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DON'T DELAY!

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H. F. Wendell, Pres., Wendell Vacuum Washer Co., 666 Oak St., Leipsic, Ohio.

Editorial



Section

By EUGENE V. DEBS

PRESIDENT WILSON AND THE WOMEN

Several times have delegations of women called at the White House to entreat President Wilson to say a word in behalf of women suffrage and to favor the constitutional amendment granting them their political rights now pending in Congress. All in vain. The President is kind, but obdurate. He cannot change his views.

Now, if President Wilson were candid enough to take a stand either for or against woman suffrage there might still be criticism, but he would be accorded the right to his opinion. But he is neither for nor against this vital issue and dodges it, politician like, by declaring that it is a state issue.

This is a convenient subterfuge, but it is not at all creditable to the president of the United States.

When Bryan is up against an issue of this kind he declares it to be "a moral issue", and in this way, these politicians contrive to straddle live questions and have it appear that they are both for and against and with everybody and against nobody.

Women are getting their rights slowly but surely and it is well, perhaps, that when they do finally come to their own, they will be under no obligations to the time-serving politicians who have link-sausages instead of backbones and excuses instead of convictions.

"TRIPLE ZERO OF NOTHINGNESS"

John W. Banzer, a locomotive fireman on the Chicago and Western Indiana Belt Line, testified at the arbitration hearing at Chicago and in describing his position said it was "the triple zero of nothingness." This aptly describes the position of millions of wage-workers in the capitalist system. They are condemned to hopeless slavery, and yet a great majority of them vote for this same slavery every time they have a chance.

G. W. Minton, a fireman on the Texas and Pacific, described his position as a "no hope" job.

"NO HOPE!"

The man who toils without hope is as near dead as he can be and avoid burial expenses. And yet how many there are in this system who work, day after day, and week after week, like poor dumb brutes, with not a ray of hope to light the way to a better day!

These are the railroad men who are testifying before the arbitration board with the expectation of having their paltry wages increased and their wretched lot improved. They are doomed to disappointment so far as this arbitration is concerned. The nominal concessions that will be made them will not materially alter their lot. Let these men study socialism and they will be inspired with a hope they have never known before.

THE CRIME OF FRATERNIZING

The soldiers engaged in the European slaughter have become entirely too friendly with each other. They have in fact fraternized when they have had a chance, instead of fratriciding.

And this has been pronounced a crime and threatened with punishment as the following cablegram explains:

"The German army authorities have issued a general order prohibiting in the future troops in the field from fraternizing with forces of the enemy as they did at several points in the Western theatre of the war at Christmas. To such an extent was this fraternizing carried out, that at one place the Germans and British played football Christmas day and they agreed to suspend hostilities for two days more."

There you have it, plain and flat, as Hosea Bigelow would say. To allow these soldiers to play with each other instead of slaughtering one another would result in utter demoralization of the army.

There is a world of meaning in this incident. The soldiers must not be allowed to even suspect that there is anything in common between them except a common hostility and a common duty to murder one another for the glory of their alleged Fatherland.

May the time soon come when the soldiers of all nations will realize that they are human beings instead of brutes, men instead of assassins, and brothers instead of enemies.

WOMEN WAGE-WORKERS

The Oregon minimum wage law is now pending for final decision in the supreme court of the United States. This decision will have far reaching effect and is awaited with no little anxiety by the several states of the union.

The contention of the capitalist employer is that no state can lawfully enact such a law for the reason that it is subversive of the constitutional right of women to work for such wages and under such conditions as may to them be satisfactory, and that any arbitrary interference with this right endangers the liberty guaranteed to them under the laws of the state and nation.

What a puerile and contemptible plea this really is! Stripped naked it amounts to simply this: Any law that prevents poverty and grinding necessity from forcing a woman to sell herself into what is in effect slavery is unconstitutional for the reason that it abridges her freedom and her right to contract.

It is the "freedom" of the women workers that the capitalist employer is so deeply stirred about. Great altruist!

I do not expect the minimum wage law to accomplish very much for women workers but I am willing that it shall be fairly tested and given all the credit rightly due it. I have far more faith in women organizing industrially and politically and doing things for themselves.

FRICK'S FIFTH AVENUE CASTLE

The four million dollar castle of Henry C. Frick, the Pittsburg multi-millionaire in Fifth Avenue, New York City, was recently dedicated. It is a marvelous pile to gaze upon. The splendors of it are dazzling, the immensity of it overwhelming.

This pillared pile in Fifth avenue has its real foundation in Pittsburg where Frick's slaves of all colors and ages toil their wretched lives out that their master may outrival the kings of Europe in pomp and display.

In 1892, Frick had his old employes at Homestead murdered by Pinkertons, because they wanted wages enough to live in decency and provide their children with bread. Frick and Homestead are one and inseparable and though Frick may now dwell in a castle on Fifth avenue, the eternal years will not wipe from his soul the blood-stains of his murdered victims.

THE OHIO OPERATORS

Fifteen thousand miners have been on strike in Ohio for nearly a year. Every effort to whip them back into the pits has failed. They insist upon standing their ground until they get what they want and the weak-kneed leaders who have been trying to get them to surrender to curry favor with the operators have met with a cold reception.

Now comes the report that the operators are going to open their mines, fill them with non-union miners and establish the open shop. At the same time the announcement is made that the union miners must either pay rent, vacate the company's houses, or be evicted.

This would sound like the beginning of another Ludlow. But the Ohio operators are simply bluffing. They cannot work their mines successfully with scabs and they know it.

The miners in Ohio have fought it out thus far and are on the eve of victory. Let them beware of the board of mediation which Secretary of Labor Wilson has sent in there to settle the strike. Keefe, who is supposed to be the representative of labor on the board is a labor renegade whose record is black with treason to the working-class.

The Ohio miners are mostly socialists. Stand pat, comrades, and win!

ROOSEVELT AND THE DOWN-AND-OUTS

Is Theodore Roosevelt becoming class-conscious? It would seem so from the reports that he is affiliating with the down-and-outs.

But those who know Roosevelt, understand how to interpret his visit to the Bowery where he was "accidentally" discovered eating soup with the bums in a Bowery soup-house. He did not of course want it to get into the press, but somehow the next morning all the papers had a snapshot picture of the hero among the hoboes in the Bowery.

It just happens that a national election is approaching and the Bowery incident is merely Roosevelt's way of announcing that his hat is in the ring. Four years ago, he was "accidentally" discovered in a miner's shack sitting at a bare table with the family, "studying the conditions of the miners," and the picture appeared within a week from the Atlantic to the Pacific.

When Roosevelt performs such a stunt as this it serves the two-fold purpose of keeping him in the limelight and at the same time announcing his candidacy for the nomination of some party, any old party, for president of the United States.

"OUR BAD MANAGEMENT"

Elbert H. Gary, head of the United States steel corporation, commonly known as the steel trust, is also chairman of New York's Committee on Unemployment. Brother Gary was interviewed recently as to the cause of unemployment in the United States and among other things said:

"Hard times in the United States are merely proof of OUR BAD MANAGEMENT."

Correct, Elbert!

Your "bad management" has gotten us where we are and we are rapidly getting no better. You and your class own and control the industries, the machinery, the raw materials and everything else and you have failed wretchedly and by your own confession it is time for you to get down and out, but since you can hardly be expected to do that alone, we, the people are preparing to give you the necessary assistance.

The capitalist system is breaking down all about us, and Elder Gary has given us the reason why in just THREE WORDS.

Join the Socialist party and the union of your industry and help us organize the working class and to establish the industrial democracy.

PERSON FINED AGAIN

Carl Person, Editor of the Strike Bulletin at Clinton, Ills., recently acquitted, has once more been arrested, jailed and fined, this time by Judge Humphrey of the Federal court, for calling a man a scab, or rather for calling a scab a scab.

Judge Humphrey assessed Person an even hundred dollars and costs for calling a scab by his right name.

No man ever calls a MAN a scab, for no MAN ever was a scab.

A man is a man and a scab is a scab.

It is all right to call a scab a man but against the law to call a scab a scab.

Carl Person is a thorn in the flesh of the Illinois Central and its retainers and the more he is jailed and fined and persecuted, the more vigorously will he fight to overthrow the robber system which produces legions of scabs but makes it a felony to call them by their right name.

UNITY THE WATCHWORD!

Socialists will have their greatest opportunity this year. It almost seems as if all the social forces and all good influences are combined to give Socialists the chance of their lives. The lamentable failure of the ruling class upon every hand brings the claims of Socialism into bolder relief than ever before and thousands who would not have dreamed of such a thing a year or two ago are now turning toward Socialism as a last resort.

The opportunity, therefore, is before us and the greatness of it, while exceedingly gratifying, is at the same time a serious matter.

The question arises in the presence of this golden opportunity, to what extent are we prepared to take advantage of it? It is not the mere matter of making a successful national campaign and getting a largely increased vote, but it is a matter of capacity and discipline as an organized force on our part and a matter of making good as we grow in power and as the logic of events imposes ever greater responsibilities upon us.

To enable us to face the future with confidence and bear these responsibilities with credit we must, above all, be organized economically and politically and not only organized but fitted through organization for team work and for proving ourselves the masters of the situation in proportion to our conquest of the public power.

Unity based upon recognition of our mutual interests and tempered with the socialistic spirit is now needed as it never has been before and as we appreciate our responsibility and value the success of our cause we must rise above all mean and petty dissension and prove ourselves worthy of the great cause we claim to represent.

It is unfortunate that there are still two Socialist parties in the field to create confusion and to keep Socialists busy answering the question as to why Socialists who preach unity and call upon the workers to unite and do not themselves get together instead of making faces at another in rival parties. There is not a reason on earth why there should any longer be more than one Socialist party in the United States. The old animosities engendered in the long ago should

not be permitted to keep up the hostility and prevent the two parties from becoming one and waging the warfare against the common enemy instead of wasting their ammunition on each other.

We trust that both parties may soon take measures to have a unity proposition submitted to a referendum of the rank and file and if this be done we feel confident that it will be approved by a great majority and that a united Socialist party will soon be an accomplished fact.

BOB UHLICH OUT ON BAIL

The name of Bob Uhlich is known by every miner in Colorado, for it was in their behalf and while fighting their battles that he was sent to jail last November on trumped-up charges and kept there ever since.

A better union man than Bob Uhlich does not live. He is true to the core of his big heart and is utterly without fear when it comes to fighting for his class. Early in the Colorado mine strike the operators realized that they had in Uhlich a dangerous foe and so they conspired to have him thrown into jail as a means of getting rid of him. Judge McHendrie who sits on the bench in that district and who is notoriously a corporation tool, repeatedly refused Uhlich bail. In this he was, of course, acting solely for the operators.

Finally a movement was launched for McHendrie's impeachment. This threw him into a fit and he promptly had John Murray and others who sought his recall arrested and jailed for contempt.

McHendrie continued to make a spectacle of himself until finally he realized that the people were in grim earnest and then it did not take long to restore his sanity. It was a bitter pill to him to release Bob Uhlich on bail, but he had to do it and Bob is now out and another victory has been scored for the working class.

The trial of Bob Uhlich, if one is ever held, which is doubtful, will of course result in his acquittal as there is no charge against him. But while we are rejoicing over Bob's release let us not forget that a number of his comrades are still in the bastille at Trinidad and that it is our duty to stand by them also until they too have been liberated from that dirty dungeon. Each of these comrades is a miner and a striker and each of them is a man and a comrade to whom we owe the same loyalty that they evinced in going to jail and in remaining there month after month in the service of the working class.

KARL LIEBKNECHT'S LONE VOTE

When Karl Liebknecht stood up in the German reichstag, solitary and alone, even among his own socialist colleagues, and voted against the war credit of five billion marks to prolong the international butchery which has been going on these past several months, he proved himself a true representative of the socialist movement and a genuine revolutionary hero worthy of the commendation of socialists throughout the world.

That solitary vote of Liebknecht cast at such a crucial time and in such an intensely "patriotic" and militarist environment, expressed the true attitude of the socialist movement, and had the whole body of his colleagues taken the same position and voted the same way when the first war loan was demanded, at the time war was declared, history would have been differently written since that fateful day.

Carl Liebknecht has honored himself and has honored every socialist in the world by his heroic, unflinching conduct in the hour of his extremest trial; he has proved himself the worthy son of his grand old revolutionary sire and the time will come when every member of the German reichstag will wish with all his heart that he had voted "NO" with Karl Liebknecht.

Elbert Hubbard, the poetic advertiser of liver pills, etc., etc., tried to touch old Rockefeller for two hundred thousand dollars, according to a letter which has come into the hands of the Commission on Industrial Relations. How much Hubbard actually got for helping to break the Colorado strike is not yet known, but it was doubtless enough. Hubbard comes high, but he is cheap, dog-cheap, at any price.

The supreme court of the United States has soaked the United Hatters to the amount of \$252,130.09 for boycotting the establishment of D. E. Loewe and Company, Danbury, Conn. Pretty stiff price for a boycott and it will be no cheaper under the Clayton law. Mark that! The union members have their little homes and savings taken from them, but President Gompers and the Executive Council will continue to draw their salaries. President Gompers says there will be trouble when they attempt to take the homes away from these defeated and impoverished boycotters, but just what he means by this he does not say. The state militia will be on hand if necessary and Gompers supports the system that maintains the militia for just that purpose.

Open Letter To President Wilson

Woodrow Wilson, President of the United States, Washington, D. C.:

Dear Sir—Europe to-day is one vast charnel house, her highways are shambles and her farms are graveyards. The fields have been trampled into quagmires soaked with human blood and polluted with rotting human flesh. Practically all productive labor has for months been suspended, factories, mills and mines are closed, while the workmen fight and die and rot in the trenches. The European supply of food, clothing and ammunition must be nearly exhausted, yet in Europe, clean of war supplies, war still rages, simply because the United States furnishes the food, clothing, horses, automobiles and ammunition that enable the warring nations to continue the killing.

With millions of hungry Americans clamoring for bread, wheat is higher than since the Civil War, and the United States is being drained of breadstuffs. Actual bread famine and riots threaten the country unless the insane drainage of the country of breadstuffs to Europe is summarily stopped. The wheat of the nation has passed out of the hands of the farmers and into the hands of speculators, an orgy of wild speculation is taking place, and America is being starved while the hellish war in Europe is fed for the sole profit of a few speculators and transportation magnates.

The farms of the Middle West are being cleared of horseflesh necessary for the proper tillage of the soil, because three years of drouth, coupled with the ruinous rates of interest charged by the usurers, has compelled the farmers not only to turn their wheat and cotton crops over to the speculators, but to strip the farms of horseflesh in order to live.

With millions of Americans shivering, unclad and unshod, the stored up labor of cotton farmers, fabric weavers and shoemakers are being hurried across the water to clothe hostile armies while they kill.

Iron mills are busy turning out shrapnel, factories are beating plows into bayonets and reapers into rifles. Shrapnel and dum-dum bullets, that strew all Europe with dead men, are the creation of the workers of the United States, and the inventive faculties of American people have been turned from the works of peace to the creation of the machines for murder. Death and destruction, misery and suffering, despair and anguish are hurrying by boat oads from the shores of "Christian" America to add to the horrors of war-rent Europe.

Hypocritically, we rant of "militarism," piously we berate "Kaiser, King and Czar," blatantly we prate of "neutrality," and every one of us know we are "liars and hypocrites and the truth is not in us."

"Militarism," yes! But what is militarism but greed for profits?

Kaiser, King and Czar, certainly! They may have started the war, but we can stop it.

Neutrality, How Christlike!

The neutrality of HELL, the Money Changer's pact with the War Demon, the Profit Monger's bargain with DEATH, Peace with DAMNATION, that the profits of a few capitalists may be enhanced!

The United States does not even try to hide its infamy behind a subterfuge. No patriotic passions sway us, no insanity blinds our reason, we are not honest enough to espouse the cause of the nation we think most justified. Germany or England, France or Russia, the bloodstained gold of any nation looks good to us. We will furnish the machines of Murder to ANY nation to kill the people of ANY nation for our "pieces of silver." The chant of American capitalism is "TO HELL WITH MANKIND, TO HELL WITH HUMANITY, TO HELL WITH CIVILIZATION, WE WANT GOLD."

Three months ago, Mr. President, the people of this nation, soul sick with the horror of it all, cried to you to use your power to bring peace. Never had a man such an opportunity, never has it been within the power of any human being to rise to such sublime heights of human service. A world wallows in blood, nations are being laid waste, and the fruits of thousands of years of human effort are being crushed into dust and burned into ashes. Like some mighty god, Woodrow Wilson has the power to stretch forth his hand and cry "PEACE, BE STILL," and peace would have come to a war-cursed earth.

In that hour of sublime opportunity, opportunity that in all the history of the world has never come to any man but you, Mr. Wilson, how did you meet it?

You called a prayer meeting.

You may be honest, Mr. President. I am not your judge, but to me it seems that your day of prayer was blasphemy, a pious cloak behind which you tried to screen your service to the profit mongers

who demand their pound of flesh all wet with human blood.

Was it necessary, Mr. President, for you to shift your responsibility onto God's shoulders? Would it not have been more manly and Christlike for you to have met it yourself?

The manly, Christian, statesmanlike thing would have been for you to have called the Congress of the United States into session and said, "GO TO YOUR LEGISLATIVE HALLS, FRAME THERE A LAW THAT NOT ONE POUND OF FOOD, NOT ONE YARD OF CLOTH, NOT ONE PIECE OF AMMUNITION SHALL BE EXPORTED TO ANY EUROPEAN COUNTRY UNTIL PEACE IS DECLARED." Had you displayed this Christian, statesmanlike courage, it might have been in order to have asked God to strengthen you in your demand, but I for one cannot think that your prayers were heard while you cringed to the command of the profit mongers who ghoulishly reap their harvest of wealth from the blood-soaked, carcass-strewn fields of Europe.

Do you never think, Mr. President, of how the children of the future will blush for shame at the memory of Woodrow Wilson calling a prayer meeting, as they exult with pride at the memory of Abraham Lincoln signing the Emancipation Proclamation? Woodrow Wilson had a world to serve and save, Abraham Lincoln only a handful of black slaves to free from chattel slavery, but Lincoln rose to his opportunity. What did you?

The womanhood of all Europe is calling to us, the womanhood of America, to save them from increasing horrors. The womanhood of America makes this demand on you, President Wilson, and the members of Congress of the United States—**THAT THE EXPORTATION OF MUNITIONS OF WAR FROM THE UNITED STATES TO EUROPE, SHALL CEASE.**

THE MANIFESTO OF THE UNITED WOMANHOOD OF THE UNITED STATES IS THAT PEACE SHALL BE THE PRICE THAT KINGS AND EMPERORS SHALL PAY FOR OUR FOOD AND CLOTHING, AND THAT NO SONS OF OURS SHALL DAMN THEIR SOULS MAKING MUNITIONS OF WAR.

Sincerely yours,

KATE RICHARDS O'HARE.

In The Blessed Name Of Peace

By Henry M. Tichenor, the Rip-Saw Poet.

Let's build the biggest navy beneath the shinin' sun,
For the way to keep from fightin' is to tote a loaded gun;
And the only guarantee of peace, so money-lords insist,
Is a chip upon your shoulder and a musket in your fist.
That's the way they do in Europe, and any one can tell
That nothin' but armed butchers stop the world from raisin' hell.
So let's spend a thousand millions, and a thousand millions
more,
For battle-ships and cannon to keep us out of war.
Let's trail behind war-demons, like the kings' and kaisers'
geese,
With a chip upon our shoulders, in the blessed name of peace!

Long Live Freedom and Fraternity! Long Live International Socialism!

The following beautiful and inspiring message and greeting comes to the Rip-Saw from our British Comrade, L. N. Parker:

PEACE ON EARTH!

SOCIALISM WILL YET TRIUMPH.

We are told that International Socialism is dead, that all our hopes and ideals are wrecked by the fire and pestilence of European war. It is not true.

Out of the darkness and the depth we hail our working-class comrades of every land. Across the roar of guns, we send sympathy and greeting to the German Socialists.

In forcing this appalling crime upon the nations, it is the rulers, the diplomats, the militarists who have sealed their doom. In tears and blood and bitterness, the greater Democracy will be born.

With steadfast faith we greet the future; our cause is holy and imperishable, and the labor of our hands has not been in vain.

Long live Freedom and Fraternity!

Long live International Socialism!

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TOBE SPILKINS

His Lettur (W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor: I aint bin abel tu git throo the lines tu see old Bill Kizer. I'm in the camp uv the allies a waitin' and a watchin'. My commishun haz cum bak properly signed by everyboddy. The offisers uv the allied forces have granted me purmishun tu git throo if I kin, but I kant. The kurnel who I am a stoppin' with tuk hiz regiment the uther day and tried tu put me throo. He sed he wood bore a hole throo the Gurman lines big enuff fur me tu git throo if he cud. I went with them. We had a hard fight which lasted purty neert 2 hours. We gained 8teen inches on 'em and it looked like we wuz a goin' tu peerce their lines, but they brought up their artillery and driv us bak intu our intrenchments agin. We didn't retreat; we jist fell bak. We lost twenty8 hundred men besides the missin' and wounded. I had the rim uv my hat shot off on both sides uv my hed and the crown shot entirely away. One bullet skatched my ear and made it bled. I also had one sleeve uv my cote shot away and there wuz thurty7 bullet holes throo the uther one. I also lost all uv my cote tale; this wuz dun while I wuz a fallin' bak, but not retreatin'. I don't see how in the world I kept frum a gittin' killed, fur when I got bak, half uv my pants wuz left on the feeld. I didn't go bak after the fragments.

I hav bin a tryin' fur 2 weeks tu find out what they air a fightin' about. I have traveled 2 hundred miles down the line and talked with over a milyun offisers and soljers. They don't nun uv 'em know what they air a fightin' about. Sum uv the offisers sed they wuz a fightin' fur glory, and had purty neert all they needed uv it. The soljers sed they wuz a fightin' becoz they wuz ordered to. They sed they didn't have ennything agin' the Gurmans if the Gurmans wood let 'em alone. One offiser sed they wuz a fightin' becoz sumboddy had killed sumboddy over in Survy and Bill Kizer wanted tu lik France fur it. The more you try tu find out what they air fightin' fur the puzzleder you git. In my opinyun they have forgotten what they started out tu fite fur, and air now jist a fightin' each uther becoz they air a fightin' each uther. The Socialists want tu quit, but most uv the uther fellers say that they hav tu wurk so hard fur bred when they air at home, and air out uv a job so much, that they wood just az sune be in the war where they have plenty tu ete and a stedy job, and aint in mutch more danger than when they air wurkin' in the mines, wurkshops and on the ralerodes. Then if they git woounded they expect tu git a penshun az long az they live, and

most uv 'em want tu git woounded. Well, Mister Editor, I don't know when or how I'm a goin' tu git throo the lines and talk the letter that Woodsaw Wilson giv' me tu deliver tu Bill Kizer. I'm afrade the Prezident will git mad at me becoz I am so slow about deliverin' it tu Bill, but I kant help it. Woodsaw don't know how it iz tu git throo them Gurman lines and them a shootin' at every thing they see all the time, and sumtimes at things they don't see. The dadgummed raskals will shoot at a noize. I hav cum tu the konklusion that shootin' aint never goin' tu end this war. About the only thing that will end it iz tu run out uv aminishun and fools, and tha aint no prospekt uv that in the immediate fucher. I wuz a thinkin' the uther day however that it might be talked tu deth. If Ike Hawkins wuz over here I beleve he cood stop this fightin' in less than a month, if he cood git a chance tu talk tu the soljers. When this idee cum intu my hed, I sot down and rote Prezident Woodsaw Wilson the follerin' letter:

"Deer Woodsaw: I am over here marooned in the camp uv the allies. I kant go forward, and I don't beleve the allies wood let me go bakward now, az they wood be afrade I might tel sumpthin' they didn't want the wurld tu know. I have bin up on the extreem frunt twicst since I cum here. I had 2 soots uv clothes shot tu peeces and was almost fatally skared. The firin' iz so hevy and kontinuous that it iz dangerous tu be safe here. This war will never be ended by shootin'. They've bin a tryin' uv that fur over five munths, and it's a gittin' wurser all the time. If you want tu win wurld wide faim that will never wear out, nor rip, ravel or run down at the heel, now iz yoor grate opportunity. I don't know whether I ever sed ennything tu you about him or not, but there iz a man livin' at Boney Forks by the name uv Ike Hawkins, who I onestly beleev kin stop this war in a short time if you will send him over here clothed with the rite kind uv authority. Ike iz the best talker I ever hurd; he kin giv Bryan a hours start and beet him on a 2 hours skedule. He broke up a tremendous Demokratik majority at Boney Forks and maid big inrodes on the Republikan ranks; he got 'em tu jine the Soshialist Lokal so that now the Demokrats and Republikans hav tu jine their forces at the elekshuns tu git a smel at the pie kounter. Ike iz jist the man you want, and if he kin maik peece he will be satisfide fur you and me tu have all the glory. And I beleve he kin du it. He maid peece between the 2 kinds

uv Demokrats livin' at Boney Forks and Poozy after they had bit off 8 uv each uther's ears, broken 3 nozes and one laig. I seed him du this and he dun it jist by quietly talkin' tu them. I'll bet ten dollars he kin talk Bill Kizer tu a finish in 4teen minutes. I heerd Shanghi Purkins say he seed Ike talk a squirle out uv a tree, and old Aunt Sally Jinkins sez he kin out talk enny wooman, which I konsider iz the graitest tribute that kin be paid tu a man. Giv Ike a kommisshun uv sum kind, ennything but a preecher, fur the preechers kant du a thing tuwards stoppin' the fightin' but air a prayin' fur their side tu win, and a shootin' jist like they pray. And the preechers on the uther side air duin' uv the saim thing. I beleev me and Ike kin stop this war, and if we du, we will trade you our part uv the glory fur a cupple uv good offises. Hopin' you will be abel tu git Ike here in a short time, I am,

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I red the telegram tu the Kurnel whoo I wuz campin' with and then I waived it in the air and yelled like a Komanche Injun. The Kurnel turned pail and a layin' uv hiz hand on my sholder sed I'd better be quiet or they wood cum and talk me and put me in the mad house, az there wuz so menny soljers and offisers a goin' mad in this war that they tuk a man, when he showed the leest sines uv goin' crazy, and locked him up fur feer he wood shoot sum uv his own offisers. Well, I shut up, but the Gurmans heerd my yell and begun a shootin' at it with their artillery.

Well, I wuz so glad that Ike wuz a comin' that I coodent set still but walked up and down the tent until the Kurnel got nurvis and sent out for a kase uv wine. Then we sot down tu drinkin' uv it and our nurves got steddier and steddier until they wuz stedly enuff that we cood fill our glasses plum full uv wine and drink it without spillin' uv a drop. I told the Kurnel what a grate man Ike Hawkins wuz, and that he mite have had the wurd by the tale and a down hill pull if he hadn't uv bin a Soshialist and wanted tu upset the prezant order uv things and establish a better sistem in its place; a sistem that wood abolish poverty, war, graft and purty neert abolish all kinds uv crime. A sistem, sez I to the Kurnel, az I filled up my glass agin, that wood guarantee tu every man and wooman who labored in the feelds uv industry the fullest share uv the proseedes uv their toil, and wood giv every man a opportunity tu provide himself a butifull home.

"Bully fur Ike," sed the Kurnel, as he filled up hiz glass and drank, "he iz a man after my own hart, and no doubt meens well; but du you think hiz sistem will du all that?"

"I know it will," sez I, az I pulled the cork out uv anuther bottle; "I'll tell you, Kurnel I've knowed that man fur forty yeers and never knowed him tu tell a lie. He kin du jist what he sez."

"I know I'll like him," sed the Kurnel, az he held the bottle up between him and the lite tu see how mutch wine they wuz left in it, and then filled his glass agin. "I don't mind a tellin' uv you, Tobe," he sed, "I'm a Soshialist myself."

I wuz so shocked that I had tu grab hold uv the bottle tu keep frum fallin' off uv my chare. I tuk a drink out uv the bottle and then looked tu the Kurnel fur a explanashun.

"You seem tu be surprized," sed he.

"Yes," I answered; "I don't understand why you air in the army if you air a Soshialist."

"I'll tell you," sed the Kurnel, az he sot the empty wine bottle bak in the kase; "the military survice is dominated by capitalism jist the same az it dominates the industrial survice. I am az much the tool uv capitalism az the man

who labors in the field, the wurkshops and the mines. The laws uv my country force me intu the army jist az the law uv necessity forces the wurker intu the grait industrial army and victimizes him tu sashiate its own greed. In time uv peece there iz less danger in the army than there iz in the feelds uv industry, and it iz an eazier job and one that cannot be scabbed out uv. Your doctor bills air paid, yoor food and clothing iz furnished, and yu hav a chance fur an old-age pension. The majority uv the men who air engaged in this struggle air here because they were maid soljers by kompulsion, and were forced intu the fite under orders and under the influence uv a dope they call patriotism. It iz the ruling classes who air responsible fur this war. The soljers uv the different nashuns who air duin' uv the fightin' have nuthin' agin each uther and don't know what they air fightin' fur, or what it iz all about. If the Soshialists wuz in power there wood be no war. In the furst place they air opposed tu it frum both moral and economic konsiderashun, and, in kompliance with their form uv government it wood have tu be furst submitted tu a vote uv the people. War iz impossible in a pure democracy becoz a large majority uv the people air opposed tu it and wood vote agin it."

"That sounds all rite, Kurnel" sed I, "and I wood be a Soshialist myself if I cood git a good offis."

"Aint you a Soshialist?" asked the Kurnel.

"No," I sed, "I'm a rock-ribbed Demokrat."

"That's a disease," sed the Kurnel, "and I'm glad it aint kontagious. The wurd Demock-rasy haz becum almost az tainted az the wurd patriotism. How long have you had that disease?"

"It wuz born in me," I sed; "my daddy had it, and so did hiz daddy."

"Uv korse," replide the Kurnel, "it iz about the only way you can maik a Demokrat uv the modern type; but the race iz gittin' weaker and will sune be numbered with the mummies uv the past. But I'll be glad tu meet yoor friend, Ike Hawkins, when he cums."

I never wuz so surprized az I wuz tu find out that the Kurnel wuz a Soshialist. He told me they wuz a lot uv them in the army on both sides, but most uv 'em wuz careful about their shoot-in' and wuzent a killin uv ennybody. Well, I've writ enuff this time. I'll rite agin when Ike gits here. Yours trooly, Kurnel Tobe Spilkins, Diplomatt.

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Synopsis of Previous Chapters.

The story opens in the luxurious private offices of Isaac Flint, the Billionaire, and Maxim Waldron, his partner, who is engaged to marry Catherine Flint, the Billionaire's daughter. In their Wall Street lair, they are planning the conquest of the world. Flint, a man of steel and adamant, with but one vice—morphine—has conceived the idea that if he can extract the oxygen from the air, and make it an article of commerce, he can rule the world. Waldron, a debauchee and man about town, though secretly impressed, pretends to mock at the scheme. Flint summons Herzog, his "kept" scientist, and orders him to invent a process for doing the necessary work, and to report in a fortnight. In eleven days, Herzog telephones from the experiment station on Staten Island, that he is ready to exhibit his process. Flint calls at Waldron's Fifth Avenue palace, gets the gambler and roue out of bed, and with him goes in a motor-car to Staten Island. On the way they view their demesne of Manhattan, with all their toiling slaves, and plan what vast power will be theirs when their nefarious scheme is completed.

On the ferry-boat, going to Staten Island, they leave the car and stand by the rail of the boat, to discuss their scheme. A sturdy and intelligent workman, standing nearby, overhears something of their conversation, and keenly eyes them. Suspicious, they retreat again to the safety of their limousine. The sea-breeze, blowing aside the workman's coat, reveals a button with joined hands and the inscription: "Workers of the World, Unite!"

PART II.

CHAPTER V.

IN THE LABORATORY

HALF an hour's run down Staten Island, along smooth roads lined with sleepy little towns and through sparse woods beyond which sparkled the shining waters of the harbor, brought the two plutocrats to the quiet settlement of Oakwood Heights.

Now the blasé chauffeur swung the car sharply to the left, past the aviation-field, and so came to the wide-scattered settlement—almost a colony—which, hidden behind high, barb-wire-topped fences, carried on the many and complex activities of the partners' experiment-station. Here were the several laboratories where new products were evolved and old ones refined, for Flint's and Waldron's greater profit. Here stood a complete electric power-plant, for lighting and heating the works, as well as for current to use in the retorts and many powerful machines of the testing-works.

Here, again, were broad proving-grounds, for fuel and explosives; and, at one side, stood a low, skylighted group of brick buildings, known as the electro-chemical station. Dormitories and boarding-houses for the small army of employees occupied the eastern end of the enclosure, nearest the sea. Over all, high chimney-stacks and the aerials of a mighty wireless plant dominated the entire works. A private railroad-spur pierced the western side of the enclosure, for food and coal supplies, as well as for the handling of the numerous imports and exports of this wonderfully complete feudal domain. As the colony lay there basking in the sunshine of early spring, under its drifting streamers of smoke, it seemed an ideal picture of peaceful activities. Here a locomotive puffed, shunting cars; there, a steam-jet flung its plumes of snowy vapor into air; yonder, a steam-hammer thundered on a massive anvil. And forges rang, and through open windows hummed sounds of industry.

And yet, not one of all those sounds but echoed bitterer slavery for men. Not one of all those many activities but boded ill to humanity. For the whole plan and purpose of the place was the devising of still wider forms of human exploitation and enslavement. Its every motive was to serve the greed of Flint and Waldron. Outwardly honest and industrious, it inwardly loomed sinister and terrible, a type and symbol of its masters' swiftly growing power. Such, in its essence, was the great experiment station of these two men who lusted for dominion over the whole world.

As the long, glittering car drew up at the main gate of the enclosure, a sharp-eyed watchman peered through a sliding wicket therein. Satisfied by his inspection, he withdrew; and at once the big gate rolled back, smoothly actuated by electricity. The car purred onward, into the enclosure. When the gate had closed noiselessly behind it, the chauffeur ran it down a splendidly paved roadway, swung to the right, past the machine-shops, and drew it to a stand in front of the administration building.

Flint and his partner alighted, and stood for a moment surveying the scene with satisfaction. Then Flint turned to the chauffeur.

"Put the car in the garage," he directed. "We may not want it till afternoon."

The blasé one touched his cap and nodded, in obedience. Then, as the car withdrew, the partners ascended the broad steps.

"Good chap, that Herrick," commented Waldron, casting a glance at the retreating chauffeur. "Quick-witted, and mum. Give me a man who knows how to mind and keep still about it, every time!"

"Right," assented Flint. "Obedience is the first of all virtues, and the second is silence. Well, it looks to me as though we had the whole world coming our way, now, along that very same path of virtue. Once we get this air proposition really to working, the world will obey. It will have to! And as for silence, we can manage that, too. The mere turn of a valve, and —!"

Waldron smiled grimly, as though in derision of what he seemed to think his partner's chimerical hopes, but made no answer. Together they entered the administration building. Five minutes later, Herzog, their servile experimenter, stood bowing and cringing before them.

"Got it, Herzog?" demanded Flint, while Waldron lighted still another of those costly cigars—each one worth a good mechanic's daily wage.

"Yes, sir, I believe so, sir," the scientist replied, deprecatingly. "That is, at least, on a small scale. Two weeks was the time you allowed me, sir, but —"

"I know. You've done it in eleven days," interrupted the Billionaire. "Very well. I knew you could. You'll lose nothing by it. So no more of that. Show us what you've done. Everything all ready?"

"Quite ready, sir," the other answered. "If you'll be so good as to step into the electro-chemical building?"

Flint very graciously signified his willingness thus to condescend; and without delay, accompanied by the still incredulous Waldron, followed Herzog out of the administration building, through a covered passage and into the electro-chemical works.

A variety of strange odors and stranger sounds filled this large brick structure, windowless on every side and lighted only by broad skylights of milky wire-glass—this arrangement being due to the extreme secrecy of many processes here going forward. The partners had no intention that any spying eyes should ever so much as glimpse the work in this department; work involving foods, fuels, power, lighting, almost the entire range of the vast network of exploiting media they had already flung over a tired world.

"This way, gentlemen," ventured Herzog, pointing toward a metal door at the left of the main room. He unlocked this, which was guarded by a combination-lock, like that of a bank vault, and waited for them to enter; then closed it after them, and made quite sure the metal door was fast.

A peculiar, pungent smell greeted the partners' nostrils, as they glanced about the inner laboratory. At one side, an electric furnace was glowing, with graphite crucibles subjected to terrific heat. On the other a dynamo was humming. Before them, a broad, tiled bench held a strange assortment of test tubes, retorts and complex apparatus of glass and gleaming metal. The whole was lighted by a strong white light from above, through the milk-hued glass—one of Herzog's own inventions, by the way; a wonderful, light-

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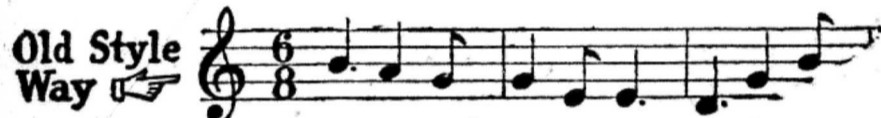
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"Is that it?" demanded Flint, a glitter lighting up his morphia-contracted pupils. He jerked his thumb at a complicated nexus of tubes, brass cylinders, coiled wires and glistening retorts which stood at one end of the broad work-bench.

"That is it, sir," answered Herzog, apologetically, while "Tiger" Waldron's hard face hardened even more. "Only an experimental model, you understand, sir, but —"

"It gets results?" queried Flint, sharply. "It produces oxygen and nitrogen on a scale that indicates success, with adequate apparatus?"

"Yes, sir. I believe so, sir. No doubt about it; none whatever."

"Good!" exclaimed the Billionaire. "Now, show us!"

"With pleasure, sir. But first, let me explain, a little."

"Well, what?" demanded Flint. His partner, meanwhile, had drawn near the apparatus, and was studying it with a most intense concentration. Plain to see, beneath this man's foppish exterior and affected cynicism, dwelt powerful purposes and keen intelligence.

"Explain what?" repeated the Billionaire. "As far as details go, I'm not interested. All I want is results. Go ahead, Herzog; start your machine and let me see what it can do."

"I will, sir," acceded the scientist. "But first, with your permission, I'll point out a few of its main features, and —"

"Damn the main features!" cried Flint. "Get busy with the demonstration!"

"Hold on, hold on," now interrupted Waldron. "Let him discontinue, if he wants to. Ever know a scientist who wasn't primed to the muzzle with expositions? Here, Herzog," he added, turning to the inventor, "I'll listen, if nobody else will."

Undecided, Herzog smiled nervously. Even Flint had to laugh at his indecision.

"All right, go on," said the Billionaire. "Only for God's sake, make it brief!"

Herzog, thus adjured, cleared his throat and blinked uneasily.

"Oxygen," said he. "Yes, I can produce it, quickly, easily and in large quantities. As a gas, or as a liquid, which can be shipped to any desired point, and there transformed into gaseous form. Liquid air can also be produced by this same machine, for refrigerating purposes. You understand, of course, that when liquid air evaporates, it is only the nitrogen that goes back into the atmosphere at 313° below zero. The residue is pure liquid oxygen. In other words, this

apparatus will make money as a liquid-air plant, and furnish you oxygen as a by-product.

"It will also turn out nitrogen, for fertilizing purposes. The income from a full-sized machine, on this pattern, from all three sources, should be very large indeed."

"Good," put in Waldron. "And liquid air, for example, would cost how much to produce?"

"With power-cost at half a cent a H. P. hour, about \$2.50 a ton. The oxygen by-product alone will more than pay for that, in purifying and cooling buildings, or used to promote combustion in locomotives and other steam-engines. The liquid air itself can be used as a motive power for a certain type of expansion-engine, or —"

"There, there, that's enough!" interposed Flint, brusquely. "We don't need any of your advice or suggestions, Herzog. As far as the disposal of the product is concerned, we can take care of that. All we want from you is the assurance that that product can be obtained, easily and cheaply, and in unlimited quantities. Is that the case?"

"It is, sir."

"All right. And can liquid oxygen be easily transported any considerable distance?"

"Yes, sir. In what is known as Place's Vacuum-jacketed Insulated Container, it can be kept for weeks at a time, without any appreciable loss."

Flint pondered a moment, then asked, again:

"Could large tanks, holding, say, a million gallons, be built on that principle, for wholesale storage? And could vacuum-jacketed pipes be laid, for conveying liquid oxygen or its gas?"

"No reason why not, sir. Yes, I may say all that that is quite feasible."

"Very well, then," snapped Flint. "That's enough, for the present. Now, show us your machine at work! Start it, Herzog. Let's see what you can do!"

The Billionaire's eyes glittered as Herzog laid a hand on a gleaming switch. Even Waldron forgot to smoke.

"Gentlemen, observe," said Herzog, as he threw the lever.

CHAPTER VI.

OXYGEN, KING OF INTOXICATORS

A SOFT humming note began to vibrate through the inner laboratory — a note which rose in pitch, steadily, as Herzog shoved the lever from one copper post to another, round the half-circle.

"I am now heating the little firebrick furnace," said the scientist. "In Norway, they use an alternating current of only 5000 volts, between water-cooled copper electrodes, as I have already told you. I am using 30,000 volts, and my electrodes, my own invention, are —"

"Never mind!" growled Flint.

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Herzog, with a pained smile, bent and peered through a red glass bull's-eye that now had begun to glow in the side of his apparatus.

"The arc is good," he muttered, as to himself. "Now, I will throw in the electro-magnets and spread it; then switch in my intensifying condenser, and finally set the turbine fans to work, to throw air through the field. Then we shall see, we shall see!"

Suiting the action to the words, he deftly touched here a button, there a lever; and all at once a shrill buzzing rose above the lower drone of the induction-coils.

"Gentlemen," said Herzog, straightening up and facing his employers, "the process is now already at work. In five minutes—yes, in three—I shall have results to show you!"

"Good!" grunted Waldron. "That's all we're after, results. That's the only way you hold your job, Herzog, just getting results!"

He relighted his cigar, which had gone out during Herzog's explanation—for "Tiger" Waldron, though he could drop thousands at roulette without turning a hair, never yet had been known to throw away a cigar less than half-smoked. Flint, meanwhile, took out a little morocco-covered note-book and made a few notes. In this book he had kept an outline of his plan from the very first; and now with pleasure he added some memoranda, based on what Herzog had just told him, as well as observations on the machine itself.

Thus, two minutes passed, then three.

"Time's up, Herzog!" exclaimed Waldron, glancing at the electric clock on the wall. "Where's the juice?"

"One second, sir," answered the scientist. Again he peered through the glowing bull's-eye. Then, his face slightly pale, his bulging eyes blinking nervously, he took two small flint-glass bottles, set them under a couple of pipettes, and deftly made connections.

"Oxygen cocktail for mine," laughed Waldron, to cover a certain emotion he could not help feeling at sight of the actual operation of a process which might after all, open out ways and means for the utter subjugation of the world.

Neither Flint nor the inventor vouchsafed even a smile. The Billionaire drew near, adjusted a pair of pince-nez on his hawk-like nose, and peered curiously at the apparatus. Herzog, with a quick gesture, turned a small silver faucet.

"Oxygen! Unlimited oxygen!" he exclaimed. "I have found the process, gentlemen, commercially practicable. Oxygen!"

Even as he spoke, a lambent, sparkling liquid began to flow through the pipette, into the flask. At sight of it, the Billionaire's eyes lighted up with triumph. Waldron, despite his assumed nonchalance, felt the hunting-thrill of Wall Street, the quick stab of exultation when victory seemed well in hand.

"These bottles," said Herzog, "are double, constructed on the principle of the Thermos bottle. They will keep the liquid gases I shall show you, for days. Huge tanks could be built on the same principle. In a short time, gentlemen, you can handle tons of these gases, if you like—thousands of tons, unlimited tons.

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He turned the faucet, disconnected the flask and handed it to Flint.

"There, sir," he remarked, "is a half-pint of pure liquid oxygen, drawn from the air in less than eight minutes, at a cost of perhaps two-tenths of a cent. On a large scale the cost can be vastly re-

duced. Are you satisfied, sir?" Flint nodded, curtly.

"You'll do, Herzog," he replied—his very strongest form of commendation. "You're not half bad, after all. So this is liquid oxygen, eh? Very cheap, and very cold?"

His eyes gleamed with joy at sight of the translucent potent stuff—the very stuff of life, its essence and prime principle, without which neither plant nor animal nor man can live—oxygen, mother of all life, sustainer of the world.

"Very cheap, yes, sir," answered the scientist. "And cold, enormously cold. The specimen you hold in your hand, in that vacuum-protected flask, is more than three hundred degrees below zero. One drop of it on your palm would burn it to the bone. Incidentally, let me tell you another fact—"

"And that is?" "This specimen is the allotropic or condensed form of oxygen, much more powerful than the usual liquified gas."

"Ozone, you mean?" "Precisely. Would you like to sense its effect as a ventilating agent?"

"No danger?" "None, sir. Here, allow me." Herzog took the flask, pressed a little spring and liberated the top. At once a whitish vapor began to coil from the neck of the bottle.

"Hm!" grunted Waldron, smiling. "Mountain winds and

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sea-breezes have nothing on that!" He sniffed with appreciation. "Some gas, all right!"

"You're right, Wally," answered the Billionaire. "If this works out on a large scale, in all its details—well—I needn't impress its importance on you!"

Yielding to the influence of the wonderful, life-giving gas, the rather close air of the laboratory, contaminated by a variety of chemical odors, had begun to freshen and purify itself in an astonishing manner. One would have thought that through an open window, close at hand, the purest ocean breeze was blowing. A faint tinge of color began to liven the somewhat pasty cheek of the Billionaire. Waldron's big chest expanded and his eye brightened. Even the meek Herzog stood straighter and looked more the man, under the stimulus of the life-giving ozone.

"Fine!" exclaimed Flint, with unwonted enthusiasm, and nearly yielded to a laugh. Waldron went so far as to slap Herzog on the shoulder.

"You're some wizard, old man!" he exclaimed, with a warmth hitherto never known by him—for already the subtle gas was beginning to intoxicate his senses. "And you can handle nitrogen with the same ease and precision?"

"Exactly," answered Herzog. "This other vial contains pure nitrogen. With enlarged apparatus, I can supply it by the train-load. The world's fertilizer problem is solved!"

"Great work!" ejaculated Waldron, even more excited than before; but Flint, his natural dourness asserting itself, merely growled some ungracious remark.

"Nitrogen can go hang," said he. "It's the oxygen we're after, primarily. Once we get our grip on that, the world will be——"

Waldron checked him, just in time. "Enough of this," he interrupted sharply. "I admit, I'm not myself, in this rich atmosphere. I know you're feeling it, already, Flint. Come along out of this, where we can regain our aplomb. We've seen enough, for once."

He turned to Herzog. "For God's sake, man," cried he, "cork that magic bottle of yours, before all the oxygen-genii escape, or you'll have us both under the table!

And, see here," he added, pulling out his check book, while Flint stared in amazed disgust. "Here, take a blank check." He took his fountain-pen and scrawled his name on one. "The amount? That's up to you. Now, let us out," he bade, as Herzog stood there regarding the check with blank incomprehension. "Out, I say, before I get extravagant!"

Herzog, perfectly comprehending the magnates' unusual conduct as due to oxygen-intoxication in its initial stage, made no comment, but walked to the door, spun the combination and flung it open.

"Glad to have had the pleasure of demonstrating the process to you, gentlemen," said he. "If you're convinced it's practicable, I'm at your orders for any larger extension of the work. Have you any other question or suggestion?"

Neither magnate answered. Flint was trying hard to hold his self-control. Waldron, red-faced now and highly stimulated, looked as though he had been drinking even more than usual.

Both passed out of the laboratory with rather unsteady steps. Together they retraced their way to the administration building; and there, safe at last in the private inner office, with the door locked, they sat down and stared at each other with expressions of amazement.

CHAPTER VII.

A FREAK OF FATE

WALDRON was the first to speak. With a sudden laugh, boisterous and wild, he cried:

"Flint, you old scoundrel, you're drunk!"

"Drunk, yourself!" retorted the Billionaire, half starting from his chair, his fist clenched in sudden passion. "How dare you ——?"

"Dare? I dare anything!" exclaimed Waldron. "Yes, I admit it—I am half seas over. That ozone—God! what a stimulant! Must be some wonderfully powerful form. If we—could market it ——"

Flint sank back in his chair, waving an extravagant hand.

"Market it?" he answered. "Of course we can market it, and will! Drunk or sober, Wally, I know what I'm talking about. The power now in our grasp has never yet been equalled on earth. On the one side, we can half-stifle every non-subscriber to our service, or wholly stifle every rebel against us. On the other, we can simply saturate every subscriber with health and energy, or even—if they want it—waft them to paradise on the wings of ozone. The old Roman idea of 'bread and circus' to rule the mob, was child's-play compared to this! Science has delivered the whole world into our hands. Power, man, power! Absolute, infinite power over every living, breathing thing!"

He fell silent, pondering the vast future; and Waldron, gazing at him with sparkling eyes, nodded with keen satisfaction. Thus for a few moments they sat, looking at each other and letting imagination run riot; and as they sat, the sudden, stimulating effect of the condensed oxygen died in their blood, and calmer feelings ensued.

Presently Waldron spoke again.

"Let's get down to brass tacks," said he, drawing his chair up to the table. "I'm almost myself, again. The subtle stuff has got out of my brain, at last. Generalities and day-dreams are all very well, Flint, but we've got to lay out some definite line of campaign. And the sooner we get to it the better."

"Hm!" sneered Flint. "If it's not more practical than your action in giving Herzog that blank check, it won't be worth much. As an extravagant action, Wally, I've never seen it equalled. I'm astonished, indeed I am!"

Waldron laughed easily.

"Don't worry," he assured his partner. "That temporary aberration of judgment, due to oxygen-stimulus, will have no results. Herzog won't dare fill out the check, anyhow, because he knows he'd get into trouble if he did; and even though he should, he can collect nothing. I'll have payment stopped, at once, on that number. No danger, Flint!"

"I don't know," mused the Billionaire. "It may be that this man has us just a little under his thumb. He, and he alone, understands the process. We've got to treat him with due consideration, or he may leave us and carry his secret to others—to Masterson, for instance, or the Amalgamated people, or ——"

"Nothing doing on that, old man!" interrupted "Tiger." "Have no fear. The first move he makes, off to Sing-Sing he goes, the way we jobbed Parker Hay. Slade and the Cosmos Agency can take care of him, all right, if he asserts himself!"

"Very likely," answered Flint, who had now at last entirely recovered his sang-froid. "But in that event, our work would be at a standstill. No, Flint, we mustn't oppose this fellow. Better let the check go through, if he has nerve enough to fill it out and cash it. He won't dare gouge very deep; and no matter what he takes, it won't be a drop in the ocean, compared to the golden flood now almost within our grasp!"

Waldron pondered, a moment, then nodded assent.

"All right. Correct," he finally answered. "So then, we can dismiss that trifle from our minds. Now, to work! We've got the process we were after. What next?"

"First of all," answered the Billionaire, "we'll let this Herzog understand that he's to have no share in the results; that in this, as in everything so far, he's merely a tool—and that when tools lose their cutting edge

we break 'em. He's a meek devil. We can hold him easily enough."

"Right. And then?" asked Waldron. "Then? First of all, a good, big, wide-sweeping publicity-campaign. That must begin today, to prepare opinion for the forthcoming development of the new idea."

"Henderson can handle that, all right," said Wally, leaning forward in his chair. "Give him the idea, and turn him loose, and he'll get results. A clever dog, that. He and his press-bureau, working through all the big dailies and many of the magazines, can turn this country upside down in six months. Let him get on this job, and before you know it the public will be demanding, be fighting for a chance to subscribe to the new ventilating-service. That part of it is easy!"

"Yes, you're right," replied Flint. "We'll see Henderson no later than this afternoon. He and his writers can lay out a series of popular articles and advertisements, to be run as pure reading matter with no distinguishing mark that they are ads, which will get the country—the whole world, in fact—coming our way."

"Good," the other assented. "Meantime, we can begin installing oxygen-machines on a big scale, a huge scale, to supply the demand that's bound to arise. Where do you think we'd best manufacture? Herzog says water-power is the correct thing. We might use Niagara—use some of the surplus power we already own there."

"Niagara would do, very well," answered Flint. He had once more taken out his little morocco-covered note-book, and was now jotting down some further memoranda. "It's a good location. Pipe-lines could easily be extended, from it, to cover practically a quarter to a third of the United States. Eventually we'll put in another plant in Chicago, one in Denver and one on the Pacific Coast. Then, in time, there must be distributing-centers in Europe, Africa, Asia and Australia. But for the present, we'll begin with the Niagara plant. After we get that under full operation, the others will develop in due course of time."

"Our charter covers this new line of work. There will be no need of any legal technicalities," said Waldron, with a smile. "Some charter, if I do say it, who shouldn't. I drew it, you remember. Nothing much in the way of possible business-extension got past me!"

Flint nodded. "You're right," he answered. "Nothing stands in our way, now. Positively nothing. We have land, power and capital without limit. We have the process. We control press, law, courts, judges, military and every other form of government. All we need look out for is to secure public confidence and keep the bandage on the eyes of the world till our system is actually in operation—then there will be no redress, no come-back, no possible rebellion. As I've already said, Wally, we'll have the whole world by the wind-pipe; and let the mob howl then, if they dare!"

"Yes, let 'em howl!" chimed in "Tiger," with a snarl that proved his nickname no misnomer. "Inside of a year, we'll have them all where we want them. You were right, Flint, when you called oil, coal, iron and all the rest of it mere petty activities. Air—ah! that's the talk! Once we get the air under our control, we're emperors of all life!"

His words rang frank and bold, but something in his look, as he blinked at his partner, might have given Flint cause for uneasiness, had the Billionaire noticed that oblique and dangerous glance. One might have read therein some shifty and devious plan of Waldron's to dominate even Flint himself, to rule the master or to wreck him, and to seize in his own hands the reins of universal power. But Flint, bending over his note-book and making careful memoranda, saw nothing of all this.

Waldron, an inveterate smoker, lighted a fresh cigar, leaned back, surveyed his partner and indulged in a short

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inner laugh, which hardly curved his cruel lips, but which hardened still more those pale-blue, steely eyes of his.

"All right," said he, at last. "Enough of this, Flint. Let's get back to town, now, and have a conference with Henderson. That's the first step. By tonight, the whole campaign of publicity must be mapped out. Come, come; you can finish your memoranda later. I'm impatient to be back in Wall Street. Come along!"

Five minutes later, having left orders that Herzog was to attend upon them in their private offices, next morning, they had ordered the limousine and were making way along the hard road toward the gate of the enclosure.

The gate opened to let them pass, then swung and locked again, behind them. At a good clip, the powerful car picked up speed on the homeward way. The two magnates, exultant and flushed with the consciousness of coming victory, lolled in the deeply-cushioned seat and spoke of power.

As they swung past the aviation-field and neared the Oakwood Heights station, a train pulled out. Down the road came tramping a workingman in overalls and jumper, with a canvas bag of tools swinging from his brawny right hand. As he walked, striding along with splendid energy, he whistled to himself—no cheap ragtime air, but Handel's Largo, with an appreciation which bespoke musical feeling of no common sort.

The Billionaire caught sight of him, just as the car slowed to take the sharp turn by the station. Instant recognition followed. Flint's eyes narrowed sharply.

"Hm! The same fellow," he grunted to himself. "The same rascal who stood beside us on the ferry-boat, as we were talking over our plans. Now, what the devil?"

Shadowed by a kind of instinctive uneasiness, not yet definite or clear but more in the nature of a premonition of trouble, Flint gazed fixedly at the mechanic as the car swung round the bend in the road. The glance was returned.

Yielding to some kind of imperative curiosity, the Billionaire leaned over the side of the car—leaned out, with his coat flapping in the stiff wind—and for a moment peered back at the disquieting workman.

Then the car swept him out of sight, and Flint resumed his seat again.

He did not know—for he had not seen it happen—that in that moment the slippery, leather-covered note-book had slid from his lolling coat pocket and had fallen with a sharp slap on the white macadam, skidded along and come to rest in the ditch.

The workingman, however, who had paused and turned to look after the speeding car, he had seen all this.

A moment he stood there, peering. Then, retracing his steps with resolution he picked up the little book and slid it into the pocket of his jeans.

Deserted was the road. Not a soul was to be seen, save the crossing flag-man, musing in his chair beside his little hut, quite oblivious to everything but a rank cob pipe. The workman's act had not been seen.

Nobody had observed him. Nobody knew. Not a living creature had witnessed the slight deed on which, by a strange freak of fate, the history of the world was yet to turn.

CHAPTER VIII.

ONE UNBIDDEN, SHARES GREAT SECRETS

IMMEDIATELY on discovering his loss—which was soon after having reached his office—Flint, in something like a fright, telephoned down to the Oakwood Heights laboratory and instructed Herzog, in person, to make a careful search for it and to report results inside an hour. Even though some of the essentials of his plan were written in a code of his own devising, Flint paled before the possible results should the book fall into the hands of anybody intelligent enough to fathom its meaning.

"Damn the luck!" he ejaculated, pacing the office floor, his fists knotted. "If it had been a pocket-book with a few thousand inside, that would have been a trifle. But to lose my plan of campaign—God grant no harm may come of it!"

Waldron, slyly observing him, could not suppress a smile.

"Calling on God, eh?" sneered he. "You must be agitated. I haven't heard that kind of entreaty on your lips, Flint, since the year of the big coal-strike, when you prayed God the gunmen might 'get' the strikers before they could organize. Come, come, man, brace up! Your book will turn up, all right; and even if it doesn't there's no cause for alarm. It would take a man of extraordinary acumen to read your hieroglyphics! Cheer up, Flint. There's really nothing to excite you."

The Billionaire, thus adjured, sat down and tried to calm his agitation.

"Rotten luck, eh?" he queried. "But after all, Herzog is likely to find the book. And even if he doesn't, I guess we're safe enough. The very boldness of the plan—supposing even that the finder could grasp it—would put it outside the seeming range of the possible. It's hardly a one to a hundred shot any harm may come of it."

"All right, then, let it go at that," said Waldron. "And now, to business. Suppose, for example, you've got a perfectly unlimited supply of oxygen-gas and liquid. How are you going to market it? Just what details have you worked out?"

Flint pondered a moment, before replying. At last he said:

"Of course you understand, Wally, I can't give you every point. The whole thing will be an evolution, and new ideas and processes, new uses and demands will develop as time passes. But in the main, my idea is this: The big producing-stations will steadily extract oxygen from the atmosphere, thus leaving the air increasingly poorer and less adapted to sustaining human life.

"I shall store the oxygen in vast tanks, like the ordinary gas-tanks to be found in every city, only much bigger. These tanks will be fed by pipe-lines from the central stations, thus."

Flint drew toward him a sheet of his heavily embossed letter-paper, and, picking up a pencil, began to sketch a rough diagram. Waldron, making no comment, followed every stroke with keen interest.

"From these tanks," the Billionaire continued, "smaller pipes will convey the gaseous oxygen to every house taking our service."

"Just like ordinary gas?"

"Precisely. Each room will be fitted with an oxygen jet apparatus, something like a gas-burner, with a safety-device to prevent over-supply and avoid the dangers of combustion."

"Combustion?"

"Yes. In pure oxygen, a glowing bit of wire will burst into flame. Your cigar, there, would catch fire, from the merest spark in its inmost folds. Too much oxygen in a room not only intoxicates the occupants—we've already seen that effect—but also develops a great fire-risk. So we shall have to make some provision for that, Wally. It will be absolutely essential."

"All right. Allowing it's been made, what then?" asked "Tiger," with extraordinary interest.

"Can't you see? We'll have every household under our absolute thumb?" And Flint pressed his thumb on the table, to illustrate. "My God, man, think of it! Every city honeycombed by our pipes—yes, and every village and hamlet too, and even every farm house that can afford it! At first, the cost will be very low, till people have become accustomed to ozone as they are to water. The whole ventilation problem will be solved, at once and for all time. Where we can't pipe in the ozone, we can use portable vaporizers, to be supplied once a month, and of sufficient capacity to keep the air of an average-sized house perfectly pure for thirty days.

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Let me send you a "1900 Gravity" Washer on a month's free trial. I'll pay the freight out of my own pocket, and if you don't want the machine after you've used it a month, I'll take it back and pay the freight, too. Surely that is fair enough, isn't it?

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"Bunk!" sneered Wally. "That's all very well for your prospectuses and newspaper articles, old man, but the fact is we don't give a damn whether it helps the world or wrecks it. We're out for money and power. My motto is, Get 'em and do good, if you can—but get 'em, anyhow! So you had better can the philanthropic part of it. Just show me the cash, and you can have all the credit!"

Flint shot a grim look at his partner, then continued:

"Don't be flippant, Wally. This is a serious business and must be treated as such. In addition to the respiratory service, we can put in water-cooling and refrigerating services, at low cost, also cold-pipes for cooling houses in summer. In fine, we can immeasurably add to the health and comfort of the better classes; and can at last have everybody using our gas, which, registering through our own sealed meters, will flood us with wealth so vast as to make that of these Standard Oil piffers look like the proverbial thirty cents!"

"Fine!" exclaimed Waldron, nodding approval. "Also, any time any rebellion develops, we can merely shut off the supply in that quarter, and quickly reduce it. Or, again, we can increase the potency of the gas, and fairly intoxicate the people, till they stand for anything. Just fancy, now, our pipes connected with the sacred Halls of Congress and with the White House! Even if any difficulty could possibly be expected from these sources, just imagine how quickly we could nip it in the bud!"

"Quickly isn't the word, Wally," answered the Billionaire. "I tell you, old man, the world lies in our hands, to-day. And we have only to close our fingers, in order to possess it!"

He glanced at his own fingers, as though he visibly perceived the great world lying there for him to squeeze. Waldron's eyes, following the Billionaire's, saw that Flint's hand was trembling, and understood the reason. More than three hours had passed—nay, almost four—since Flint had had any opportunity to take his necessary dose of morphia. Waldron arose, paced to the window and stood there looking out over the vast panorama of city, river and harbor, apparently absorbed in contemplation, but really keen to hear what Flint might do.

His expectations were not disappointed. Hardly had he turned his back, when he heard the desk-drawer open, furtively, and knew the Billionaire was taking out the little vial of white tablets, dearer to him than ever the caress of woman to a Don Juan. A moment later, the drawer closed again.

"He'll do now, for a while," thought Waldron, with satisfaction. "Let him go the limit, if he likes—the fool! The more he takes, the quicker I win. It'll kill him yet, the dope will. And that means, my mastery of the world will be complete. Let him go it! The harder, the better!"

He turned back toward Flint, again, veiling in that impenetrable face of his the slightest hint of expression that might have told Flint that he understood the Billionaire's vice. If Flint were Vulture, Waldron was Tiger, indeed. And so, for a brief moment, these two soulless men of gold and power stood eyeing each other, in silence.

Suddenly Waldron spoke.

"There's one thing you've forgotten to speak of, Flint," said he.

"And that is?" demanded the other, already calmed by the quick action of the subtle, enslaving drug.

"The effect on the world's poor—on the toiling millions! The results of this innovation, in slum, and slave-quarter, and in the haunts of poverty! Your talk has all been of the middle

and upper classes, and of the benefits accruing to them, from increased oxygen-consumption. But how about the others? Every ounce of oxygen you take out of the air, leaves it just so much poorer. Store thousands of tons of the life-giving gas, in monster tanks, and you vitiate the entire atmosphere. How about that? How can even the well-to-do breathe, then, out-doors, to say nothing of the poverty-stricken millions?"

Flint grimaced, showing a glint of his gold tooth—his substitute for a smile.

"That's all reckoned for," he answered. "I thought I made it quite clear, in our previous talk. To begin with, we will withdraw the oxygen from the atmosphere so slowly that at first there won't be any noticeable effect on the outdoor air. For a while, the only thing that will be noticed by the world will be that our gas service, to private residences and institutions, will result in greatly increased comfort and health

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Waldron nodded, as he drew leisurely on his cigar.

"Practical to a degree," he answered. "That is, until the poor begin to gasp for breath. But what then?"

"By the time the outer atmosphere really begins to show the effect of withdrawing a considerable percentage of the oxygen," Flint answered, "we will have our pocket respirators on the market. Well-to-do people will as soon think of going out without their shoes, as they will without their respirators. No, there won't be any visible tubes or attachments, Wally. Nothing of that kind. Only, each person will carry a properly insulated cake of solidified oxygen that will evaporate through

the special apparatus and surround him with a normally rich atmosphere. And —"

"Yes, but the poor? The workers? What of them?"

"Devil take them, if it comes to that!" retorted Flint, with some heat. "Who ever gives them any serious attention, as it is? Who bothers about their health? They eat and drink and breathe the leavings, anyhow—eat the cheapest and most adulterated food, drink the vilest slop and breathe the most vitiated slum air. Nobody cares, except perhaps those crazy Socialists that once in a while get up on the street-corner and howl about the rights of man and all that rubbish! Working-class? What do I care about the cattle? Let them die, if they want to! D'you suppose, for one minute, I'm going to limit or delay this big innovation, because there's a working-class that may suffer?"

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phere. They'll die!"

"Well, let them, and be damned to them!" retorted Flint, already showing symptoms of drug-stimulation. Waldron, smoking meanwhile, eyed him with a dangerous smile lurking in his cold eyes. "Let them, I say! They die off, now, twice or thrice as fast as the better classes, but what difference does it make? Great breeders, those people are. The more they die, the faster they multiply. Let them go their way and do as they like, so long as they don't interfere with us! The only really important factor to reckon on is this, that with an impoverished air to breathe, their rebellious spirit will die out—the dogs!—and we'll have no more talk of social revolution. We'll draw their teeth, all right enough; or rather, twist the bowstring round their damned necks so tight that all their energy, outside of work, will be consumed in just keeping alive. Revolution, then? Forget it, Waldron! We'll kill that viper once and for all!"

"Good idea, Flint," the other replied, with approbation. "Only a mastermind like yours could have conceived it. I'm with you, all right enough. Only, tell me—do you really believe we can put this whole program through, without a hitch? Without a leak, anywhere? Without barricades in the streets, wild-eyed agitators howling, machine-guns chattering, and Hell to pay?"

Flint smiled grimly. "Wait and see!" he growled. "Maybe you're right," his partner answered. "But slow and easy is the only way."

"Slow and easy," Flint assented. "Of course we can't go too fast. In 1850, for example, do you suppose the public would have tolerated the sudden imposition of monopolies? Hardly! But now they lie down under them, and even vote and fight to keep them! So, too, with this new Air Trust. Time will show you I'm right."

Waldron glanced at his watch. "Long past lunch-time, Flint," said he. "Enough of this, for now. And this afternoon, I've got that D. K. & E. directors' meeting on hand. When shall we go on with our plans, and get down to specific details?"

"This evening, say?"

"Very well. At my house?"

"No. Too noisy. Run out to Englewood, to mine. We'll be quiet there. And come early, Waldron. We've no end of things to discuss. The quicker we get the actual work under way, now, the better. You can see Catherine, too. Isn't that an inducement?"

Thus ended the conference. It resumed, that night, in Flint's luxurious study at "Idle Hour," his superb estate on the Palisades. Waldron paid only a

perfunctory court to Catherine, who manifested her pleasure by studied indifference. Both magnates felt relieved when she withdrew. They had other and larger matters under way than any dealing with the amenities of life.

Until past midnight the session in the study lasted, under the soft glow of the Billionaire's reading-light. And many choice cigars were smoked, many sheets of paper covered with diagrams and calculations, many vast schemes of conquest expanded, ere the two masters said good-night and separated.

At the very hour of Waldron's leave-taking, another man was pondering deeply, studying the problem from quite another angle, and—no less earnestly than the two magnates—laying careful plans.

This man, sturdy, well-built and keen, smoked an old briar as he worked. A flannel shirt, open at the throat, showed a well-sinewed neck and powerful chest. Under the harsh glare of a paper-shaded oil lamp in his room, at the electricians' quarters of the Oakwood Heights enclosure, one could see the deep lines of thought and careful study crease his high and prominent brow.

From time to time he gazed out through the open window, off toward the whispering lines of surf on the eastern shores of Staten Island—the surf forever talking, forever striving to give its mystic message to the unheeding ear of man. And as he gazed, his blue eyes narrowed with the intensity of his thought. Once, as though some sudden understanding had come to him, he smote the pine table with a corded fist, and swore below his breath. It was past two in the morning when he finally rose, stretched, yawned and made ready for sleep on his hard iron bunk.

"Can it be?" he muttered, as he undressed. "Can it be possible, or am I dreaming? No—this is no dream! This is reality; and thank God, I understand!"

Then, before he extinguished his lamp, he took from the table the material he had been studying over, and put it beneath his pillow, where he could guard it safe till morning.

The thing he thus protected was none other than a small notebook, filled with diagrams, jottings and calculations, and bound in red morocco covers.

That night, at Englewood—in the Billionaire's home—and in the workman's simple room at Oakwood Heights, history was being made.

The outcome, tragic and terrible, who could have foreseen?

(To be continued.)

It's a Long, Long Way to Tipperary

By Kate Richards O'Hare

According to despatches that have been going the rounds of the press, New York, Philadelphia and Holland capitalists plan to bring fifty thousand or more Belgians to Oklahoma. The project includes the building of a railroad between Muskogee and Oklahoma City, a distance of one hundred and seventy-two miles, and the establishment of towns and villages along the right of way.

Again in 1915 will the slave ships plow the waters of the Atlantic bearing their burden of human flesh as did the slave ships of 1715. The only difference will be that the modern slave ships will carry white slaves who think they are free, and the slave ships of 1715 carried black men who knew that they were slaves. The black slaves wore chains of iron, and the white slaves will wear chains of debt.

From the war-cursed hell of Belgium the banker-landlords are planning to recruit a race of tenant slaves just as the landlords of the South two hundred years ago recruited their army of chattel slaves from the ravaged coast of Africa.

The Christian spirit that actuates the bankers to rescue the poverty stricken, war-cursed Belgian farmers and bring them to Oklahoma to share the blessings of our Christian nation, is exactly the same Christian motive that actuated the Yankee slave traders from New England to cap-

ture the poor, benighted heathen negro from his native land and bring him hither that he might enjoy the blessings of our revealed religion.

Our Puritan forefathers loved the negro and wanted to save his eternal soul (and also coveted the price the negro would bring in the Southern slave market.) The Southern planter loved the negro and wanted to bring to him the blessings of the Christian religion (but he needed a good, husky slave who would work his sugar and cotton plantations), so the Christian institution of slave trading was established with hymns and psalms and prayers for the glory of God, the good of the negro's soul and the fattening of the pocketbooks of the Yankee slave trader and the Southern plantation owner.

The American bankers love the Belgian farmers; they want to rescue them from the horrors of war and give them the blessings of our Christian nation. No doubt about it! But the banker-landlords also need a new race of slaves to the "niggerhoe" and cottonsack. The present tenant farmers of Oklahoma are getting decidedly unsatisfactory to the banker-landlord class. Years of underfeeding and overwork, years of working the mothers right up to the time of delivery and putting the children at the end of a "niggerhoe" and cottonsack at five years, has fed the smouldering fires of rebellion; long years of grinding poverty and the killing struggle to survive has about spoilt the males for voting purposes. There is no doubt that the most serious drawback to native Oklahoma tenant farmer is the fact that he is an American citizen and has the right to vote. These ungodly, impious, unregenerate scoundrels are actually beginning to rebel against the divinely appointed state in which our Christian nation and revealed religion has placed them. They are voting the Socialist ticket frequently and muchly and seriously threaten to capture the state of Oklahoma politically, and overturn our sacred institutions by establishing a landlordless, slaveless system of collective production and distribution. How natural then that the patriotic, Christian bankers should seek to sustain the divine law of slave and master by importing a new class of slaves; slaves that are strong and sturdy because they have been well fed; slaves that are helpless because they have been robbed of all their possessions by a brutal war; slaves that will be servile because they will feel that they have been charitably rescued from the hell of war; slaves that can not vote because they are not citizens and who can not be seduced by Godless socialist agitators because they can not speak the language of the country! The bankers feel that this charitable scheme to colonize the

penniless Belgian farmers on Oklahoma tenant farms will serve a double purpose: It will have a tendency to rid the state of a group of tenant farmers rebellious against the capitalist system and by reason of their citizenship able to vote for its overthrow, and it will give the banker-landlords of the state a farming class strong and sturdy physically, alien and penniless and therefore helpless to protest against exploitation; voteless and therefore doubly satisfactory and profitable.

True, a lot of wornout, dispossessed farmers will be driven off the land, they will have no place to go and no means to go if they had, no doubt many of them will starve, but never mind--"God wills it so" and we must not interfere with the workings of "sweet charity."

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CAUSE AND EFFECT
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Prof. Arthur James Todd, Ph.D., department of sociology, University of Illinois, asserts that there are from 10,000,000 to 20,000,000 people in the United States who are constantly down at the poverty line, many of them constantly below it. Further, he states, that "although it may shock our national vanity, it is true nevertheless, that from 20 to 30 percent of our fellow Americans are living constantly below a physical efficiency minimum, and that even a higher percentage do not receive an income sufficient to maintain either economic or social efficiency."

Joseph A. Parks of the Massachusetts Industrial Accident Board made the statement before the American Association of Labor Legislation that "Statistics show that there are 19,000,000 men in the United States who with their families represent 60,000,000 population who receive an average wage of less than \$500 per year" The New York State Confer-

ence of Charities and Corrections declares that \$825 per year is the absolutely necessary income to maintain a working class family of five in physical and economic efficiency. More than 60,000,000 people in the United States live \$325 a year below a physical and economic minimum.

Prof. Guyer of the University of Wisconsin gives us the results. He says: "There are more insane persons in the asylums of the

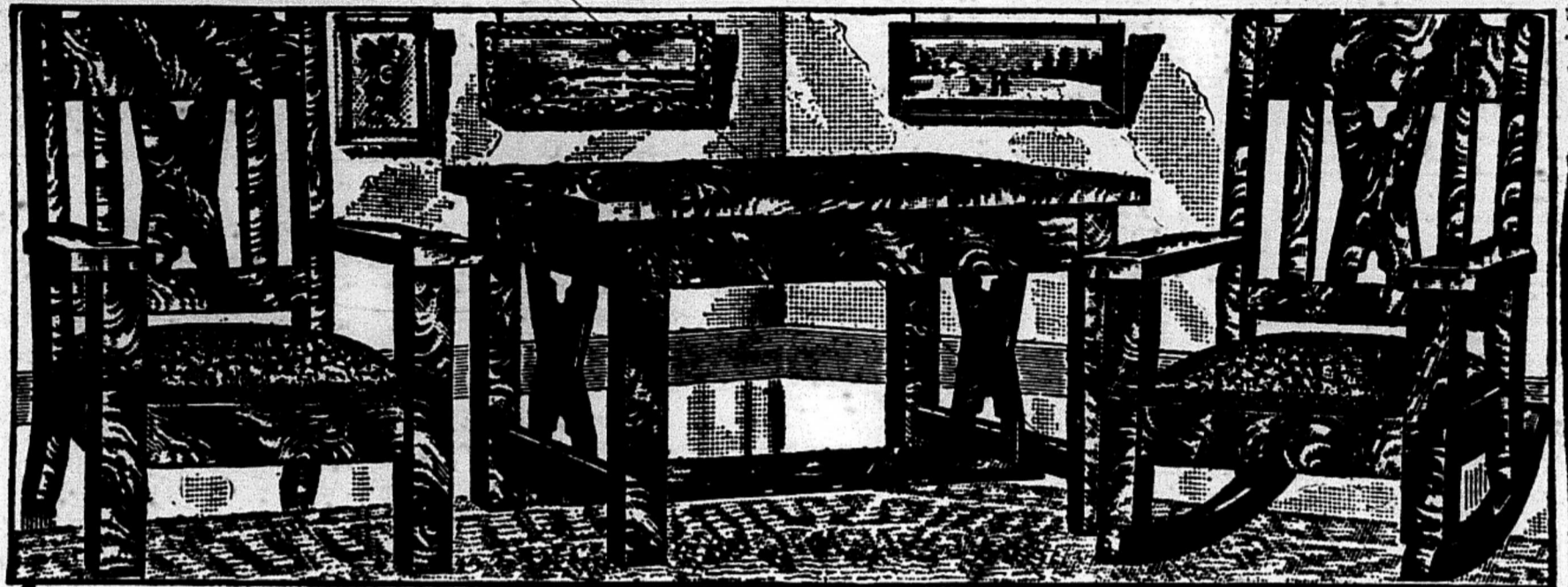
United States than there are students in our colleges and universities. . . . The feeble minded swarm in the penitentiaries and the lower criminal classes, while over fifty percent of all women leading immoral lives are feeble minded."

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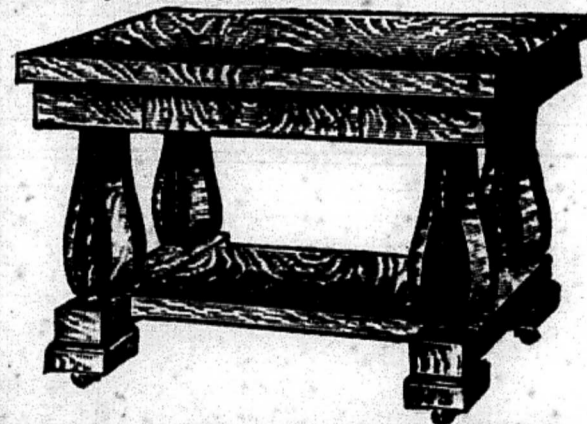


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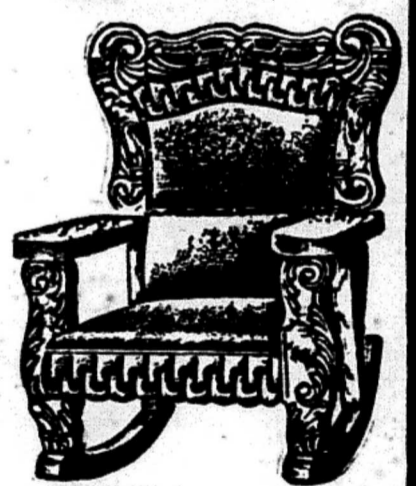
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Wilson's Opportunities

By Alice L. Nealeans

To other presidents of the United States have come opportunities according to the times in which they served, taxing their strength of character to the utmost, but to Woodrow Wilson have come opportunities so wonderful, so thrilling and so appealing that none but a great soul could meet. And how well has Wilson stood the test? Let his actions answer.

When he was apprised of the conditions existing out in Colorado, he submitted his peace plan to miners and mine owners. This was accepted at once by the former and as promptly rejected by the latter. President Wilson could have settled the trouble had he been brave enough to forget a possible second term, take over the mines and run them in the interests of the nation. This was his chance to be a great man and win the respect of the working class. What if it did lose him the high regard of Kaiser John D.?

When the cotton farmers of the south appealed to Mr. Wilson for a small loan to help tide them over this year, why did the Christian Democrat refuse their request? Very plainly because he is on the side of that monstrous fraud, the "Bankers' Cotton Pool" that will ruin millions of cotton farmers.

These great opportunities came to the man who set aside a day of prayer for Peace, asking God to stop the war we are helping on. Peace, forsooth! Why not look about in his own country and find where the striking miners are fighting for a bit of freedom and comfort, meanwhile nearing starvation. Colorado, Ohio, Arkansas are contributing their share of this sort of patriotism. Why not send peace to these workers, helpless in the grasp of capitalism.

But what was to prevent the President from going out to Trinidad and Ludlow and personally investigating the reported atroc-

ities? That strike is ended and Wilson's silence can now be heard.

What about a trip to the Sunny South where he may see the trouble in all its hideousness and witness the suffering of helpless women and children? Would that be beneath his dignity? What is the duty of the highest Executive? The sight might show him that he is one of the people and not one whit more valuable than the farmers who vote for him. To be a great President requires courage born of the keenest recognition of the brotherhood of man; leading him to stand for the rights of man. Wilson would have been a wiser if not a better man had he made these visits into the trouble lands. Though he lost the support of capitalism he would find his self-respect.

There is no reason for his weakness save his dependence on the capitalists who put him in. Just to shake himself free and stand for the oppressed would be heroic and truly patriotic. Can he break the bonds that bind him and see Peace established in his big political family? A Socialist president would soon be in the trouble zone. But under Socialism there could be no poverty, strikes nor thug-gunmen.

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The People's College

By Eugene V. Debs

Education in its broad sense has always been for the few, never for the masses, and this accounts for the fact that the few have always ruled the earth and the masses have always been their dependent subjects.

The few, realizing the value of mental training for themselves and their heirs and successors, have from the remotest antiquity reared and endowed educational institutions, not for the education of the people, but to keep the people in ignorance and subjection. This seeming paradox is easily explained. The colleges and universities of every nation and every age in history have, as a rule, been accessible only to the sons and daughters of the propertied ruling class and their education has been specifically designed to give them certain "advantages" over those, far more numerous, who were denied the opportunity to provide themselves with such education, training and equipment.

In other words, the whole theory of education has been and is to give the favored few "advantages" over the less fortunate many; to enable the few to rule and exploit the many and to wax fat in idleness and luxury at the price of their slavery and misery.

To make it still plainer, the chief purpose of education has always been to maintain class rule, to keep the many at the mercy of the few, and to clothe idleness in robes and industry in rags.

Popular education has to some extent modified this condition but there has never yet been a college, university, or other educational institution, or school system of any kind, designed to develop the mental faculties and the moral nature of the toiling and exploited masses of mankind.

The ruling few have always controlled education in a way to give divine sanction to the fundamental blasphemy that the masses are unfit to rule themselves and must therefore depend upon "the elect" to benevolently watch over them and incidentally relieve them of the fruit of their labor, lest in their ignorance, they fall into evil ways and forget that God has ordained their lot, knowing best where they belong.

Education, therefore, has had to harmonize with the supremacy of the ruling class, and to teach an economic fact in conflict with the material interests of that class has always been penalized as heresy and treated accordingly.

When it is considered that ignorance and superstition lie at the base of all human slavery and of all the poverty and misery that flow from slavery, it can be seen at a glance what interest the

ruling class have in controlling education and at the same time what interest the submerged masses have in looking after their own education.

The few never can and never will educate the masses; only the masses can educate themselves, and through their own self-education, self-development, self-discipline, and self-mastery achieve their physical, mental, moral and spiritual emancipation.

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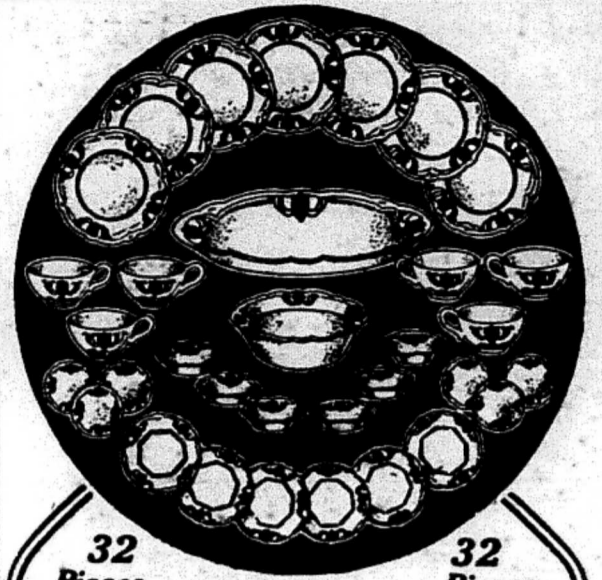
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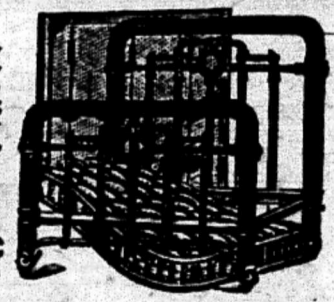
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Part IV. How Capitalism Got in Bad Company

In 1848 the German capitalist class with the help of the wage-earners overthrew the monarchy. The King of Prussia was forced to retire with his army to Potsdam. Franz Joseph, the present Emperor of Austria was chased out of Vienna. Then the revolution halted.

The capitalists, who had closed their factories to enable their workers to fight behind the barricades against the forces of the monarchy, saw a new terror in the armed toilers. The capitalists wanted democracy. By this they understood the rule of business, unhampered by the monarchy above or by the wage-earners below. They also demanded a united fatherland because the division of the German people with 36 different states, each with its little tariff boundary and monetary system, was a serious obstacle to the development of trade.

The ruling royal families opposed the German union for the obvious reason that each little duke, prince or king feared to lose his job. Hence the capitalist class revolutionist clamored for the Republic.

But the fear of the "red terror" prevented the better class revolutionists in felt slippers and night caps from finishing the job.

They could not establish the republic without the help of the wage-earners and they feared the wage-earner even more than the monarchy.

In this dilemma they offered the German crown to the King of Prussia, who declined with thanks. For the crown had a constitution appended which demanded freedom of speech, freedom of press, the right of assembly and a parliament with a responsible ministry.

This was more than a dyed-in-the-wool Hohenzollern could stand for. Why should the Prussian Autocrat exchange his God-given job for a shadow empire modeled after a British pattern?

The decline of the imperial spook crown by the Prussian king knocked the bottom out of the capitalist revolution and the penitent revolutionists retired under the shadows of the Prussian bayonets to find protection against their former allies, the wage-earners.

Capitalist class and monarchy joined hands to subdue the red terror and the night of reaction fell upon Germany. The leaders of the wage-earners' revolt wandered in exile and the spokesmen of the capitalistic wing accepted honors and positions under the monarchy.

The spontaneous union of the German people under the banner of democracy was prevented by the cowardice of the capitalist class and the opposition of the ruling families.

Union came. But it was not of the people or for the people; it did not arise from the longing of the Teutonic tribes for unity or from the necessity of industry and commerce, but from the desire of the Hohenzollern dynasty to appease its land hunger.

In the war of 1864 Prussia annexed Schleswig-Holstein from Denmark. Two years later it drove Austria out of Germany, annexed Hanover, subdued the South German states and was with difficulty restrained from annexing Saxony. The restraint came from Napoleon and was revenged on the French people four years later.

The policy of blood and iron inaugurated by Bismarck in 1864 found its culmination in the Franco-Prussian war which destroyed the French influence in German affairs and united the German states under the spiked helmet of Prussia. It also added Alsace and Lorraine to the young empire and through the latter act forced the military dictatorship on Germany. Thereupon great jubilation all around.

The merchant was no longer forced to pay a tariff every time he shipped a box of cheese from Stuttgart to Frankfurt. He no longer had to waste his time in calculating the difference between Bavarian gulden and Prussian thalers. Above that he had a parliament where he could commit lese majeste in a diluted form and at the same time be relieved from all responsibility for the Government which was conducted by an irresponsible chancellor by and for the Crown.

The younger sons of the land-owning nobility found berths in the ever growing army. And while the salaries paid to the martial "vons" were hardly sufficient to pay their gambling debts, there was still an opportunity to exchange their manly figures and ancient titles for the filthy lucre of the daughters of the capitalist class.

The little and big dukes, princes and kings also held on to their jobs. And since the little government business was transacted by the parliaments of their principalities and the big government business was exclusively handled in the palace "Unter den Linden" they had nothing to do but draw their breath and their salaries.

Everybody was happy except the people who paid for the army and for kings, and who furnished the profits of the capitalists.

However the union of mediaeval feudalism and nineteenth century capitalism brought great prosperity to Germany, as prosperity is understood in the upper strata.

The every growing army protected crown and capital against the foe abroad as well as the toiling masses at home. Commerce expanded wonderfully and was protected by an imperial navy which expanded as rapidly as the merchant marine.

The annexation of Alsace and Lorraine had left a bitter taste in the mouths of the French people. Moreover they had seen three German invasions in sixty years. Hence Germany needed an army as big as that of France to hold with the sword what had been taken by the sword. While Germany armed against France the latter country armed against Germany and because France realized that it could not keep up with the German armament it made an alliance with Russia. This placed Germany between two foes and necessitated an army large enough to cope with both countries.

The glorious German trade invaded English territory. Goods "made in Germany" drove English products from many markets. Competitors are always enemies, hence Germany required at least as large a navy as England to protect its trade. Therefore England joined the French-Russian Alliance and Germany in magnificent isolation was surrounded by hostile nations on land and sea.

While this unholy union between feudalism and capitalism expressing itself in German Imperialism succeeded in making nearly all of Europe its enemy it suppressed on the inside every democratic movement and persecuted as traitors to the fatherland the men who fought for a peaceful evolutionary development of Germany.

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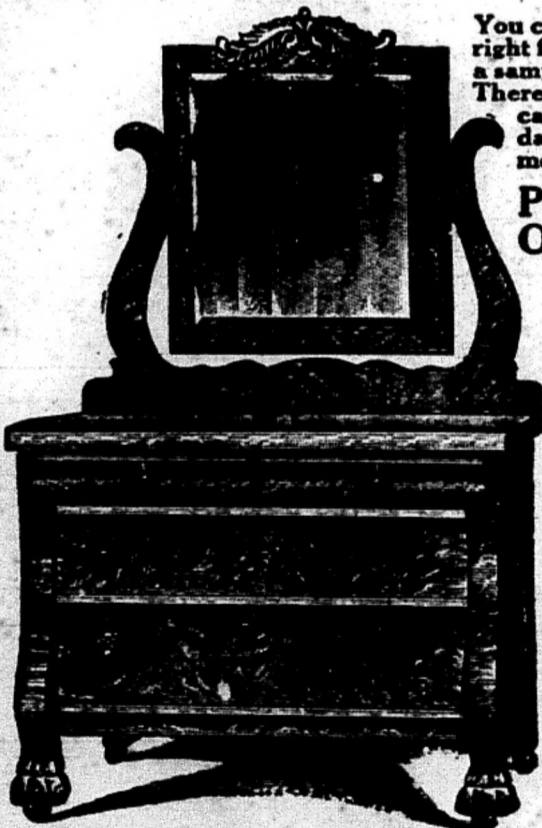
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