



THE RIP-SAW AND ITS READERS

By Eugene V. Debs.

With this issue of the RIP-SAW another year is closed. It has been in some respects the most trying year in our experience. The industrial depression, already acute when the European war began, was intensified during the months following hostilities, and literally millions of workers were out of work, many of them verging on actual starvation. The business conditions of the country were in a correspondingly demoralized state, as a result of which the advertising patronage upon which even socialist publications are compelled to rely to some extent, was practically destroyed, thus reducing our already limited resources to a point where expense exceeded income and for several months the drain and strain continued as if to test to the last fibre the fitness of the RIP-SAW to pass through the ordeal of fire and serve the revolutionary movement in any possible exigency that might confront it.

But never for one moment was there any doubt as to the RIP-SAW'S survival or lack of faith as to the ultimate outcome. All socialist papers and publications, depending so largely upon the workers, and these impoverished to the last degree in these hard times, were subjected to the same trial and we are glad to note that nearly all of them weathered the storm.

During the last few weeks there has been a revival in certain lines of industry, mainly those manufacturing arms and munitions of war, and a large number of the unemployed having thus found employment, there has been a consequent period of "better times." How long this may last the wisest among men may not know.

It is after all a rather melancholy prosperity which has its foundations in brutal warfare and in the ruthless slaughter of humanity.

But such is capitalism and whether we will or not we are in it and of it and until we are able to

conquer and overthrow it we must submit with such grace as we have at command to its cruel and criminal consequences.

It is not for the RIP-SAW to sound the note of despair at the close of the old year, but rather to welcome with hope and cheer the new year now dawning upon the world. It is in our power, if we so will it, to make the new year at our threshold one luminous with brave endeavor and high achievement. Let us be animated as never before with the militant spirit and clasp hands and pull together for the good of all.

Let us reorganize the International upon a solid foundation of Internationalism." Let us put forth our best efforts to industrially organize the workers and unite them politically in the Socialist party. Let us resolve to build up the socialist press, the press of the oppressed, and the only press upon which we can rely to champion our cause in our life-and-death-grapple with the enemy.

The days are near when the strongest and bravest of men and women will be needed and when the best we have to give will have to be laid upon the altar of our cause.

Let us neither doubt nor fear nor hesitate. Let us rise to our complete socialist stature and face our duty calmly, serenely, and without fear.

Let us prove to the world that while the socialist movement may be overwhelmed by the hordes of hell it cannot be destroyed: that it can withstand fire and slaughter now, even as its millions of devotees have withstood the poverty and famine and misery of the ages: that when the ordeal is fiercest its courage, calmness and self-control are supreme, and that in the very hour when its enemies gloat over its destruction it rises gloriously from the ruins and ashes to triumphantly fulfill its world-wide revolutionary mission to emancipate the human race.

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I send on trial to prove what I say is true. You are the judge and once having seen my illustrated book and read it you will be as enthusiastic as my hundreds of patients whose letters you may also read. Fill out free coupon below and mail today. It's well worth your time whether you try my appliance or not.

No matter what we may wish to think—ruptured children do not have an equal chance.

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WM. PATTERSON,
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Yours sincerely,
H. D. BANKS

Pennsylvania Man Thankful

Mr. C. E. Brooks,
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Dear Sir:—Perhaps it will interest you to know that I have been ruptured six years and have always had trouble with it till I got your Appliance. It is very easy to wear, fits neat and snug, and is not in the way at any time, day or night. In fact, at times I did not know I had it on; it just adapted itself to the shape of the body and seemed to be a part of the body, as it clung to the spot, no matter what position I was in.

It would be a veritable God-send to the unfortunates who suffer from rupture if all could procure the Brooks Rupture Appliance and wear it. They would certainly never regret it.

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THE FRAUD OF "PREPAREDNESS"

The term "preparedness" has come to signify a monstrous thing in the public mind. "Preparedness" in the sense in which the master class understand it simply means that the American republic, like the monarchies of Europe, is to become a military despotism.

Of course this is not the interpretation of "preparedness" given to the public by the organs of capitalism and militarism. The billion dollar fund the champions of "preparedness" are conspiring to have congress create for their benefit is to be used in building up a great standing army and a powerful navy to insure the peace and tranquility of the country.

Was there ever such an admixture of idiocy and crime?

And yet there are millions who are foolish enough, even in the light of the conflagration and devastation of Europe, to imagine that when we are armed like a highwayman we shall not be one, but that on the contrary we shall pass for a gentleman and no one will dream of molesting us.

The most gigantic fraud ever perpetrated upon gullible American "patriots" is the fraud of master class "preparedness." There has always been in this country a hostile public sentiment to a large standing army and now, in this world crisis, when Europe is burning to ashes, the American ruling class, in the light of the awful conflagration, are deliberately plotting to foist the standing army, for which they have been secretly conspiring these many years, upon the American people.

Every working man and woman and every sympathizer with the common people; every lover of liberty and every enemy of oppression and injustice should cry out in protest against this fraud and crime in the cloak of "preparedness" and "patriotism."

If the peace of the world can only be maintained by a race of armed murderers then the race should perish from the face of the earth for it is not fit to survive.

But it is a lie, a ghastly, infamous lie hatched by the American plutocracy to blind and stupefy the American people while their once boasted republic is surreptitiously converted into a military oligarchy and the last vestige of freedom has been destroyed.

The RIP-SAW predicts the liveliest socialist campaign in 1916 ever witnessed in this country and is getting its arsenal in shape for action on the firing line.

It may be necessary to split hairs, but it is not in our line. Every second of our time, every particle of our energy, and every penny of our resources are required in the every-day struggle of the workers to emancipate themselves from the power of capitalism and militarism that is crushing out their manhood and destroying their souls.

The supreme weakness in the American movement is the lack of revolutionary industrial and political organization. Until the workers are organized and have learned how to co-operate under their own self-discipline, the capitalists will rule and the workers will continue to be their slaves.

PATRIOTISM AND PAUPERISM

There is not a land on earth with more "patriotism" to the square inch than the United States of America, nor a land of equal development and opportunity in which so many of the "patriots" are gravitating towards pauperism. If we have any doubt as to this latter tendency we have but to study the figures in the report of the federal board of industrial relations which indicate unerringly the ugly fact that one third of the American wage-earners are in a poverty-stricken condition, that two-thirds of the male workers are paid less than fifteen dollars per week, that half the wage-earning fathers receive less than fifty dollars per month, that half the

women wage-workers receive less than a dollar a day, and that one out of every twelve persons who die in New York City, the great American metropolis, is buried as a pauper in the potter's field.

We thus see that "patriotism" and "pauperism" have a common tendency and flourish side by side.

Does it not strike a man with a bit of sense that the kind of "patriotism" that winds up in "pauperism" is bogus and fraudulent, and that it merits scorn and contempt instead of praise and adulation among honest men?

There is a true patriotism but it is not limited by geographical boundaries nor is it inculcated in the minds of the people by the bureaucracies, the aristocracies and plutocracies that now rule the world. The patriotism they teach is the false and vicious patriotism that ravages and plunders, that riots in blood and glories in the massacre of mankind.

We socialists, scorned as we are by the exploiters, looters and oppressors of the people, we too are patriots, but our patriotism embraces the earth and expresses itself, not in murderous armament, in asphyxiating bombs and liquid gases, but in kindness, good will, and loving service to our fellow men.

The cause of woman suffrage achieved a notable victory in the recent elections in New York, Massachusetts, Pennsylvania and New Jersey, where the suffrage amendment was submitted to a popular vote. While the amendment was defeated in all of these states, as was to have been expected, nearly a million votes (or over 40 per cent of the total) were cast for it, assuring victory in the not distant future.

It is not often that the RIP-SAW ventures to give advice, but it feels constrained to advise the war lords, the jingoists, the munition manufacturers and their whole brood of degenerate retainers in the press, the pulpit and elsewhere to go a bit slow, lest in their haste to transform this vaunted republic into a military despotism they precipitate a revolution that will shake them from their pedestals and send them headlong where Lucifer long ago blazed the way.

POVERTY-STRICKEN WORKERS

One third of all the wage earners in the United States, according to the federal commission on industrial relations, are in a poverty-stricken condition. The fact is of stupendous importance to the working class.

What can be said in defense of a system in which every third working man is the miserable victim of a poverty-stricken life, especially in a land rich beyond dreams and with machinery enough to produce abundantly for every man, woman and child?

How can any working man give his vote in support of a system that robs him of the fruit of his labor and reduces him to a beggar?

And yet the melancholy spectacle confronts us of these very poverty-stricken victims of capitalism lining up with an eagerness that is tragic and almost heart-breaking with the capitalist parties which uphold the system which starves their bodies and destroys their souls. But we may not yield to despair on that account. All the greater is the need to reach these benighted victims of capitalism and open their eyes to the fact that they are the blind instrumentalities of their own slavery and degradation.

The light of socialism, once it penetrates these minds so long in darkness, will work wonders in the way of inspiring these workers to strive with all their might for emancipation instead of being the wretched victims of their own blind and cruel fate.

Everlastingly must our appeal be made to them and everlastingly must we persevere in our task. If at times it seems as if our efforts were all in vain it is just then that we must triumph over

ourselves and prove ourselves unconquerable in our revolutionary propaganda.

To educate and rightly educate the toiling and enslaved masses is indeed a stupendous undertaking and for that very reason appeals to men and women who are strong and brave and self-reliant, high-minded and noble-souled, and though they may utterly fail in their day, their lives attest their fidelity to their ideals and the generations that follow sing anthems of praise to their consecrated lives.

The RIP-SAW stands four-square for the industrial organization of the workers on a revolutionary basis, for the Socialist party, for equal suffrage, and for war against war and for the overthrow of the system that breeds war, enslaves labor, degrades womanhood, robs childhood, and brutalizes all humanity.

It is a high privilege to have a place in the socialist movement and a high honor to deserve it.

No man ever lied to or cheated another without swindling himself.

FIGHTING FOR THE "FATHERLAND"

It is under this specious and captivating title that millions of workingmen are lured to bloody battlefield and perish in a hell of horrors.

It is the vaunted "Fatherland" they fight and suffer and die for when in truth their fathers and their fathers before them for a thousand years never owned so much as an inch of the so-called "Fatherland."

It is the pet phrase of the glib-mouthed kaiser and the strutting aristocracy who regard themselves as anointed from on high and as immeasurably above the common herd; it is they, the lordly parasites, the blue-blooded leeches who mouth this insinuating phrase when they want the miserable serfs they hold in scorn to go out to slaughter to extend their domain and pile up their spoils.

The ruling classes of the nations in Europe who have let loose the destructive furies of hell itself to sate their satanic greed for power and pelf have the gall, amidst these scenes of indescribable horror, to tell their miserable dupes that they are fighting like fiends and dying as dogs would not die for the honor and glory of "their dear fatherland."

What insulting irony to these misguided slaves of their sordid, soulless masters!

The land that is called the "Fatherland" is the land owned by the kaisers, czars, kings lords, princes, aristocrats and plutocrats, and if wholesale murder must be committed to save the land let the leeches and parasites who own it go out and murder one another and annihilate themselves from the face of the earth. They will not be missed.

The state of Texas contains 170,000,000 acres. Of this vast empire 117,000,000 acres have been gobbled up and are held out of use by landlords and other land sharks. A great majority of the actual farmers are either mortgaged or have been reduced to tenants, renters, and feudal serfs. It is high time for these impoverished farmers to cut loose from the political party of the landlords and cast their lot with the Socialist party, the only party that stands for the socialization of land, the implements of social productions, and the emancipation of the tillers of the soil and the industrial workers.

The press dispatches report that a high official of the Chicago and Northwestern railroad has written a letter to Lieutenant West of the national guard informing him that it would be the policy of the company henceforth in giving employment to give preference to members of the national guard or to honorably discharged members of that organization. Comment unnecessary.

TRIUMPH FOR EQUAL SUFFRAGE

There are those who imagine that because the equal suffrage amendment submitted to the voters of New York, New Jersey, Massachusetts and Pennsylvania in the recent elections failed to receive a majority of votes, the cause of equal suffrage sustained an irretrievable defeat. Nothing could be farther from the truth. On the contrary, when the circumstances under which this first political battle for suffrage in the eastern states was fought is taken into account it is obvious at a glance that a splendid triumph was achieved.

First of all, it should be borne in mind that all the forces of reaction and all the powers of corruption were marshalled against the women. Not a political boss nor a ward-heeling politician but was in commission to defeat the amendment.

Never was the old saying that "politics make strange bed-fellows" better exemplified. Cardinal Manning, in the name of

the holy church, was in political alliance with booze and boodle and with the blear-eyed deformities of capitalist misrule to prevent women from having a share in the control of government and in the administration of public affairs. Yet in spite of all these powerful interests and their unclean mouthpieces almost a million votes were cast for equal suffrage in the four states named, as follows:

State	Total Vote	Yes	No	Per cent for Suffrage
New Jersey	317,672	133,282	184,390	42.0
New York	1,207,443	511,468	695,975	42.3
Massachusetts	458,895	163,406	295,489	35.6
Pennsylvania	577,100	260,577	316,523	45.0

These figures are certainly well calculated to give cheer to the women and men who stand for equal suffrage and inspire them with hope and strength for the future. The first battle was bravely fought and the result exceeded all reasonable expectations. Never was there greater enthusiasm or braver determination displayed in any political conflict. The women fairly earned the right to their place on the political battlefield and henceforth they will hold it and renew the battle again and again until the stain of sex despotism is wiped from our escutcheon and women celebrate their political emancipation.

Fear paralyzes the moral energy and destroys all noble aspiration. Be brave, live up to your best and all wholesome influences will combine "in spite of the world, the flesh and the devil" to help you work out your destiny.

Rockefeller is a moral convict and a spiritual corpse. To paraphrase Puck, "what paupers these rich men be!"

ELIJAH LOVEJOY'S PRESS UNEARTHED

From Alton, Illinois, comes the announcement in a press dispatch that "the main part of the press of Elijah P. Lovejoy, anti-slavery editor, which was wrecked by a mob 78 years ago, was found by workmen who are excavating for a new building."

It was in 1837 that Lovejoy was murdered by a pro-slavery mob and his press for the second time thrown into the Mississippi river. It was his speech of protest against this foul murder of Lovejoy that gave Wendell Phillips, then a young man, his national fame.

The relic of the old press uncovered at Alton should be treasured as of priceless value. It is the reminder of a historic incident that once disgraced the city that is now proud to claim the dust of the first martyr to the abolition of chattel slavery.

When Lovejoy was mobbed nearly four score years ago he was denounced as a "black abolitionist," "free lover," "nigger lover" etc. He was murdered in cold blood and the crime was applauded by every slave owner and every apologist and retainer in their service.

Today a great monument marks the spot where Lovejoy sleeps, while the mob that murdered him is in oblivion or remembered only with execration.

The leaders of the present abolition movement, infinitely greater than that in which Lovejoy perished, may well profit by his heroic example.

The war in Europe is murdering its millions and devastating the earth, but the ruling aristocrats who are responsible for it are still with us. Their patriotism never fails and never will as long as they have hordes of benighted subjects to hurl themselves headlong into the jaws of hell at the crook of their finger.

PRIVATE ARMIES OF GUNMEN

One of the most infamous and brutal features of modern capitalism is the private army of gunmen now in the service of great corporations, such as the Standard Oil company, the Pennsylvania Railway company, the Calumet and Hecla Mining company, etc., etc.

In strikes or threatened disturbances the private army of hired assassins, recruited from slums and sewers and dives in the red-light, plays its part in cold blood from the start. These assassins, for the price of a bottle of whisky, would brain a pregnant woman or roast a babe in its crib.

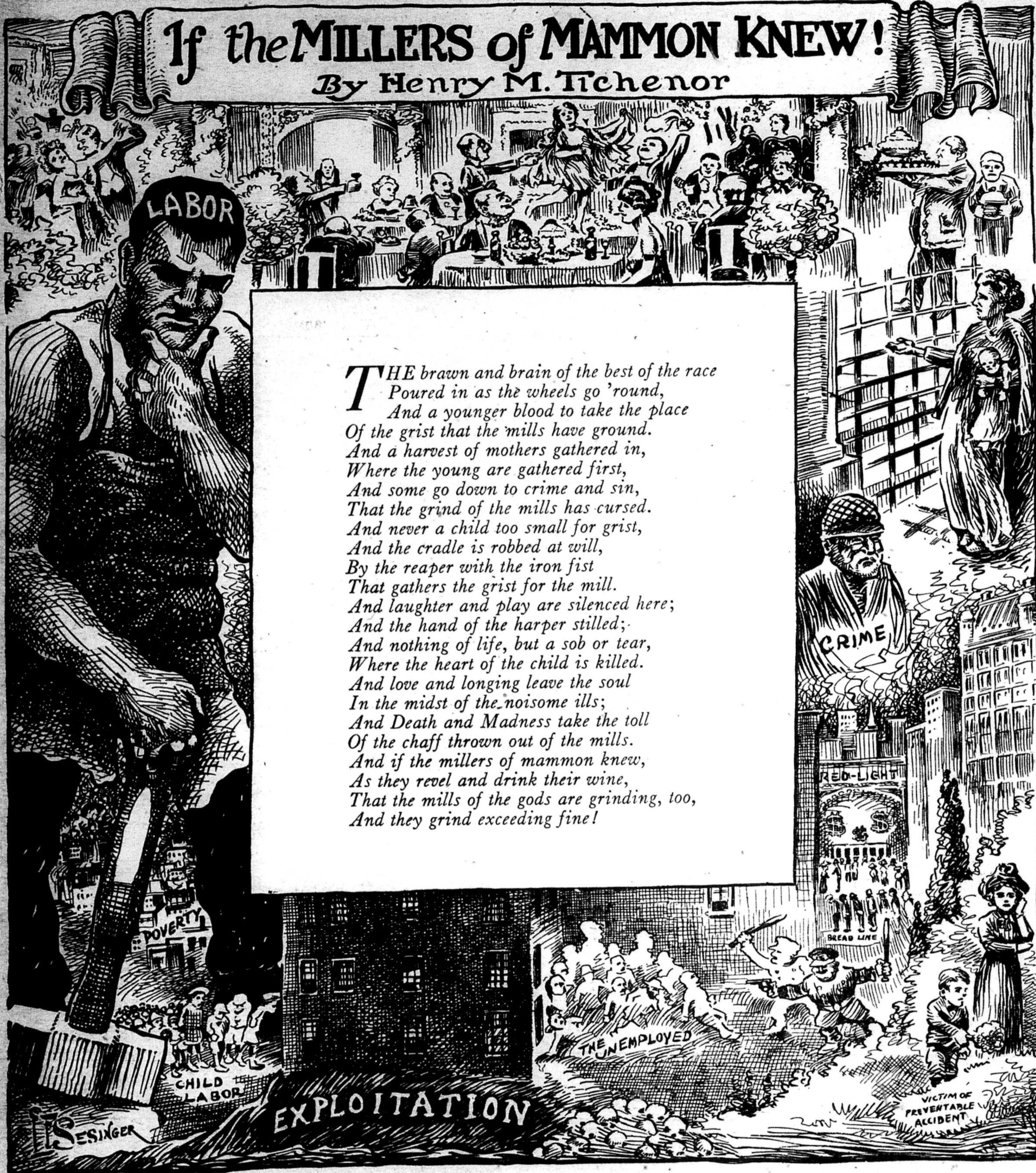
This murderous method recently adopted by the capitalists of shooting the working class into slavery is exposed in all its black infamy by the Federal Board of Industrial Relations, and in its report to congress it will be recommended that legislation be enacted disbanding these private armies of assassins and absolutely prohibiting their further employment in labor disturbances.

Every labor union should join in demanding this legislation and insisting that capital has no more right than labor to maintain private armies recruited of hired assassins. There is no warrant in law, state or national, for such private armies and they are not only an outrage upon labor but an insult to the whole country.

DOWN WITH CAPITALISM'S PRIVATE ARMIES OF ASSASSINS!

If the MILLERS of MAMMON KNEW!

By Henry M. Tichenor



THE brawn and brain of the best of the race
 Poured in as the wheels go 'round,
 And a younger blood to take the place
 Of the grist that the mills have ground.
 And a harvest of mothers gathered in,
 Where the young are gathered first,
 And some go down to crime and sin,
 That the grind of the mills has cursed.
 And never a child too small for grist,
 And the cradle is robbed at will,
 By the reaper with the iron fist
 That gathers the grist for the mill.
 And laughter and play are silenced here;
 And the hand of the harper stilled;
 And nothing of life, but a sob or tear,
 Where the heart of the child is killed.
 And love and longing leave the soul
 In the midst of the noisome ills;
 And Death and Madness take the toll
 Of the chaff thrown out of the mills.
 And if the millers of mammon knew,
 As they revel and drink their wine,
 That the mills of the gods are grinding, too,
 And they grind exceeding fine!

Samuel Gompers, President of the American Federation of Labor, is opposed to the eight-hour workday unless it can be secured through his craft unions. He fears that if the eight-hour day is established by legislation members of craft unions will lose interest in them, stop paying dues, and where will that leave Sam and his bunch of civic federation machinists when the salary check is due?

To have a noble ideal and to strive with all your might to realize it is the savor of life and the essence of salvation.

Organize the industrial union, build up the Socialist party and in the day of their strength they will smite your enemy and set you free!

If the government of the United States invades Mexico at the behest of the Wall street brigands and attempts by force to crush the revolution of the suffering masses under the hypocritical pretense of restoring order, an eternal curse will be launched against the invader and hasten the day of his own destruction.

The Socialist embodies the spirit and expresses the aspiration of the social revolution and is therefore A CITIZEN OF THE WORLD

Woman wants and needs the vote for the same reason that man wants and needs it and no man who is opposed to giving woman the right to vote can justify the ballot in his own hands.

Birth Control and Pellegra

Kate Richards O'Hare

In the November issue of the RIP-SAW there was an editorial concerning Margaret Sanger's leaflet on "Birth Control" and since its publication our office has been flooded with letters from almost every state and all manner of people begging us to tell them where the leaflets could be secured. And such letters! Misery and heartache, pathos and tragedy, they are enough to break a heart of stone. No human being with a drop of red blood in their veins or one atom of human sympathy could read the letters unmoved. If Margaret Sanger's mail contained such pleas I do not wonder that she flouted the "law" and gave the information pleaded for and thereby became a "criminal" in the eyes of certain judges and lawmakers. If there is anything on earth that would make a real woman hold law, law makers and judges in utter contempt, it would be to read the heart breaking pleas of women for help that will free them from the crime of bringing unwelcome, sub-normal, hunger pinched children into this capitalistic jungle and then gaze the average type of fat paunched, bull necked, sensuality marked law maker and judge, who declares such help a crime.

The avalanche of pitiful letters that poured into the office aroused even the thoughtless, carefree young girls who open the letters and stenographers who answer them. These girls begged me to secure one of the leaflets and see if it was really bad and vicious and if it would be a crime to give the harrassed, half crazed mothers the help they begged for so earnestly. Through a friend I was enabled to study one of the leaflets (for in spite of the ignorance and stupidity of our lawmakers and judges they are widely circulated) and its clean simplicity and utter lack of anything obscene or vicious was found most striking. In the most simple manner and in exquisitely pure language the scientific facts so earnestly and rightfully craved by millions of working class men and women are set forth and the vilest mind could find nothing vicious there. Yet these simple, scientific facts; this great boon; this humane knowledge that would save hundreds of thousands of men and women untold anguish and save the world from numberless unwelcome, sub-normal children and save society the heavy burden of supporting almshouses, prisons, insane asylums and imbecile homes is denied the people and its education made a crime. By whom? BY LAWMAKERS AND JUDGES WHO BUY FROM FASHIONABLE DOCTORS AT PROHIBITIVE PRICES FOR THE WORKERS, THE VERY SAME KNOWLEDGE THAT MARGARET SANGER WOULD

FREELY GIVE AS HER CONTRIBUTION TO HUMAN WELFARE AND HUMAN HAPPINESS. If doctors did not sell this knowledge and judges and law makers buy it and use it in their own families the callous brutality of the ruling class would not be so contemptible.

In looking over the letters asking for the "Birth Control" leaflet we found that a majority of them were from the South or very poor districts in the large cities. Most of the letters were written on cheap paper and by hands little used to holding a pen, but here and there among them would be a letter bearing the marks of a cultured writer and in almost every instance of this kind the writer stated that the information given in the leaflets was not needed in their own homes, but that they wanted it in a convenient form to supply those less fortunate and who needed it so badly.

In the main the letters we received were the anguished soul cry of poverty stricken men and women for help to avoid the crime of bringing other poverty cursed beings into the world. While the RIP-SAW staff was discussing the reasons why the greater number of pleas for the Sanger leaflets were from the South, the New York Call arrived containing a United States Health Service report that answered the question and gave the reason.

Poverty Causes Pellagra Dread Scourge of South, U. S. Health Service Finds

WASHINGTON, Nov. 14.—While professional "uplifters," philanthropists and investigators have given various reasons for the Southern scourge known as pellagra, the United States Public Health Service declares that its investigations during the past year have proven that pellagra is caused by workers being too poor to buy proper foods, and that "the available data thus points to a lessened financial ability of the Southern wage-earners' families to provide a properly balanced diet."

An exhaustive review of data relating to the diet of workingmen's families, particularly among the poorer classes, who suffer most from pellagra, has been made by the service in connection with its study of the disease. This tends to show that the rise in the cost of food bears directly upon the increased prevalence of pellagra, as it makes it harder for the poorer families to obtain a general diet of healthful foods.

"The lower the economic status of the white America family," says the review, "the greater is the pressure for sacrifices in diet, particularly in animal protein foods, since they are the most expensive."

"The economic status of wage-earners' families in the Southern States, particularly of cotton and mill families, is lower than that of wage-earners' families in other sections of the country."

The final epoch-making experiment of the Public Health Service was carried out at the farm of the Mississippi State penitentiary about eight miles east of Jackson, Miss., and together with the previous work of the service completes the chain in the prevention and cure of the disease. The work at



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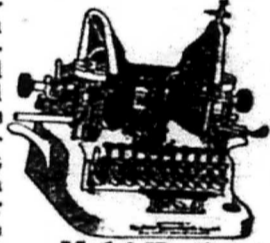
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Governor Pardons Convicts.

JACKSON, Miss., Nov. 14.—Governor Brewer has pardoned the eleven convicts who volunteered to be experimented on by officials of the United States Public Health Service, and who proved that poor diet is responsible for pellagra. Six of the convicts were life prisoners. The experiments extended over a period of one year. It is stated that six of the pardoned men have pellagra in a pronounced form, and they will now be nursed back to health.

Poverty causes the loathsome pellagra and it also causes women

to frantically endeavor to avoid bearing pellagra victims.

Comrades, the RIP-SAW can not supply the Sanger leaflet. We are not in a position to wage this battle at present; we have too big a job on hand fighting capitalism to take time to go to jail for swatting one phase of the system. Instead of writing us, write a letter to your Congressman and Senator. Demand that the law be repealed that makes it a crime to give to the poor what the congressman and senator buys for a price—the power of "birth control." A gentle reminder to the honorable law maker that failure to act in this very important measure will mean many, many more votes for Socialism will have a marked and immediate effect. **TRY IT AND SEE.**

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On Sunday night, November 7, Peter Collins delivered one of his characteristic tirades against Socialism in Des Moines, Ia. Kate Richards O'Hare chanced to lecture in Des Moines the same afternoon, and at the close of Collins' meeting openly challenged Mr. Collins to meet her in debate. Mr. Collins accepted the challenge and promised to meet Mrs. O'Hare, but up to the present time we have not been able to get in touch with Mr. Collins, or his managers, to arrange details of time and place of meeting. The Comrades at Des Moines, Dubuque and Eagle Grove, Iowa, are all clamoring for debates to be pulled off in their town. Will some one please round up Peter Collins and tie him down if possible with a written agreement and cash forfeit in order that Kate O'Hare can proceed with the job of puncturing his little toy balloon?

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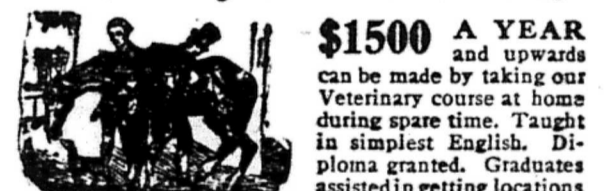
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The Parrot and the Politician

By Henry M. Tichenor

Next door to where I live there is a parrot—a big, green parrot, with a screech like a steam calliope. He can learn in time to imitate anything that makes a noise. He has learned the cries of the vegetable vender, the grocer and butcher, the scissors grinder, and the man that patches old umbrellas; and all the popular airs whistled on the street. When a new ragtime song comes along, that parrot sits and listens day after day; and then some morning, as soon as his mistress hangs his cage on the back porch, he belches forth the chorus notes in a shrill tenor that can be heard for blocks. If there is any popular shout or song that has been yelled or yodeled in his hearing, that this parrot hasn't finally imitated, the neighbors do not know it.

The reason I call attention to this parrot is because he reminds me of William Jennings Bryan. The Socialist call for peace rang throughout the world for several years, until at last it became popular with the masses. And then Bryan sat up and took notice. His ears caught a new tune that was rapidly coming into public favor. He began to

adjust the muscles of his windpipe to utter the strains, and one fine morning, like the green parrot with the screech like a calliope, the voice of Bryan was heard throughout the land condemning the crime of war. Like the parrot, he didn't appear to know a thing about the whence or wherefore of what he was talking about. As to the cause of wars, and the only possible way to permanent peace, he remained as dense and dumb as the caged bird that imitates the scissors grinder. As the green feathers proclaim the parrot as nothing but a parrot, so also does Bryan's capitalist clothing proclaim him as nothing but a politician.

Bryan's ears have also heard another sound that is growing louder and louder. It is the call of the women, demanding equal suffrage. It has become so popular that millions are voicing it. Bryan has at last caught the tune, and the lusty way he is singing it is a sight.

The demands of the women for equal rights before the law, and the demands of the Socialists for peace, have for years struggled to be heard by a despised minority. Bryan couldn't hear them then.

Rumford, Me.

Dear Comrade England:—

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Am pleased to know that you are not blacklisted and out of a job and a member of the U. S. Army of the unemployed, 6,000,000 strong. I have been in that army long enough now to be a Colonel. It may be all "psychological," as Woody Wilson says, but its a "dam" poor solution for a hungry gut.

Your story now running in the Rip-Saw is the best story that has been printed in the Rip-Saw yet. It is some illustration of the animal; you know its marks. I hope that when the Rip-Saw gets through publishing the story serial, they will print it in book form, for I believe that everybody like myself after reading the first chapter will be caught with such a mania that they can't give up until they read the whole story, and I am now busy waiting for the March issue of the Rip-Saw, so I can see how our Socialist fellow-worker is scenting the trail of the capitalist serpent old Billionaire Flint, at his job in the electricians quarters, at Oakwood Heights on Staten Island.

It certainly will make propaganda, both now, running in the Rip-Saw, and afterwards in book form. You have written some great stories, but I do believe this one is destined to be the apex of them all.

More Power to your pen. You certainly are some light in the movement. On with the fight for emancipation of the human race.

Yours for Socialism,
Peter Henry.

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TOBE SPILKINS

Hiz Lettur

(W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor: There iz one thing a feller purty neert always knows what he's a goin' tu reed when he opens a lettur frum hiz deer littel wife. Down betwixt the ramblin' lines, sum uv which air strait and sum air crooked, he will reed a invitashun tu send hur sum munny. It aint always so but it iz purty neert always so, speshully when the deer little wife keeps a hired hand tu holp hur du the wurk on the farm, and hur afflicted husband haz give hiz life, patriotism, thirst and sich like things tu hiz country, and hiz peece and quietude and what little cash he haz laboriously akkumulatet tu hiz creditors. There wuz sumpthing between the lines uv Shanghi Purkins lettur that kind uv scraped on mi bakbone when I red it. He sed Ben wuz a havin' uv a good time and cood drink az much red likker az him (that iz Shanghi) and me cood under the halcyon and prosperous days uv Grover Cleveland, endurin' uv hiz seckond reign when kotten wuz only 3 cents a pound in the wool, and korn wuzent wurth steelin' if you had tu karry it more than a hundred yards. I knowed that it wuz my munny that wuz a payin' fur the likker what Ben wuz a drinkin' uv. I coodent figger out how he got it. Uv korse there wuz hiz wages, but if he wuz layin round and a havin' sich a hi-fa-lootin' time az Shanghi sed he wuz he kant be a urnin' uv so very durn much wages. Where did that ornery kuss git so much munny? That wuz the problem I coodent saloot. Wuz he a steelin' uv it frum my wife, over drawin' hiz wages, or a robbin' uv the male? These wuz seerius problems and wuz a gnawin' at my bakbone. My wife sent me a long list uv things she had bought and had to yet buy, but not a durn thing about providin' fur Ben, yet I knowed Ben wuz a bein' provided fur. Who wuz a providin' fur him? That wuz the dominant questshun; the preponderating ishshu, and much az I like politix and the good things tu ete and drink it brings me, it maiks my blud bile sumtimes so that I feel like a givin' it all up an' goin' hom, runnin' that ornery Ben out uv the kountry, and adoin' uv the wurk myself. But wurk don't agree with me. Laziness runs in our family bak tu the fifth generashun; that iz on my side. On my wife's side there air sum purty good wurkin' people, but they hardly ever visit us. I wish sum uv 'em wuz there now insted uv that ornery Ben. But I gess I'll have tu stand it and pay the bills, inkludin' uv what I have tu pay here it iz purty hard on my poket book. I like Washington and kant bear

tu think uv leavin', espeshully when I am a holdin' uv a offis and a drawin' uv a respektaful salery. Life iz one grand sweet song here fur demokrats whoo air drawin' uv salaries, and Demokrats whooze kredit iz good enuff so that they kin borrar uv them that air a drawin' uv the abuy sed salaries. But the latter kind air purty neert defunct now and air a gittin' defuncter every day. When I got dun reedin' that lettur frum my wife I dun a good deel uv thinkin'. It red like one uv them notes frum Gurmany, only I did not have tu wate fur it so long az we have tu wate on one signed by Bill Kizer. My wife kin git up the subject matter and write 2 notes while old Bill Kizer iz a writin' one; and then you kan reed and understand the ones she writes without a callin' in a council uv skool masters tu figger out what it meens. I don't know what tu du; wether tu send my wife sum more munny or tu send that ornery Ben hiz passports. I've maid up my mind tu stay in Washington az long az things iz congenial, but you kin never tell jist how much rope a politishun haz got, nor how long he kin hold on tu hiz end uv it; but the war iz on now and I think I had better try a little diplomacy. It's better than guns if it will win out and that ornery Ben kant be a duin' enny wurse than they air a duin' over in Yuprop, and mebbe I kin hire or koax him tu go over there and inlist in one uv their trainin' kamps. Me and little Strawhed air installed in the office; that iz tu say we have put in the offis furniture which she saived while I wux in jail in Noo York last yeer tryin' tu organize a regiment uv milyunaires to go tu the frunt and help du the chargin' with bayonets. Little Strawhed iz a faithful wurker and iz very much devoted tu my bizziness and my politikal kareer. I kin trust hur in most ennything 'ceptin' writin' letturs tu my wife. I have been a nozein' around among the big bizziness men who own most uv the property and voters in this kuntry, also the jobs uv the wurkin' men and wimmin. They seem tu be a leenin' tuwards Woodsaw Wilson. Big bizziness iz on a hump with its horns and tale in the air. Woodsaw seems tu be in favor uv makin' hay while the sun shines, even if it shines on the ded boddies uv men, wimmin and children over in Yurrop. He likes fur the bizziness men tu cum and see him and heer them say nice things about him. And they all agree that sellin' uv the wurkin' men guns, shooze, clothes, aminishun, and a loanin' uv them munny iz akkordin' tu the gospel when sancshuned by the church and the prayers air purty evenly

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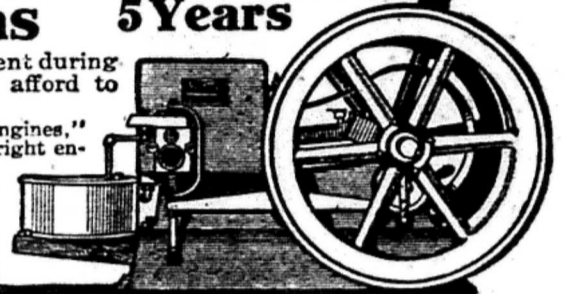
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WHAT COULD SHE SAY?

The mayor of Jacksonville, Fla., recently issued a permit to a Socialist speaker—a woman—allowing her to speak on the streets providing she is not to attack any religion, sect, church, or "condition of life."

We certainly commend the honesty and courage of the National Rifle Association in choosing a name. In looking over a list of the charter members, including a long enrollment of Wall street perverts, we are firmly convinced that nothing better in the way of a name could have been chosen than the National RIFLE Association.

Portland, Maine.

Mr. George A. England,
Box 431, Springfield, Mass.

Dear Comrade:—

I have read your Air Trust with interest. It is a sparkling good story. So far it equals the best fiction in any library and yet it flows with milk and honey of the promised land.

The "Air Trust" will aid greatly in making non-Socialists realize the absurdity of a few controlling the lives and destiny of the many. It ought to be spread broadcast over the country.

Why don't you have it printed in book form?

Fraternally Yours,
H. Jacob P. Enmark,
Managing Editor "The Issue."

SOCIALISM WILL TRIUMPH

There has never been a philosophy so viciously assailed as the philosophy of socialism, the philosophy of industrial emancipation, nor a movement so furiously attacked from all sides as the socialist movement.

Every conceivable lie has been uttered and every imaginable slander put in circulation to discredit socialists and to arrest the progress of the socialist movement. But all in vain. The ruling powers with all their myriad mercenaries may as well abandon the vain delusion that socialism can be stamped out and the socialist movement destroyed.

With all the errors socialists may commit, with all the temporary reverses that may fall to their lot, they are marching forward in the only forward movement in the world. All the forces of evolution are their allies and supporters and their eyes are forever fixed upon the shining goal of emancipation.

The new day is dawning and the world-wide democracy is in sight. It is a glorious age in which to live and a priceless privilege to have a part in the social revolution and to share in the world's greatest struggle with the certainty of sharing in the world's greatest triumph.

Russian Socialist Defied the Czar

Foreign newspapers now reaching America reveal more clearly every day the terrific fight the Socialists of Europe, up to the very verge of treason, put up against the war. Even in autocratic Russia our comrades fought the war to the last, and risked their lives in open defiance of the czar.

The Russian Socialists stood firm in their opposition and refused to approve the war appropriation. They first demanded an amnesty for all Socialist political prisoners and a general policy of conciliation toward the oppressed nationalities. It was most likely this demand which was responsible for the recent action of the Russian Government toward the Poles and Jews.

When a definite promise to grant these concessions was refused, Valentin Khaustoff, speaking in the name of the two Socialist groups in the Duma, August 8, read the following statement, amid the cheers of the left and the hisses of the right:

"A terrible and unprecedented calamity has broken upon the peoples of the entire world. Millions of workers have been torn away from their labor, ruined and swept away by a bloody torrent. Millions of families have been delivered over to famine. "War has already begun. While the governments of Europe were preparing for it, the proletariat of the entire world, with the German work-

ers at the head, have unanimously protested.

"The hearts of the Russian workers are with the European proletariat. This war is provoked by the policy of expansion for which the ruling classes of all countries are responsible.

"The proletariat will defend the civilization of the world against this attack.

"The conscious proletariat of the belligerent countries has not been sufficiently powerful to prevent this war and the resulting return to barbarism.

"But we are convinced that the working class will find in the international solidarity of the workers the means to force the conclusions of peace at an early date. The terms of that peace will be dictated by the peoples themselves and not by the diplomats.

"We are convinced that this war will finally open the eyes of the great masses of Europe, and show them the real causes of all the oppression and violence that they endure, and that therefore this new explosion of barbarism will be the last."

After reading this declaration the Social Democrats left the meeting hall. They were followed by the members of the Labor party. Neither of these parties shared in the vote of military credits nor the vote of confidence in the government.

The Gompers machine has once more put its label on craft unionism as against industrial organization. Economic determinism reveals the reactionary motive. Too many precious jobs would be lost by the horde of labor leaders (!) of the pure and simple variety if the workers were to unite in entire industries instead of being kept divided in petty and disintegrating crafts. One of these days the rank and file will awaken and then the machine, like the one horse shay, will fall to pieces.

Bryant's Pond, Me.

Dear Comrade England:

I think the "Air Trust" is the best story I have ever read. Wish the instalments came oftener. Can hardly wait for my paper each month. It is just fine. With best regards,

Fraternally,
Luella F. Sessions.

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Beating "Wallingford" To It

By DAN SMITH

THE title of my story may be a little confusing, at least until you have read on a little further. All the world knows of that fictitious character, "Get-Rich-Quick-Wallingford." Thousands are trying to emulate his deeds but with poor success. Big money, except in very rare instances, is only made by hard work and diligent application to the task, and then only unless a man pulls his feet out of the pay-envelope class and strikes out in some line of endeavor for himself, the chances are that his dreams of an abundance of worldly goods will never be anything—but dreams. At least, my experience has proved that it is the man who strikes out for himself, as his own boss and with his own interests at heart, who eventually makes the money that the other fellow—the one "on a payroll"—can only dream about.

Opportunities come sometimes in small type. I did not realize the fact myself until a year ago. Therefore, I am presuming to point out my discovery to you. I am hoping that it may be the means of showing you, as it did me, a great big main chance.

Let's begin by staring the facts in my case squarely in the face. A little over a year ago I was a flat-footed failure. I was discouraged, disheartened, utterly disgusted. Ahead of me I saw nothing but years of drudgery as a clerk, of absolute dependence. At best I could expect to attain no higher goal than that of head of my department at a meager, unlivable wage.

Things had been breaking badly for me a good while back. Try as I would I found it impossible to make both ends meet. As our little family increased both my wife and I exerted every effort to keep abreast of the—collectors. I believe we put up as good a fight as any couple could. Yet—we fell back.

By the time our second child was born I decided one day to face the future, to brutally analyze myself and see—as a result of that analysis—if there was not some way in which I could break away from the awful rut I was in. My bank balance on that particular day was exactly eighteen dollars, and enough bills payable to eat up twice that sum.

I was in the position of a man too dependent on his salary to seek out an opportunity. And yet I knew something must be done. If you ever saw a cat backed up in a corner prepared to make a last stand you will appreciate the situation I was in. My back was up, my fur was ruffled, my claws were out, I was set for the spring—but I did not know which way to jump.

It was then, however, that I had one of those epoch-making "happy thoughts"—a flash of suggestion or inspiration that proved the actual turning point in my life. Going to the nearest library I picked up a number of magazines. Possibly, because I had always been employed, it so happened that I had never answered any advertisements, which, under the circumstances, made it all the more fitting that I should do so at this time. With much care I read column after column of advertisements, but none of them apparently, offered the sort of chance I wanted. In a general way I made up my mind that I would like to get into the sales agent field. First of all I wanted to be free and independent. I wanted to build up a business of my own. I wanted to place myself in a position where my energy and ability would bring automatic and sure results—results commensurate with the efficiency I gave.

In a word, I was tired of being the under dog, I wanted to be my own boss, to feel that every lick of work I put in would come back to me in the shape of greater comfort for my family and greater prosperity for myself, and the sales agent game seemed to offer just that chance.

My experience as a clerk in a store had not given me much training as a specialty salesman, in fact, no experience. But I felt I could sell an article or commodity—providing that article or commodity was right.

For years I had been more or less interested in the selling business, and had read the experiences of many leading salesmen. So, combining what I had read with my own personal knowledge, I made up my mind that the sort of article I wanted must embody—as far as possible—these points:

1. It must be of appeal to both men and women.
2. It must appeal to people in all walks and conditions of life.
3. It must be new and novel, and combine as far as possible the novel with the staple.
4. It must sell at a moderate price, below store prices, and yet have a good margin of profit.

When I told a close friend of mine the four requirements I demanded he calmly remarked that I wanted "the earth with a fence around it," and tried to laugh me out of my convictions. But I decided to stick to my guns and test every article on the scale I had made. Then, if I fell down I would have only myself to blame. So, as I read through the magazines in the library, I weighed every article advertised on the measure of the four qualifications I had stipulated. And it was surprising how few of them lived up to all of the big essentials. In fact, I was just beginning to despair of finding the sort of article I wanted when I saw an advertisement telling of the possibility of making anywhere from \$50 to \$100 a week.

I found that the advertisement was that of the Pierce Company, 323 Pierce Building, Chicago. It told of a certain line of goods that would sell on sight, that was within the reach of every poor person, and, what is more, was a line of household necessities in the homes of the rich and poor alike. It was, I came to see, the one proposition that lived up to my four requirements. And so that night I told my friend that I had found "the earth with a fence around it."

The advertisement itself contained testimonials from many of the agents who were selling the goods. The money they claimed to be making at first made me gasp. Then I smiled. It was too "wise"—I told myself. So I took the statements with a grain of salt. Nevertheless, I sent for particulars to the Pierce Company, and a couple of days later I received the information I had sent for. I read the printed matter and letters sent me very carefully—and then I began to be ashamed of my "Missourian" attitude. There were dozens of names and addresses of both men and women who were making big money selling the products of the company. The profit for the agent was also a surprise. I could readily see how big money could be made owing to the margin of profit for the agent on each sale.

I quickly began to figure on how much money I could make. If I worked eight hours a day—which was two hours less than I had to work in the store—I felt I ought to average one sale per hour, even at the beginning. In other words, I ought to make from eight to ten dollars a day, or about fifty a week to begin with. For a man who had never made more than sixty-five a month, with a wife and growing family to take care of, fifty dollars a week seemed like a transformation to the affluence of a millionaire.

The articles I proposed to handle were the most attractive toilet combination packages you ever saw. Some of them worth at least \$3.75 a box at retail, I sold to my customers as low as \$1.00! I could save my customer half the drug store price, and make a wonderfully big commission myself.

I sent for a sample of these toilet articles and found it was all it was claimed to be. Right away I convinced myself, and that is half the secret of success at selling. I became very enthusiastic!

I was still a trifle nervous about quitting my steady salary for an unknown proposition, at least, unknown as far I was concerned. But I was determined to try it out and also my own ability as a salesman. Instead of quitting my job I began to try it out in my spare time in the evenings. I called on four neighbors with my samples the first night. I took four orders. The next evening I went way out in the suburbs where I was not known and got orders to deliver six. And this was in little over two hours' work. It seemed to me that all I had to do was to invite the lady of the house to let me show my line and the sale was made.

I began to see the possibilities in these toilet articles. If I could make over ten dollars, almost one week's salary in two evenings in spare time—what could I make in eight hours' steady work each

day? At any rate, I had faith in them and quit my job the following week and started in as my own boss. The first week I worked from nine in the morning until five in the evening. I averaged about twelve orders each day and made over fifty dollars clear the first six working days. And the great part about it, I was my own boss—no clock to punch—no one to order me around.

It is past twelve months since I started for myself with the Pierce Company and I have cleared over four thousand dollars; easily averaging over \$300 a month. Besides that I have won some mighty big cash prizes which the company offered for good work. I have bought a little lot out in the country, have built my own home and am making real money.

That is just the difference between "Wallingford" and me. There are still plenty of openings in the great Pierce organization. If you're in the rut, take Dan Smith's advice and get out. Write Pierce Co. today.

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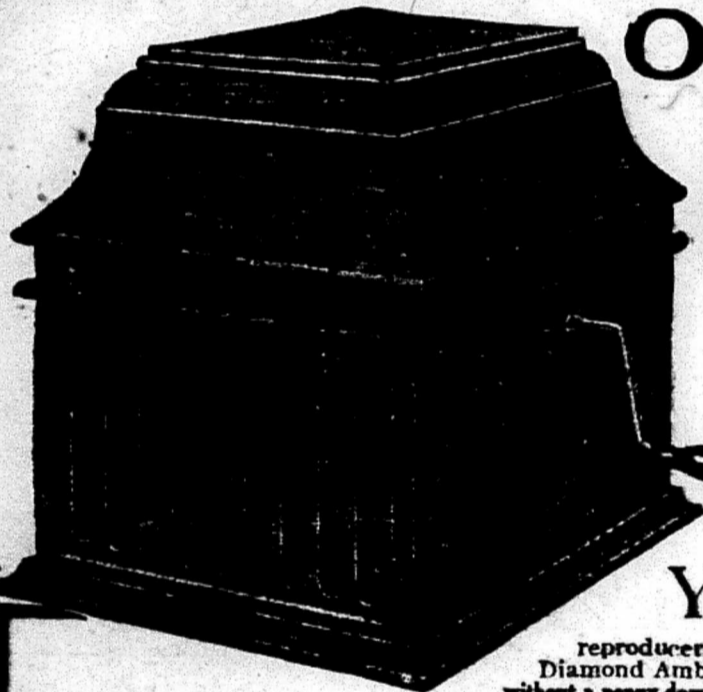
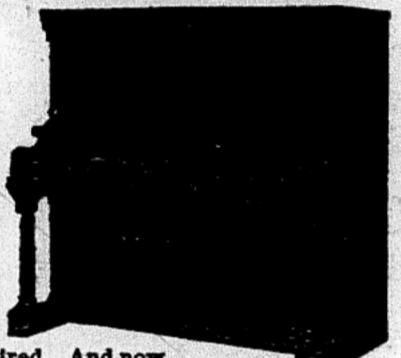
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She describes how Germany went into the war with a heavy heart and told of the great demonstrations against the war only twenty-four hours before it was announced war had been declared on Russia, "Then the country turned patriotic," she said.

"The European war is not a war of workers. It is a war of commercial imperialists. It was brought on because of the great growth of German industry and commercial advancement. She needed room to expand and the war came. Now the country that is expanding the most is the United States. You are reaching out to foreign countries and are building up a foreign trade. When the war is over and the European countries begin to recover, America will be strong abroad commercially. Germany will make a fight for her lost commerce. She has no commerce now. It is in the hands of the Allies and the neutrals.

"The United States is getting much of it. She will fight the United States, if necessary. If she does not become strong enough to fight the United States, another country will do it.

It will be a commercial war, arranged by diplomats. After the war is started the correspondence between diplomats will be made public in green books, red books, blue books and yellow books, but not until then will you know how the war was made.

"The people of Europe are tired of the war on both sides. When they finally stop fighting from exhaustion they will be where they were just before the war started. They will arm for a second conflict.

"I am in America to do what I can to prevent another horror like this. I am here to work for international solidarity of the working man. America is the only real neutral country left. Here I find men who are interested in peace and are not concerned which side wins. In every European country, whether neutral or not, every body is either pro-Ally or pro-German.

"If we can start a movement for international brotherhood anew in this country it will spread to other countries. The fight for possession of all the governments on a peace basis and the overthrow of the present system must be carried on in each country then."

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New York.

George Allan England,
Springfield, Mass.

Dear Comrade England:—

Permit me to say that your serial, the "Air Trust" in the Rip-Saw Magazine is the best ever. Don't know that I ever saw a better or more ingenious method of getting the Socialist message over, under cover of a story, than the way you are doing it.

Half a dozen of our fellows here in the office are reading it, and the consensus of opinion is that it is the real goods, and should have a big effect in waking up the dullards to the truths of Socialism.

Hope it won't be the last of your efforts in this line, for it is a line that is badly needed, and which often makes good when other means of propaganda fail. Is it going to appear in book form?

Socialism isn't fiction, but fiction can be writ "soshalistik" as our friend Josephus (now Joso) Chant Lipos would say. And you are the boy can do it. Wishing you the best of success, I am,

Yours Fraternally,
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Woodfords, Me.

George Allan England, Springfield, Mass. Dear Comrade England:-

I want to thank you for having written "The Air Trust," notwithstanding that in imagination I can already feel Flint's grip on my thorax and am rubbing the bosom of my pants apprehensively in anticipation of the Tiger's claws. Joking aside, it is evident from the opening instalments that you have not only "done yourself proud," but what is of far more consequence, rendered yeoman service to the movement.

The story thus far is certainly a masterful presentation of the potential possibilities of the infernal system that is crushing us and cannot fail to open the eyes of many. A Henry Dubb now writhing in agonized ignorance beneath the Iron Heel of Industry.

I congratulate you on writing it and the Rip-Saw on publishing it. May your several and joint shadows never grow less.

Fraternally, Fred Elrich, State Secretary, Socialist Party of Me.

BURBANK FAVORS CHILDREN

OAKLAND, Cal.—Child labor profiteers will get little assistance from Luther Burbank, who asks "isn't it as important for a nation to raise a good human crop as it is to raise good orchards?"

In a speech before a conference of social workers, the naturalist declared that the first ten years of a child's life should be surrounded by sunshine, cheerfulness, love and laughter, because, he said, it is abnormal and cruel to run all children through the same mill and stuff and cram their little heads to the breaking point. The speaker said a child is vastly more sensitive than a plant and that there is not an attribute lacking in a plant that cannot be bred into it. The same is largely true of human nature, he said. Heredity will make itself felt first, but in child-rearing, heredity and environment are equally important. What then can we expect from

children raised in dusty factories, crowded tenements and unventilated schools? We let the weeds grow and then set fire to them by bad environment.

BREAD SHRINKS

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No Pain.—"Bobby," said the lady in the tram-car, severely, "why don't you get up and give your seat to your father? Doesn't it pain you to see him reaching for the strap?"

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The Creel Lectures

H. G. Creel has finally consented to lecture upon the most absorbing topic in the world and a subject upon which he is authority—the inside story of the thrilling work of the Secret Service man.

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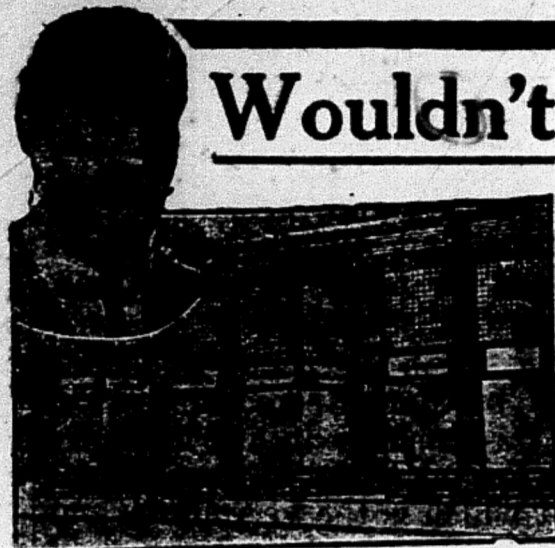
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SECRET SERVICE

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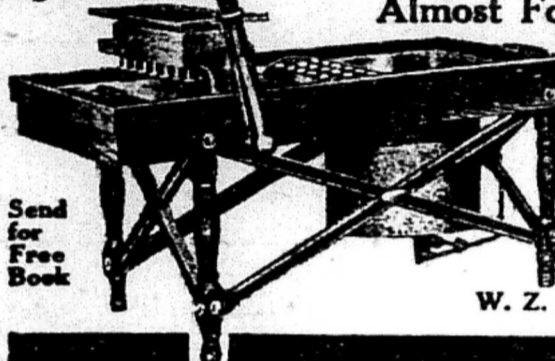
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Reorganizing the International

By Eugene V. Debs

Socialists the world over were not only keenly disappointed, but shocked and stunned with the collapse of the International at the outbreak of the European war. That the International DID collapse, and utterly so, when the crucial test came, it were folly any longer to deny or attempt to extenuate. The fact, humiliating though it be, confronts us and honesty with ourselves and with the world demands that we frankly acknowledge it.

The International went to pieces as a confederation of NATIONALS in the very hour it should have demonstrated its power as an INTERNATIONAL. In a word, when the crisis came, nationalism, patriotism and militarism, the essential components of capitalism, triumphed over internationalism and in a twinkling its vaunted solidarity vanished and our international movement was torn into fragments and these fragments marshalled in battle array by their common enemy, and from that day to this "comrades" have slaughtered "comrades" with the ferocity of fiends on a thousand ensanguined battlefields.

It is admitted that up to the time the war was declared the socialists in the several countries involved, without an exception, did all it was mortally possible for them to do to stay the hand of slaughter and prevent the outbreak of hostilities; but when, in spite of their warning and protest, the dogs of destruction were let loose—in the very hour they should have stood their ground and vindicated the principles of the International at whatever cost—they wavered and broke under the national pressure and were swept into the red gulf of hell where the multiplied thousands of the betrayed victims have been perishing ever since.

But it is not to pass judgment upon the past that I now write, but for the purpose of profiting by the calamitous experience of our comrades in Europe and preparing for the future. The day may be nearer than we imagine when we, here in the United States, will have to prove ourselves and the fitness of our movement to survive the onslaught of the murderous military hordes of capitalism.

It is urged by many that we can do but little, if anything, until the war is over, with the result that matters are allowed to drift, and the weakening and demoralizing effect of this policy is becoming more and more apparent with the passing days.

To insist that nothing can be done until the war is over is to confess that the war has paralyzed the socialist movement even here, thousands of miles from the scene

of hostilities, and we are certainly anything but socialists if we are inclined to make any such base and cowardly confession.

The truth is that something CAN be done, something vital and far-reaching in its influence if we are possessed of the militant spirit which is the very life of our movement and without which it is dead as a mummy, though its adherents number legions. Now is the very time for the socialists in neutral countries, especially here in the United States, to take the lead in re-affirming the principles of internationalism and preparing the way for the reorganization of the International upon a basis that will make it impregnable to future assaults.

In this connection it is gratifying to note that the first steps have already been taken in Europe to re-unite the dis severed fragments of the old International and to build up a new, more powerful and more revolutionary organization to take its place, care being taken to exclude the nationalists, "patriots" and traitors who were responsible for the downfall of the old movement.

THE INTERNATIONAL IS DEAD, say the kaisers, czars and kings, the rotten bureaucracies and putrescent aristocracies, and all their brood of degenerate hirelings and bootlickers, and we answer with the shout that rings around the earth:

LONG LIVE THE INTERNATIONAL!!

This is the revolutionary spirit in which the socialists of the several warring countries of Europe met in Zimmerwald, Switzerland, in September last to take the preliminary steps toward a complete restoration of the International upon a bed-rock foundation, with the weaknesses of the old organization eliminated. This conference was composed of representatives of nearly all the warring countries and a number of the neutral countries and as a result of its deliberations a ringing manifesto was issued which must appeal to every true-hearted socialist in the world. This manifesto was translated by the New York "Volkszeitung" and reproduced in a recent issue of the Milwaukee "Leader." It meets the situation, confessedly a most delicate and difficult one, fairly and squarely; it breathes the true socialist spirit, is neither rash nor timid, but gives expression to a prudent, sane, practical purpose and points the way to a reorganized, revived and triumphant International movement.

From this wise, courageous and inspiring proclamation and appeal, which should be read by every socialist, I quote as follows:

"Proletarians! Since the outbreak of the war you have devoted your strength, your courage, your endurance

to the service of the ruling class. The time has now come to stand forth for your own cause, for the sacred purpose of socialism, for the liberation of oppressed peoples, for all subject classes, and for the irreconcilable, proletarian class struggle."

"It is the task and the duty of the socialists of the warring countries to take up the full burden of this struggle. It is the task and the duty of the socialists of all neutral countries to support with all their strength, their brothers in this struggle against bloody barbarism."

"In this unendurable condition we, the representatives of socialist parties, unions and minorities of these, we Germans, French, Italians, Russians, Poles, Letts, Roumanians, Swedes, Norwegians, Dutch and Swiss, we, who do not stand on the ground of national solidarity with the exploiting class, but on the ground of the international solidarity of the proletariat and the class-struggle, have come together in order to knit up the broken threads of international relations, and to call the working class to self-consciousness and to the struggle for peace."

"Never in the history of the world was there more imperative, a higher or more sublime task than this, whose fulfillment must be our common work. No sacrifice is too great, no load too heavy to bear in order to attain the goal of peace among nations."

WORKING MEN AND WORKING WOMEN! MOTHERS AND FATHERS! WOUNDED AND CRIPPLED! ALL WHO HAVE SUFFERED FROM WAR OR THROUGH WAR, WE CALL TO YOU OVER THE FRONTIERS, OVER THE SMOKING SLAUGHTER-FIELDS AND DEVASTATED CITIES AND VILLAGES: PROLETARIANS OF ALL NATIONS, UNITE!!

This is the first beginning of an international reorganization that gives promises of actual and substantial results. It is the voice of true internationalism that speaks here and proclaims the inviolability of its principles and the indestructibility of the International movement. In commenting upon the conference and the manifesto, A. M. Simons, in a stirring article under the caption "A Hopeful Sign," in the New Review, an article worthy of the widest reading, says:

"The Gideon's band that met in Switzerland is composed of the few that will soon be many, who realize that upon a reorganized, revived and revolutionary international socialist movement depends the future of civilization in Europe. For these there are coming times even more trying than those that now exist in the warring countries. The least that we can do is to give them our adherence, our sympathy and the pledge of our support when the crucial days come."

"For our own sakes the least we can do is to try to infuse into our own Socialist party some of the spirit that brought them together. If we cannot do that then we can watch enthusiasm, members, votes and even our beloved offices, gradually grow less and less."

Simons is absolutely correct in urging the infusion of the true revolutionary spirit into our party and in sounding the warning note of impending disaster if that spirit be lacking in the days to come. There is never danger of being too revolutionary; the danger that always threatens is in not being revolutionary enough, to the dis-

couragement and disgust and final loss of the virile, active, energetic and inspiring element that is the very life and soul of the organization.

In the same appeal Simons also says:

"Steady heads will be needed as well as revolutionary enthusiasm and unity in the rush of events that will come with the climax of this war and the peace that will follow it." . . . "This is the inevitable reaction against the betrayal of political power to the benefit of office holders and the destruction of socialism." . . . "There is going to be work, big work for an International socialist movement soon. Either that or there will be no more work for it during this generation. We failed once. We cannot fail twice and continue to pose as the leaders of labor and the heralds of a new civilization."

It is now up to the socialists of the United States to demonstrate their power and their capacity to get into harmonious and effective action in preparation for the inevitable test which awaits the American movement in the not distant future. Well may the members of the Socialist party cease quibbling over minor matters and get together in a serious and determined attempt to build up the party, and each local thereof, to support and strengthen the press and to infuse the virile spirit of revolutionary internationalism in our propaganda and in every thought and act of our organization.

If the Socialist party of the United States can rise equal to its greatest opportunity, the opportunity that is certain to come, either at the close of the war or possibly long before, it will do a work of immeasurable value to the workers of the world, and the very thought of this weighty responsibility should spur every socialist to renewed energy and activity and to the resolute determination to do all in his power to vitalize his local, inspire his comrades and fellow-workers, and build up, strengthen and make truly militant and progressive the Socialist party in the United States, that it may be equal to every opportunity and to any test or crisis that fate or fortune may have in store for it.

Came Back.—VILLAGE STOREKEEPER (as pastor executes a masterly retreat from his store)—"Dinged old hypocrit! This is the same lead quarter I put in the collection last Sunday!"—Judge.

A New Burden.—CAWKER—"I've had another addition to my family since I saw you last."

CUMSO—"You don't say! Boy or girl?"

CAWKER—"Son-in-law."—Puck.

Silenced.—BILTON (sternly).—"What's the reason that young man stays so late when he calls?"

Miss BILTON (demurely)—"I am, papa."—Judge.

All Square.—"How did you come out on the \$3,000 house you contracted for?"

"Came out in pretty fair shape. The contractor spent my \$3,000 and took the house for the difference."—Louisville Courier-Journal.

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If you work on a farm, in a creamery, on cement floors, in a mine, in a lumber camp—anywhere, in fact, where your feet are exposed to dampness, you simply can't afford to be without a pair of these wonderful Hy-D-Rubber-Wood Manure and Water-Proof Sole Shoes. Just wear them awhile and see how quickly your Rheumatism, Sciatica, Coughs and Colds leave you. And as for corns and bunions they'll not bother feet that are dry and comfortably shod in Hy-D-Rubber-Wood Soles Shoes.

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Three Weeks

Kate Richards O'Hare

Don't be shocked, this is not the sultry love story of a young English nob, but the simple tale of the easy and leisurely life of a socialist agitator.

I left St. Louis on October 12 with two things on my mind; First, I wanted to visit as many of the Eastern municipalities as I could reach and see what was being done or had been done in dealing with the problem of unemployment, and second, share in the work of the Socialist Suffrage Campaign Committee of New York City. I visited a number of municipalities and will visit a great many more during the winter and hope that my investigation will be useful when finished.

I reached New York Saturday evening and Theresa Malkiel, the greatest human dynamo extant, met me at the Ferry and sent me back to the wilds of Jersey to talk Suffrage to the Jersey Cityites which I did while the great crowd waited for Debs to arrive. Sunday I spoke with Congressman Meyer London and Gene Debs in the great Carnegie Hall meeting in New York. Right here I want to remark that this meeting was one of the biggest, best managed affairs I have ever attended and I have seen some meetings in my life. The Socialist Suffrage Campaign Committee (a group of New York Socialist women led by Theresa Malkiel as organizer) had charge and the meeting was arranged for, handled and officered entirely by the women. Every seat was sold and the "Standing-room Only" sign put out twenty minutes before the opening time. One hundred young girls dressed in white and wearing great red "Votes for Women" sashes acted as ushers and I have never seen a great crowd handled as efficiently. Meta Stern made an ideal chairman, Meyer London was at his best, Gene charmed his hearers as he always does and I attempted to sustain the reputation of the West in general and my sex in particular to the best of my ability. When the Carnegie Hall meeting was glorious history then the fun began and I had a chance to find out what real, downright hard work meant. I spoke from three to five times every day in every manner of place where human beings gather in masses.

One Hundred Meetings in One Day. New York city was the vortex of the great Suffrage cyclone that was sweeping over the conservative, moss-backed, rock-ribbed East, and the Socialist Suffrage Campaign Committee seemed to be the dyanamic center of the storm. For the first time in the life of New York the women were IT and the male was only a background for female activities. New York was OURS and every man and woman wanted to hear what we had to say on Suffrage, and we said it—indeed we did. From soapboxes and cart-tails, autos and trucks, piles of lumber and stacks of brick we hammered home the economic need of Equal Suffrage and always there were just as many people to listen as our voices could reach. I am sure the work done by the Socialist Suffrage Campaign Committee breaks all records and there is no doubt but Theresa Malkiel and her loyal helpers have set a pace that will be hard to equal.

In one day we distributed sixty thousand English leaflets, fifty thousand Jewish; sold twenty-five hundred one-cent books, fifteen hundred five-cent books, put up forty thousand stickers, held one hundred meetings and collected money enough on the street corners to pay the cost of the day's work. The Campaign Committee started without a cent in the treasury, carried on seven months' work, using some of the best known speakers in the country and finished without one cent of debt. CAN ANY BUNCH OF

MEN ANYWHERE ON EARTH EQUAL THAT RECORD?

Suffrage did not carry in New York, but no one ever dreamed that it would. Great revolutionary changes are not made in one campaign, but are won by long years of constant work and education. The vote was far greater than the most hopeful anticipated and the new campaign is now on and will be continued until the male Henry Dubb is really educated. The Campaign of the Socialist Party of New York was just as wonderful and inspiring as the Suffrage campaign, in fact they were one. I never knew whether it was the Socialist Party of the Suffrage Campaign Committee I was speaking for and which ever it was I talked the same kind of Socialism I talk in Oklahoma and the people ate it up in just the same way. On the lower East Side I was speaking at a nice, dignified suffrage meeting in a schoolhouse and a bunch of young comrades rushed in and kidnapped me and demanded that I go out on the street and take a democratic politician's crowd away from him which I did in just three minutes and we held five thousand people for two hours in a nasty drizzling rain. At the McKinley Square Casino in the Bronx Debs was the principal speaker. At eight o'clock the great hall, seating about four thousand was filled, and the smaller hall seating fifteen hundred packed. The police closed the doors and four thousand people were in the streets. U. Soloman with only three speakers: Debs, London and myself managed to keep all the meetings going and get a collection of \$100 over and above ticket sales.

Elected Socialist Legislator.

In the Brownsville District in Brooklyn I spoke to two monster meetings in one evening and thereby helped share the joy of helping to send Shiplicoff, the first Socialist Assemblyman, to Albany.

Philadelphia Shows the Way.

From New York I went to Philadelphia to speak for the Socialist Literary Society in the Broad Street Theatre. Here I found just the type of work that is so sorely needed in every city and it is quite possible if we would use good common, horse sense in the management of our propaganda meetings. The Socialist Literary Society is furnishing the working class just what they are hungry for, music, culture, social life, artistic expression, and all founded on the bedrock of Socialism. To speak in the Broad Street Theatre is a joy and to see the work being done there is an inspiration. How I wish other cities would do the same splendid work.

Debate in Dubuque.

From Philadelphia I made the long jump over to Dubuque, Iowa, where two college boys from a Catholic college felt equal to the task of "smashing Socialism." The Dubuque Comrades brought me over to champion the cause against the onslaughts of the sophomores. The largest hall in town was packed to the doors and every one had their money's worth in uproarious fun; incidentally two very nice young men know now that they can't "smash Socialism" with the weapons furnished by their college textbooks, while the local has taken on new life and added sundry bits of filthy lucre to the treasury.

Challenged Peter Collins.

The next day I spoke in Des Moines, Ia., where a splendid meeting was held on Sunday afternoon in the Side High School Building. It an ideal meeting in every way and the same evening with a group of comrades I attended Peter Collins' meeting and heard him annihilate Socialism in his usual manner. From the floor of

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Fine Meeting at Centerville.

My last meeting was at Centerville, Ia., a typical county seat town, in a rich Iowa county. It was a splendid example of what one good live Socialist can do if he has the right stuff in him. There is no local at Centerville, but Comrade Willes, a coal miner, handled a Debs meeting there last summer which packed the largest hall. Encouraged by this Comrade Willes tackled another meeting for me, filled the largest meeting place, was forced to turn people away who could not squeeze in. Don't this make some of you comrades who sit down and wail "we can't do nothin," feel a bit ashamed? And here endeth the tale of three weeks adventures of a Socialist agitator.

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The Ghost of Big Tooth, Chief of the Stone Age, Visits the Earth

By H. M. Tichenor

The ghost of Big Tooth, the Great Chief of the Stone Age, had just returned from earth to the land of shades, and was telling the Stone Age spooks of what he saw.

"My descendants," said he with a touch of pride, "are a great credit to my breeding. They are chips off the old block.

"There's my boy Nick," he continued, "Big Chief of the tribe of Russians. His strain runs straight back to me and my favorite wife, Bloody Jaws. With all the generations that have passed, he still bears a strong resemblance to his ancient mother.

"By the god Gorgon, that we used to worship, how she could devour human flesh!

"Then there's Bill, Big Chief of the tribe of Teutons. He descended from me and my wild woman, Crazy Cat. He looks more like me, but inherits his instincts from his mother's side. Crazy Cat caused more trouble than all the rest of the folks in my cave. She had a face like a leopard, and her whiskers stood up like a porcupine's quills. I finally had to kill her.

"Then there is George, Big Chief of the tribe of Britons. He descended from me and my old woman Sneaking Snake. She was the best thief of the whole bunch. She would rob another man's cave and then swear that somebody else did it. One day Crazy Cat scratched her eyes out. That's when I lost my temper and killed Crazy Cat.

"Then there is Francis Joseph, Big Chief of the tribes of Austrians and Hungarians. He descended from me and a woman I stole from a blind man. Her name was Limping Buzzard, because a tiger had bit off one of her legs, and she hobbled around on a stick. Her children never amounted to much.

"I saw several other smaller chiefs, whose resemblance to me or some of my wives I recognized.

"But it was when I crossed a big pond, and came to a land unknown when I was on earth, that I ran across a descendant of mine that does me proud. His name is Robberfeller, Big Chief of the tribe of Americans. He descended from me and my ravenous woman, Shack Nasty Pig. I admired her on account of her appetite. She was the most enormous eater you ever saw. She rooted up the country for miles around in search of food. She swallowed everything in sight. She even devoured some of her own babies. The Big Chief, Robberfeller, of the tribe of Americans, is a perfect picture of her. He will recognize his ancient ancestress when he reaches the land of shades.

One thing that looks bad for my children, the Big Chiefs now on earth, is that the descendants of my old-time captive-slaves are showing signs of rebellion. I found several millions of them associated together, and planning to overthrow the power of the Big Chiefs, and taking all the good things of earth for their own use.

"The Big Chiefs have started a great slaughter that will kill off many of the slaves. This may, for a time, interfere with their agitation. But I greatly fear that when the slaughter is over that the slaves will be more rebellious than ever.

"The idea of slaves owning the earth is perfectly preposterous—I used to eat one of them every Sunday for my dinner. The very thought is an insult to the old god Gorgon."

And the ghost of Big Tooth, the Great Chief of the Stone Age, heaved a sigh as he thought of the good old days of fang and claw, when all disputes were settled with a stone ax.

Votes for Women Urged by Shaw, as Cavell Memorial

Writer Opposes "Dishonoring Moses' Memory" by a "Display of Claptrap."

By International News Service. LONDON, November 6.—In a little over a fortnight nearly \$40,000 has been subscribed to newspaper funds for the erection of national memorials to Miss Edith Cavell. It is proposed to place a statue of the nurse near Trafalgar Square, and also to erect a home for nurses.

George Bernard Shaw, however, discussing the project, suggests a much more lasting memorial, as follows:

"As what Nurse Cavell did and suffered was done for us, it is right and natural she should be a heroine to us and it would be disgraceful of us to dishonor her memory by a cinematographic display of clap-trap or merely to break her coffin into stocks to beat the Germans with.

"There is a way in which we can pay our duty to her and test the sincerity of her loudest champions.

"We cannot complain of the denial to her by military law of all the safeguards of human justice, because we have shot ten people ourselves without any of those safeguards under the same law. We cannot plead her sex, because our own criminal law, civil and military, makes no distinction between men and women, and no woman asks it any more than Nurse Cavell did.

"We cannot vapor about chivalry, because if she had come back alive to demand the political rights granted to the meanest of men and had broken a shop window to compel attention to her claim, she would have been mobbed and insulted and subjected to gross physical violence, with the full approval of many of the writers who are now canonizing her.

"What we can do is very simple. We can enfranchise her sex in recognition of her proof of its valor. A bill might gracefully be introduced by Mr. McKenna in Commons and Viscount Gladstone in the House of Lords.

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