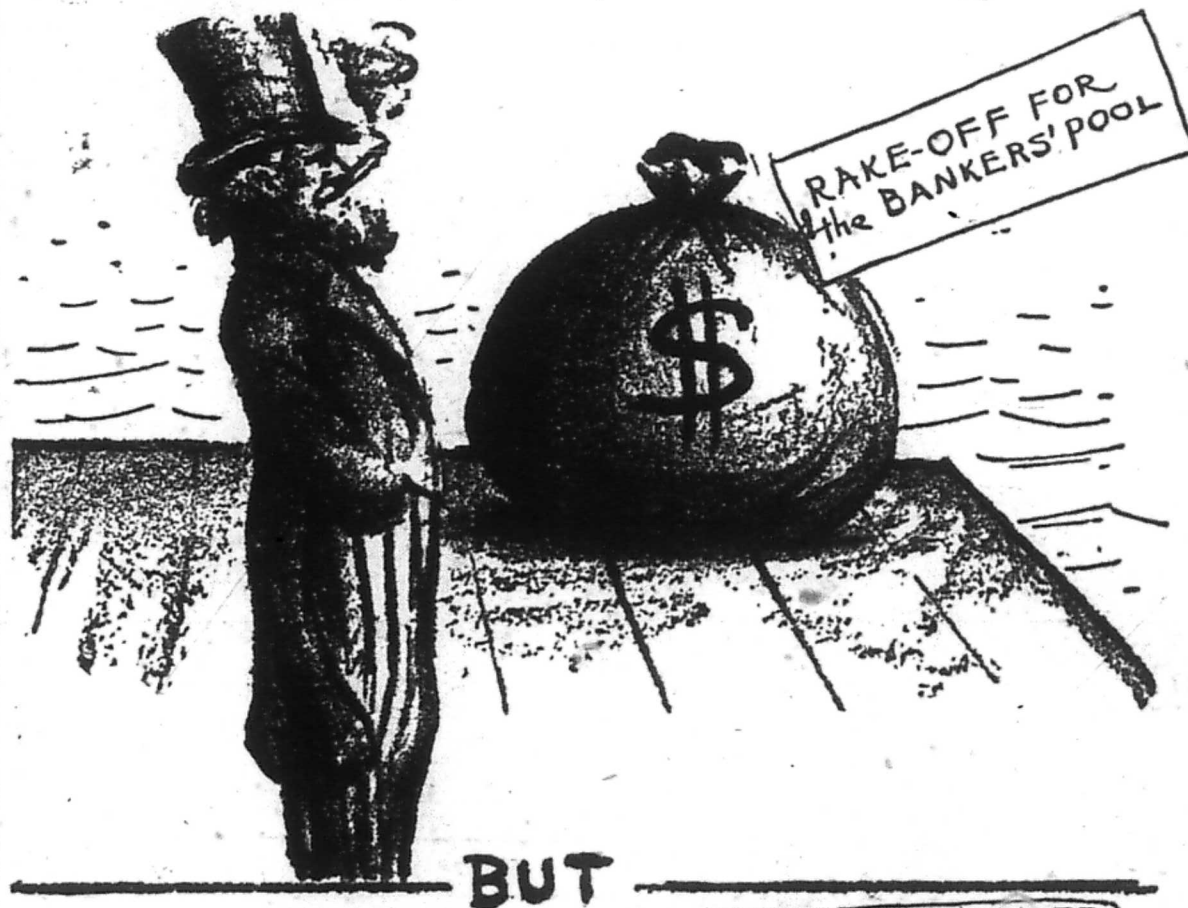
Direct Federal Aid

Then a few Southern congressmen thought of a way to solve the problem. If Europe would not buy the surplus cotton, Uncle Sam could, and a bill was introduced in congress for the government to buy five million bales at \$50.00 per bale, issuing therefor 4 percent bonds, these bonds to run not longer than three years, the spinners eventually to buy the cotton back from the government, and the bonds to be cancelled.

This was in line with the act of the English government in buying a year's supply of sugar for the nation, in order to prevent speculators robbing the English people.

The Bankers' Pool.

About this same time the great financial interests got busy and another plan was proposed. Capitalists



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Shows Its True Colors

Now the Democratic party has always set itself up as the defender of the interests of the farmers and the small merchant. It has tiraded against the plutocrats. It has threatened to "smash" the trusts. It has brayed long, loud and always as to what it would do for the common people if it ever got into power.

But the Democratic party is in power, and now that it had a chance to come to the rescue of the common people, it has showed its true colors by turning them over, bound and gagged, to the gentle mercies of the Shylocks. And the capitalistic money-bags will pick the bones of the cotton raiser and the cotton user at leisure. The Democratic administration adopted the Bankers' Pool, and turned down the Peoples Direct Federal Aid plan.

Mr. Wilson, President, decided that the common people could get out of their troubles the best way they could; that he would look after the interests of the BANKERS, the COTTON SPINNERS, THE INVESTORS and the BOND-HOLDERS.

In the face of the woe that confronts the millions of Southern people, the Democratic administration has had the audacity to turn down the only plan that can offer them any relief, and to approve a Bankers' Pool that will absolutely strip the poor devil who produced the cotton!

Mr. McAdoo, speaking for Mr. Wilson, is now heard from, according to the following news item published through the country.

(Associated Press Dispatch)—
McAdoo Scorches Cotton Valorizing.

WASHINGTON, October 9.—The plan for direct federal aid to cotton growers was the subject of sharp criticism in a letter to Representative Henry of Texas, made public to-night by Secretary McAdoo. The letter is in reply to recent statements to the House by Mr. Henry.

Mr. McAdoo announces that the proposal is not practicable and generally objects to all the features of the Henry scheme. "It would be a hopeless undertaking, in defiance of every sound principle of finance and economics, with certain disaster at the end."

Sure, the plan of direct federal aid is hopeless! As hopeless as when England bought up a year's supply of sugar for her people! Hopeless for the Shylocks who put up the campaign funds for the election of Woodrow Wilson—for these Shylocks could not then collect their seven percent and their seventy percent! Hopeless indeed for the human buzzards whose hearts are so hardened against the misery of the people that they WILL HAVE THEIR PROFIT EVEN IF THEY HAVE TO DISTILL THE HEARTS' BLOOD OF THE WAGE SLAVES TO GET IT.

The BANKERS' POOL IS A FACT.

Remember this in 1915, and in 1916, and in 1917. Remember that it is the child of the grand, people-loving Democratic Party. When the Dixie Farmer surrenders his lease-hold, gives up his last mule, and starts afoot with his trailing family in search of a place to live and work, let him remember that Wilson and the Democratic Party is the friend, well wisher and partner of the BANKER WHOSE PROFITS ARE MORE SACRED THAN HUMAN LIFE.

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Sieze the Industries

There is cotton enough in America to clothe the nation; food enough to feed the nation; lumber enough to shelter the nation; labor enough to perform all the necessary work. The European War would not have caused a single day's want or worry to any American had the government acted promptly and wisely. It should have adopted as emergency measures certain Socialist acts, as England has done. The Democratic administration has not done this. It has tried to bolster up a broken down capitalism. It has multiplied the misery of the people for the sake of the private profits that Democracy protects. The producers must go naked, hungry and shelterless in the midst of plenty, to save Capitalism.

Personally, I think that even the blind will soon realize that the nation must sieze the industries, and by cutting out the private profits from speculation and monopoly, operate them in such a way that the people shall receive their full wages.

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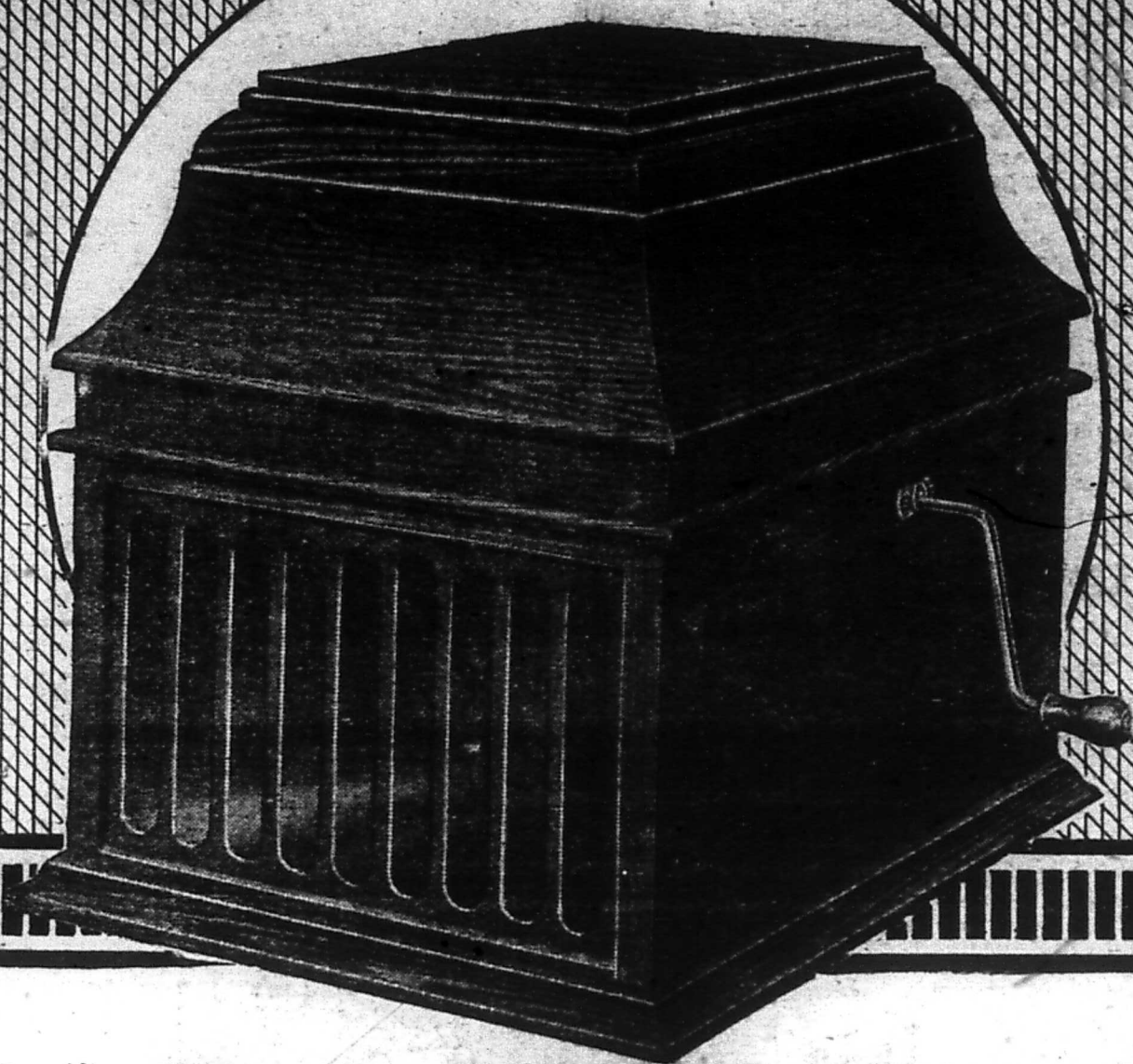
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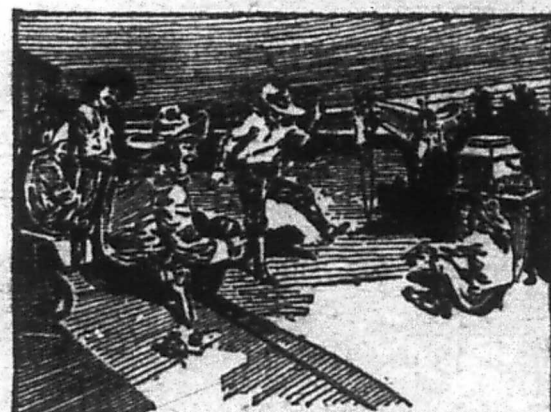
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