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PEOPLE, WHERE DO YOU STAND?

By Henry M. Tichenor

After duly consulting the oracles of Ezekiel, as confessed by himself in a letter written to Mr. Seth Low, President Wilson has at last been able to transmit to Congress a message fully in accord with the wishes of the American ammunition makers and billionaire money loaners.

In fact it would appear that the ammunition makers and billionaire money loaners were the Urim and Thummim used to interpret the visions.

The fierce creatures with four faces that Ezekiel saw—these are evidently the enemies against whom the big business interests of the United States must be prepared to do battle.

And the wheels that were chasing themselves up and down the land—maybe these are what's the matter with the people's heads.

Ezekiel says, "Spare them not, but slay both man and woman, infant and suckling"—this fits the wishes of the profit hunting war wolves to a dot.

Where Ezekiel foretold anything about the proposed gag-law to make it a criminal offense to dare to protest against the exporting of murder machines and deadly explosives to warring nations abroad, does not appear clear to those not versed in the mysteries of theology. Perhaps it is to be found in the mysterious roll that Ezekiel swallowed whole.

The question, however, is not so much as to how and where the President obtained his anti-American ideas of militarism and

impudent gag laws, as it is as to whether or not the people will stand for the conspiracy—the conspiracy to drag this nation, in the interests of the exploiters and boodlers, into the doom and death wherein Europe is madly plunging itself, and then to add

to such an outrage against humanity a Cossack despotism that outlaws free speech and open denunciation of outrageous acts on the part of the Plunderbund and its political puppets.

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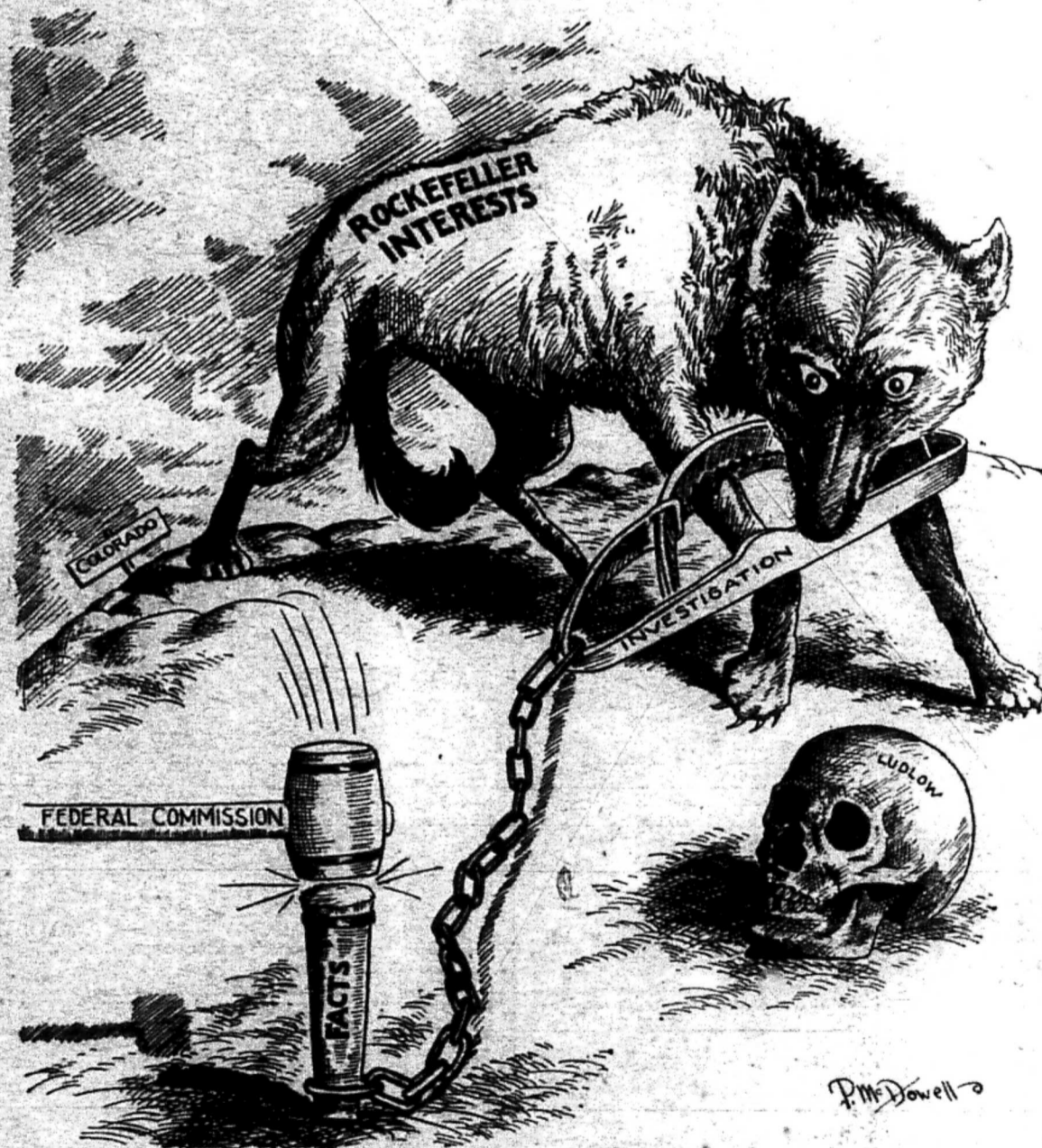
Shall America lead, bearing the banner of Peace and Humanity; or shall she fall in line at the call of Jackals who fatten on war and desolation, behind the hell hounds that now pollute the earth?

Where do you stand?

Not only do the decent and sane of your own land await your answer, but the violated millions of Europe, caught in the very net proposed to ensnare YOU and YOURS, and waiting, as we have reason to believe, for the chance to escape their toils and overturn the tyrants, they, too, are listening for your reply.

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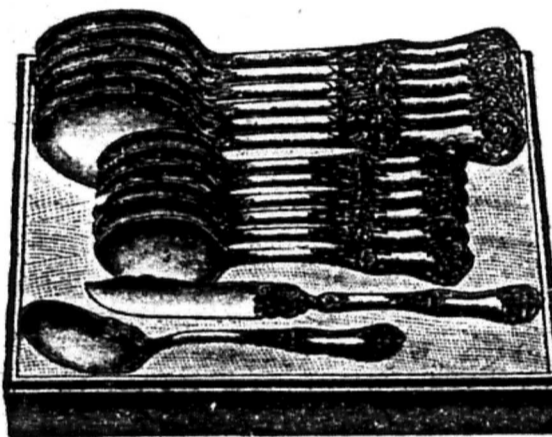
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By Eugene V. Debs

GREETING OF THE NEW YEAR

Not in any formal sense, but with a feeling of real comradeship and hearty good will, do we address this greeting to our friends and readers. The old year brought plenty of trouble to the world, but it also brought, as all years do, however bad, its full meed of good.

The old year from its beginning to its close was a perpetual witness to the horrors of the most savage and brutalizing war that ever sickened the heart of humanity, and to the utter and disgraceful collapse of capitalist civilization.

The year 1915 was written red in the calendar of time in the blood of the slaughtered millions who fell victims to capitalism's barbarous misrule at the very climax of its stupendous power and in tragic fulfillment of its despotic and dehumanizing destiny.

In looking backward over the year upon which the sable curtain has just fallen it is with a shudder for its atrocities and with pity and tears for its innocent victims in the trenches and for the widows and orphans who await with breaking hearts the footsteps of the dead. But this is not all. We turn from the agonizing victims to the accursed system responsible for their grief and desolation and swear by the eternal never to rest until that infernal system is destroyed root and branch and swept from the earth.

In sending the greetings of the New Year to our friends and comrades it is coupled with the pledge that every hour from its opening to its close shall be devoted to the great work which confronts us and which must be performed if the crimes of 1915 are to be atoned for and if the toiling masses are to be rescued from the rapacious maw of the beast of prey that has fed upon their vitals through all the ages.

To each of our readers we send our message of comradeship cheer and our greeting in the name of the social revolution.

THE NEW YEAR MUST BE MADE A TRUE YEAR IN THE SERVICE OF THE CAUSE.

There must be in our ranks no wavering weakness and no cowardly compromise. Be our minority ever so small it must stand and fight for its principles without taint of corruption upon its escutcheon and without yielding one jot or tittle to pressure from without or within to swerve from the class struggle of the international proletariat for international emancipation.

Socialist internationalism as opposed to capitalist nationalism must be the slogan in reorganizing the international movement.

Nationalists, militarists and patriots of the bourgeois variety are not socialist even though they cause themselves to be known by that name, and unless the party gets rid of them it will be corrupted if not disrupted by their influence.

The carnage and desolation of Europe cry out trumpet-tongued and in notes of supreme agony and despair against the crime of "preparedness" as advocated by the imperialists, militarists and jingoists to further intrench themselves in power and enlarge their domain of rapine and plunder.

OTIS STILL AT LARGE

Harrison Grey Otis the notorious scab-in-chief of the rat-publication known as the Los Angeles Times, allows no one to remain in that city who has incurred his royal displeasure. His latest decree of banishment was issued against Joseph Scott a citizen of standing and a reputable lawyer for having committed the outrageous offense of defending a union man in court.

Small wonder that Otis the patron saint of scabism is convulsed with rage and determined that Scott shall be put under the ban, stripped of his license to practice, shorn of his citizenship, and driven in disgrace from the city. Under the iron rule of the imperious Harrison Grey no man who so far forgets himself as to defend the

crime of belonging to a labor union shall be suffered to remain in the community. And so the city of Los Angeles is in the throes of a violent convulsion and the Daily Record says: "It is to decide whether one man's poison, one man's jackal, jungle hatred; one man's viperish lash can dictate to a free city which path it must tread."

Go to it, ye mutineers of Los Angeles against the barbarous, scab-infested, stench-breeding domination of Harrison Grey Otis and his filthy organ, the allies and abettors of political corruption and industrial slavery and the arch-enemies of freedom and justice.

The man who cannot endure flings and jeers without weakening lacks in his veins the red blood essential to the true socialist.

Neutrality, so-called, under capitalism, is simply one more in its vocabulary of myths.

A friendly tip: A year's subscription to the RIP-SAW will be a graceful manner in which to send your New Year's greeting to a friend.

DOWN IN TEXAS

An incident is reported from Fort Worth, Texas, that makes us feel that the twentieth century is but a dream and that we are really living in the dark ages.

When the Liberty Bell on its return from the Pacific coast stopped at Fort Worth, the school children were permitted to gather around the old relic, touch it with their hands, and kiss it with their lips, and then it happened. It was a frightful thing to happen in a civilized community and no wonder the people were thrown into a panic and narrowly escaped riot and bloodshed. A negro school-child tried to kiss the bell. That settled it. The mob spirit was aroused in that civilized white community as if by an electric shock and instantly the blood of ignorant fanatics was fired and they threatened to drive every colored man out of the city. For shame! When I think of that negro child I blush scarlet for my race. If the kiss of that child was an insult to that community then the Liberty Bell had no business there. The first blood shed in the war of the revolution which ended in the independence proclaimed by the old bell was the blood of a martyr with a coal-black skin.

I was not surprised to learn that the negro child that caused the near-riot was the child of a poor workingman. Let us apologize to ourselves for being human beings!

If in reading this issue of the RIP-SAW you find an article peculiarly to your liking suppose you blue-pencil it and hand it to that republican or democrat you have been arguing with and when you see him again he may be ready to hand you his subscription.

MURDER OF JOE HILL

The state of Utah committed the deed in cold blood and Joe Hill, the song writer, the victim of its murderous wrath, now lies wrapped in his bloody winding-sheet. But this civilized and Christian commonwealth was not entirely void of charity; it gave its doomed victim the choice between hanging and shooting, for be it known that when the state of Utah decides to kill one of its citizens, it gives him the privilege, in its broad and bounteous benevolence, to be hung by the neck until life is extinct or to have his heart shot full of leaden slugs by a squad of its licensed assassins.

We are not now discussing the question of Hill's innocence or guilt; that is still an open question, he having been convicted on circumstantial evidence. Nor is it now a question of whether he had a fair trial, although it should be said that Hill himself was not without blame if his conviction was the result of an unfair trial,

as he obstinately refused to take advantage of certain opportunities that were presented to establish his innocence.

It is freely admitted that the murder with which Hill was charged was a most brutal and shocking one and it is also admitted that the circumstantial evidence against him was strong, and yet he may have been innocent and in the absence of positive and convincing proof to the contrary we are bound to give him the benefit of the doubt and to hold him free of guilt of the crime for which he was legally and atrociously shot to death.

But in any event the state of Utah has the blood of Joe Hill upon its head and the crime of his assassination upon its conscience.

If Joe Hill committed a crime the state of Utah committed moral suicide. The state that murders even a murderer is morally a thousand fathoms lower than its murdered victim.

The legal murder of Joe Hill in the state of Utah has shocked every decent citizen and made infamous and abhorrent as never before the crime of capital punishment.

There may be some truth in the claim that Joe Hill was put to death on account of his connection with the I. W. W. and in that case the I. W. W., which has tolerated the perverts and spies in its ranks who openly advocate theft and larceny and who glorify their depravity in singing, "Hallelujah, I'm a Bum," has itself to blame for a reputation which prejudices its members and although innocent of crime condemns them to a shocking death. If Joe Hill was shot to death because he belonged to the I. W. W. there is good ground for believing that the crime may be in part at least the fruit of a vicious and criminal propaganda.

Do not forget that one-third of the working class in this country are in chronic poverty and that in voting a capitalist ticket you vote to keep them there.

"Nothing great was ever achieved without enthusiasm," said Emerson, and he was right. Anything that is not worth enthusing over is not worth fighting for. Emerson admired the socialists for their "magnificent enthusiasm," as he expressed it, an enthusiasm so fervid and glowing, so filled with fine passion, that it amounts to religion.

VICTOR HUGO AND THE SOCIALISTS

It was while he was in exile that Victor Hugo wrote his masterpiece. He very fittingly called it "Les Miserables" and it has been read and read again by millions and millions. At the time Hugo was engaged upon this masterly work Marx and Engels and LaSalle, who were also exiled and persecuted, were laying the groundwork of the international working-class movement. The word socialism was becoming articulate and emperors, kings and aristocrats began to tremble and to fulminate their fear and wrath as they caught its significance. It required heroic stuff at that time to stand for socialism and of such were its revolutionary founders. It was of these bold pioneers, these knightly souls that Victor Hugo wrote as follows in his immortal novel:

"Thinkers were meditating, while the soil, that is to say, the people, traversed by the revolutionary currents, trembled beneath them with mysterious epileptic shocks. These thinkers, some isolated, others gathered into families and almost into communion, were turning over social questions, peacefully, but profoundly; impassible miners, who were quietly pushing their galleries into the depths of a volcano, scarcely disturbed by the sullen commotion and the half-seen glow of lava.

"The well-being of man was what they wished to extract from society.

"They raised the material questions, questions of agriculture, of industry, of commerce, almost to the dignity of a religion. In civilization such as it is constituted to small extent by God, to great by man, interests are combined, aggregated, and amalgamated in such a manner as to form actual hard rock, according to a dynamic law patiently studied by the economists, those geologists of politics.

"These men who grouped themselves under different appellations, but who may all be designated by the generic title of socialists, endeavored to pierce this rock and to make the living waters of human felicity gush forth from it.

"From the question of the scaffold to the question of war, their labors embraced everything. To the rights of man, proclaimed by the French Revolution, they added the rights of woman and the rights of childhood."

This graceful and poetic tribute to the socialist philosophers and pioneers of half a century ago by the immortal Hugo was worthily bestowed. What Marx suffered in his dire poverty and his bitter persecution, and not only Marx, but his beloved and devoted wife, few among us can fully appreciate, nor all of us ever repay. But through it all he stood like a figure of granite, heroic, uncompromising, immovable, and there he stands today, the giant-spirit of

the world-wide revolution his genius inaugurated, and there he will stand through the ages, monumental of the immortal triumph he achieved in arousing the workers of all countries to unite, to throw off their chains, rise to the stature of men and the dignity of freedom, and take possession of the earth in the name of the people.

Rockefeller is said to be worth a billion dollars. No wonder he has not a friend on earth. He has plenty sycophants, hangers-on, and boot-lickers, but not a solitary soul he can call his friend. This is poverty indeed; it is worse than poverty, it is abject pauperism.

Max Ehrmann the brilliant young poet and playwright wrote a Thanksgiving ode which closed with the following pathetic stanza:

"I cannot sing in thankful mood
While war still takes her bloody toll.
On this Thanksgiving Day I brood
With starless midnight in my soul."

THE PEOPLE'S COLLEGE

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INTERNATIONALISM

If the principles of socialism have not international application and if the socialist movement is not an international movement then its whole philosophy is false and the movement has no reason for existence.

Karl Marx, founder of the modern socialist movement, based his whole theory upon the internationality of the working class and called upon the workers of all countries to unite in the struggle for their emancipation.

Before the war broke out in Europe there was no question about the international character of the socialist movement, but when the tocsin sounded, international obligation was swept away, or forgotten, and in the frenzy aroused by the military clackers, thousands of socialist party members became the intensest of nationalists and "patriots," utterly denying their international principles and obligations and turning traitors to the movement to which they had solemnly pledged their honor and their lives.

If the international socialist movement is to be organized on a bedrock foundation, if it is to endure in the future, instead of collapsing as in the past; if, in a word, it is to give expression and direction to the social revolution, it can only be by a rigid observance of the fundamental principles of internationalism and upon the sound basis of the class struggle.

True socialists cannot at the same time be nationalists, militarists and capitalist "patriots." They are either one or the other; they cannot be both. The self-called socialists who are nationalists first and who set the "fatherland" of their masters above the whole earth and above all the workers of the world, are not socialists at all but either mild and harmless capitalist reformers and stool-pigeons or traitors to the cause.

THE SOCIALIST MOVEMENT IF IT STANDS AT ALL MUST STAND UNFLINCHINGLY AND UNCOMPROMISINGLY FOR SOCIALIST INTERNATIONALISM VERSUS CAPITALIST NATIONALISM!

Upon that rock it can stand against the world; upon that rock

it can withstand the shock of war, and all the powers of capitalism and hell cannot prevail against it.

We must get rid of nationalism, militarism, and the kind of "patriotism" which is responsible for the socialists of Europe now drenching the soil of the "fatherland" of their masters with the blood of comrades, and we must beware lest nationalism get a foothold in the party here in the United States, for as certain as it does, the party will go the way of the socialist parties of the old world which have been all but destroyed by its vicious and disrupting influence.

Current Problems, Socialism, Etc.

What's the Matter, Anyway?

By Walter Thomas Mills

Every body knows that something is the matter.

The earth is large enough, her fields are fertile enough, her mills are rich enough, the tools are productive enough, the workers are numerous enough, skilled enough, and willing enough to produce enough so that no one needs to be in want.

Not one student of the subject on all the earth denies that if all were all the time employed with the best tools, on the best natural resources, under scientific management and with the workers given the wealth they would so create, it would at once provide for a rational existence for all, including the young, the aged and the helpless.

Why then is this not done?

Something is the matter with the organization and management of the world's work. What is it?

Wealth is created, so we are told, by land, tools, management and labor.

Ground rent is given to the landlord for the use of the land, interest to the capitalist for the use of the public credit, profits to the manager for hiring the labor, borrowing the credit and renting the land. The manager guarantees the payment of all these others and has what is left for himself.

Ground rent is not paid for any service whatsoever.

It is paid by one person to some other person for the use of those values which are the gift of nature or the joint product of society.

The landlords are able to collect it, not because of any service which they render, but because of the monopoly which they possess.

Interest, so far as it is a reward for actual services rendered in keeping the accounts and helping the processes of exchange, is wages, not interest at all. So far as it is interest and not wages, it is entirely unearned, and it is privately appropriated through the power of the money monopoly and not for services rendered.

Profits, so far as they are real payments for the wages of superintendents, are wages, and are not profits at all. So far as

profits are not wages and are really profits, they are a sum charged in excess of all expenditures for services of every sort. Hence, they too, are a tribute paid to the power of monopoly to extort, they are not paid in exchange for services rendered.

Thus it is seen that all payments of ground rents, interest and profits are monopoly extortions, not payments made for services rendered.

All incomes which are derived from services of any sort are wages in some form.

Hence it is seen that all the vast products of industry, com-

any form can be increased without a corresponding decrease in the share which falls to labor, except as one monopoly may encroach upon another and increase its own returns at the expense of some other monopoly.

Monopoly is the only power which can fix and hold an unfair price, that is a price in excess of the real cost of production.

The only means ever adopted by which monopoly prices can be brought down to the cost of production, is the public ownership of the monopolized industry or service.

To publicly own one monopoly, only enables the remaining monopolies to raise their selling prices.

To lower rents will increase interest rates; to lower interest, increases ground rents; to limit profits increases one or other other or both ground rents and interests.

The only way to make the final deliverance of labor sure from the extortion of monopoly of any sort is to make a publicly owned enterprise out of all monopolies of all sorts.

Then, as now, labor alone could put things into the market; but then, and not as now, labor of some sort would be the only power able to take things out of the market.

Don't Get All "Het Up," Sonny

By the Rip-Saw Poet

Have you heard about "preparedness," and learnin' how to shoot, and marchin' forth to murder when your master's tin-horns toot? For we're sure to have a war, they say, 'bout dividin' up the swag, and the drums will beat all down the street to rally 'round the flag. And then you'll hear the "patriots" cry, and the preachers pray to God to save you from the clutches of some master from abroad. Now before this happens, sonny, I want to ask you this: What difference does it make to you which cuss your master is? Do you think the German Kaiser, or the Swash of Zanzibar, could put you in much worse a fix than the fix in which you are? Could any lordly loafer beneath the shinin' sun, come over here and do you more than you are bein' done? Why should YOU fight the battles of thieves when they fall out—what is there in their wrangles for YOU to rave about? Don't get all "het up," sonny, when the wolves let off their yell—keep cool, and politely tell 'em that they can go to h—, —that nothin' in all Christendom, that is, or ever was, can trim you closer to the bone than Rockefeller does.

merce and social services of all sorts are divided between those who render service for what they get, and those who get what they do get, not for services rendered, but because of monopoly powers possessed by them.

There is no way by which the share which goes for human service, can be increased without decreasing the share which goes to monopoly in some form.

There is no way by which the share which goes to monopoly of

—But that is Socialism.

The greatest current problem of our day is the problem caused by the advance of the cost of living out of all proportion to any corresponding advance in the purchasing power of labor.

And it is seen that the only solution of this greatest of all current problems is Socialism.

Next month's article will be on the subject "Shall it be Revolution or Reform?"

WAR

For myself, no matter what the millions of America or the millions of the world may think or do, I have this to say as to war—(War—the word that is harsh from any lips, brings a shudder in any home, spreads terror in any nation):

I will not kill any German, nor any Englishman, nor any Frenchman, nor any American, nor any man whatsoever unless he attempt to tyrannize over me or my neighbor. I will not do this of my own will. I will not do this at the bidding of another, even if that other be captain, colonel, general or president. I have no right to kill of my own choice; I have no right to kill at the bidding of another. I myself am a man; I have a personal responsibility that I nor any other can put aside. The worker from across the hills, across the river or across the sea has a life that is just as sacred, just as divine as any upon the earth, and this I, for one, will not take from him, let the captain or the colonel or the president order if he will. They, too, are but men.

O mother, bowed down in immeasurable tenderness and love beside your babe anywhere upon the earth, know you that here is one who will not drill with rifle or sabre to sometime take that babe's life! Know you that this one will do all in his power to keep any other from drilling for the slaying of your babe.

Youth meeting this anywhere, I now call to you: Have YOU any right to take another's life? Have you any right to permit another to cause you to take another's life? O youth, to whom life is sometimes sweet and dear and high, know you that life to ANY OTHER ANYWHERE is sweet and dear and high. Take hold on your life then; let no other order it at their will—and surely, surely not if they would drill you for murder! If you go into this war-drill, the sweetest and noblest of your life will slowly pass away and something else that is not sweet or noble will take its place. COME, YOUTH, TAKE HOLD ON YOUR LIFE!

GEO. F. HIBNER.

Desperate

Little Jack disliked being kissed. One day he had been kissed a lot. Then, to make matters worse, on going to the picture-palace in the evening, instead of his favorite cowboy and Indian pictures there was nothing but a lot more hugging and kissing. He returned home completely out of patience with the whole tribe of women.

After he had tucked into bed mother came in to kiss him good-night.

He refused. Mother begged and begged, till in disgust he turned to his father, who was standing at the doorway, looking on, and said:

"Daddy, for heaven's sake, give this woman a kiss!"—TIT-BITS.

Has Henry Ford Made Good?

The RIP-SAW Sends Kate Richards O'Hare to Find Out

The most spectacular experiment ever made in the world has had two years' trial---Has the impossible been accomplished?

Who was right---The orthodox college professors or the "uneducated" motor manufacturer?

EDITOR'S NOTE:— On November 28th 1915, the RIP-SAW sent Mrs. Kate Richards O'Hare to Detroit. For a long time we had wanted to get an eye-witness story of the experiments Henry Ford had been making and to learn the outcome of the two years' trial of the famous eight-hour day five-dollar-per-day-method of running a modern factory. Mrs. O'Hare had exactly two days to cover the Ford plant. As a rule six hours is plenty to find out all one wants to know about an ordinary industrial plant for an investigator of Mrs. O'Hare's wide experience, but two solid days was all too short—and she can in this article only "hit the high spots." There is much more that can be said and should be said, but enough was learned to prove beyond all question of doubt that each and every industrial demand of the Socialist movement is safe and practical in every way.

The Ford Motor works is not a paradise. It has its drawbacks. The employes do not live in a little "heaven" exempt from the cares of the world. They have their sorrows and insoluble difficulties. Even Ford cannot protect them from a possible decreased demand for labor in the future. But the reader of the story that follows will see that two terrific spectres that terrorize the modern wage-worker have been banished by the most spectacular experiment ever made in the history of capitalism.

The fear of discharge has been banished from the heart of the Ford employe.

The wolf of poverty has been slain for the Ford employe.

Henry Ford makes more profit off of each of his employes than does the worst labor exploiter in the world. He is piling up a big surplus in spite of his unparalleled generosity to his wage earners. He has not solved the big problem of capitalism—OVER-PRODUCTION. He has intensified it. If every employer would follow Ford's example and get the same efficiency from his people (and it is possible that they could do so) the present great over-production of commodities would be still greater and the productive machinery of the country would all the more frequently come to its periodic stops due to congestion.

Capitalism itself cannot purge itself of its inherent flaw—the fact that the wage earners receive only a small share of their social product and the remainder, less the small amount consumed by the master-class, stands as a menace to continued and uninterrupted production.

The markets of the world never can absorb the SURPLUS values created by the workers, as long as the wage system exists. Only when the co-operative system of ownership—Socialism—prevails can consumption balance production, only then can the work shops of the world continue their busy hum without stoppages due to lack of the market.

Mrs. O'Hare did not see Mr. Ford. He was busy preparing for the trip to Europe. But a staff of experts was placed at her disposal for two solid days to show her around and to answer her questions and every door in the factory was opened to her. Through the Socialist comrades of Detroit, side lights, from the worker's standpoint were secured to check the roseate pictures furnished by the Ford managers. The following story is without exaggeration. It is if anything, toned down for fear that many readers would not believe the whole truth.

By KATE RICHARDS O'HARE

In this story, I contrast my experiences during the last twenty-five years in the labor movement, with the corresponding conditions at the Ford plant. There is material enough left over for another installment, and it may be that I can later spend a week in Detroit, exclusively with the employes themselves and thus furnish the readers of the RIP-SAW with another installment of the REAL STORY OF FORD which the Capitalist press has so carefully suppressed.

TAYLOR vs. FORD

A Pennsylvania Dutchman named Schmidt worked at one time for the Bethlehem Steel Company for \$1.15 per day loading pig iron. He was strong as a bull and ambitious to earn money and not only managed to exist on that wage but bought a tiny plot of waste land, pounded together a shack out of scraps and raised a few vegetables by working late at night and early in the morning. Mr. Frederick Winslow Taylor, founder of the "Taylor System" discovered that Schmidt had not used up all his energy at the mill but had a little left to work for himself.

Mr. Taylor took Schmidt in hand, taught him to cut out waste motions and thereby load forty-seven tons of pig iron per day instead of twelve-and-a-half (nearly four times as much) and raised his wages from \$1.15 to \$1.85 per day.

Overwork reduced Schmidt's vitality and one day pneumonia got him and not only swept away all his savings but took the scrap of waste land also.

When Schmidt could stand on his shaky legs he got a job on railroad construction work, drifted out to Detroit and today is working eight hours per day screwing a certain nut on a certain bolt in each automobile engine that passes him on the endless chain in the Ford Motor plant. He receives five dollars per day; his three thousand dollar six-room cottage is one-third paid for, his three children are in school, and two are taking music lessons; his garden is the pride of the block; he has learned to read and write and his wife has a washing machine and wringer, and electric lights in the house.

I did not know Schmidt when he worked for the Bethlehem Steel Company; I got that part of his story from a book called "The Principles of Scientific Management" (page 44) written by Frederick Winslow Taylor and published by Harper Brothers; but I met thousands of Schmidts in the Ford plant in Detroit.

MIKE DONNELLY

Mike Donnelly was an Irishman from Dublin and one of the heroes of my "flapper" days; Lizzie, his wife, was a girl who lived in our family when we children were small and their courtship was my first glimpse of real romance.

Mike was a sheep butcher in Armour's great packing-house in Kansas City, but he was also an idealist and a dreamer and with the contradictions of the Irish nature, a builder and organizer as well. There was something so fine and clean in Mike that the filth and sordidness, the poverty and wretchedness, the ignorance and helplessness of the denizens of Packingtown were revolting to him. "Social Uplifters" were unknown in those days and "Social Settlements" did not exist (at least not in the West Bottoms of Kansas City) at that time. But Mike had the vision of helpfulness and he was a natural born crusader; patient, tireless, persuasive and magnetic, and with the illusions and egotism of youth he started on the mighty task of cleaning the filth and ignorance from Packingtown. He tried to make the union hall a clubhouse where foreigners could acquire higher conceptions of life and with all his power of persuasion he pleaded with the men to live cleaner lives. All his Irish blarney he used on the women preaching the gospel of soap and water, well cooked food and a plentiful supply of what was by courtesy called "fresh air" in Packingtown. It was hard, discouraging work but Mike stuck to his self-appointed job and finally became a mighty power among the workers of the meat industry. By sheer force of will power and organizing ability he was dragging the packing-house labor of the country to a higher standard of life.

Phil Armour and his associates in the packing industry did not believe in "benevolent feudalism," "paternalism" or "interference" with the private lives of their employes, but they were very strong for the "sacred right" of their laborers to work as cheaply as they pleased, for as long hours as they chose and to live in any state of filth that \$1.40 per day would warrant. Naturally the owners of the packing industries resented Mike's work and set about in their usual "gentlemanly" manner to eliminate him. He was sandbagged by sluggers, beaten up by thugs, scarred by vitriol, kidnapped, robbed and doped time and time again. Mike could not be pried loose from his job and would not be bought, though the effort was made many, many times.

At the time the Beef Trust was being organized there were a few "independent" packers who would not "come in" or sell out. One day an agent of the Trust called on Mike in Chicago with a handbag filled with one hundred thousand dollars of good United States currency. It was a little present the Trust wished to give Mike if he would call the men out of the "independent" packing-

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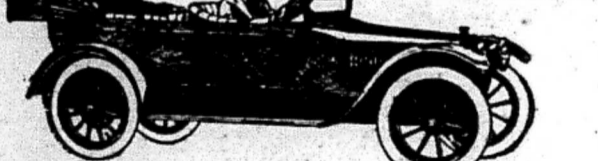
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house on a strike and keep them out until bankruptcy forced the "independents" into line.

Then comes a long break in my knowledge of Mike Donnelly. The newspapers reported him dead and none of his friends knew whether the report was true or false.

One night I was speaking in a little mining town in Colorado and found Mike. Some slugger had at last succeeded, a section of lead pipe had crashed down on the head that had served the working class so well.

Tim Murphy was a foreman in a department of the Ford Motor Company and Tim had the same warm heart, glib tongue, loving soul and supply of blarney that cursed the life of Mike Donnelly.

When the shorter hours and higher wage scale was put in force it was found that many of the employes did not realize that Mr. Ford was paying for a higher degree of "efficiency" or did not know how to secure it with the additional wages.

There has been some criticism by employers who pay about one-third the Ford wage because "Ford sends investigators to nose into the private life of his employes."

The criticism has found response in many minds because so many people confuse the work done by the Ford investigators with the particularly obnoxious parasites who are investigators for organized charity.

ROUND HOLES AND SQUARE PEGS Tony is just a "dago," slender and delicate, with dreamy eyes, a sweet tenor voice and absolutely stupid and impossible at manual labor.

ROUND HOLES AND SQUARE PEGS

Tony is now earning five dollars a day, teaches in the Ford English School, plays in the Ford Band, and sings every Sunday in Father Tallafierro's church.

THE MELTING POT Karl Schloss is an Austrian who came to the United States two years ago. He works in the barber shop in the Pontiac Building, St. Louis, for \$10.00 per week.

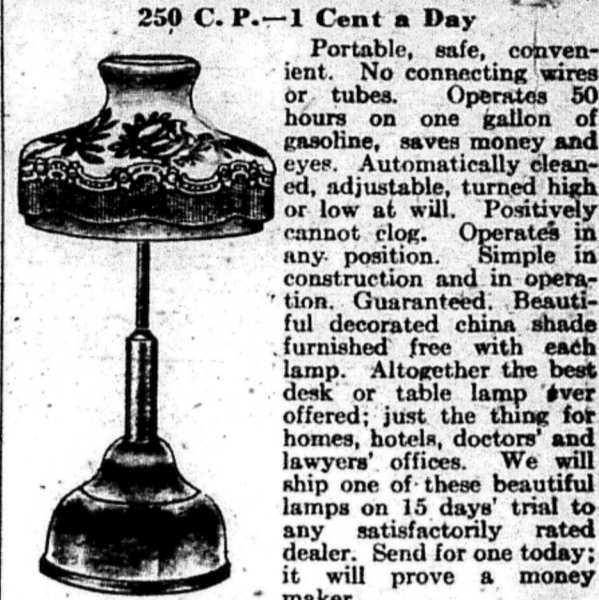
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are not sufficient; and the only opportunity he has to speak English is when a customer sits in his barber chair and swears English for German; Karl Schloss is at a standstill and possibly never will become an American citizen.

In the Ford plant I saw thousands of Karls but they were earning from five to seven dollars a day and they had been educated to write and speak the English language more correctly than many Americans raised on the East side in New York or Kerry Patch in St. Louis, and they will be better citizens than thousands of Americans whose parents have lived in this country for three hundred years.

THE RIGHT TO DISCHARGE

In Fort Worth, Texas, a few weeks ago a man was hung, or rather his head was jerked from his body while the authorities were trying to hang him. The victim was a switchman who had been at one time employed by the Texas Pacific railroad in the switching yards at Fort Worth. He was not a socialist or even a trades unionist but simply a man of something more than average intelligence who agitated rather successfully among his fellow workers to inspire them with a spirit of revolt against the flagrant transgression of the laws of the State of Texas and the Federal government concerning the hours and working conditions of railroad men by the Texas Pacific. James Montague, the yardmaster, fired the "agitator" one day, and blacklisted him on every railroad in the country. Under an assumed name the blacklisted switchman traveled from town to town, but always the long arm and eagle eye of the Texas Pacific railroad company ferreted him out and took his job. After three years of tramping, starving and freezing, he came back to Fort Worth, went to James Montague and demanded a job. He told the bitter story of his long, weary search for a chance to work and said that he realized there was no switchyard, no matter how far distant where the malice of the Texas Pacific would not reach him; that a job meant life to him and if Montague denied him a job he was murdering him by inches. Montague sneered at the broken old tramp and ordered him off the railroad property. Then a pistol shot pierced Montague's heart; the evil power of the blacklist got two victims and the sacred right of the boss to "fire" a workingman was upheld.

Henry Ford decided one day that he didn't care a darn about his sacred right to "fire" a workingman; what he needed to add to his profits was the power to keep a man steadily working on his job. He found that he was hiring and firing from two to five hundred men per day to maintain a working force of less than twenty thousand and it cost him two hundred dollars to hire and train a green man. Quite sensibly Mr. Ford decided that he must make a job in his factory look so good to a man that the man would not leave; and he took the power of discharge from the hands of the foremen. Strange to say the Ford factory did not go to smash, but is still doing business at the same old stand and promises to break all records in production this year. Anarchy does not reign because the boss laid his sacred right to "fire" on the shelf and the men freeze to a job in the Ford plant like a negro to a fat possum.

"WOPS," "DAGOES" AND "BOHUNKS"

I am a member of the Unemployed Commission of St. Louis. Last winter we were having a rather stormy meeting in the Mayor's office discussing what the city should or should not do in caring for the jobless men. Emil Tolkat, Director of Public Welfare of St. Louis said: "In discussing this question we must always remember that we are dealing with the 'casual worker'; it is quite true that they have built the railroads, dug the sewer ditches, harvested the wheat and picked the fruit, but they are ignorant,

inefficient workers, economically unable to earn enough to maintain themselves in any degree of comfort and cleanliness. We can't apply the same rules to these ignorant foreigner workers as to our higher class American labor; 'bohunks,' 'dagoes' and 'wops' are absolutely impossible in the better paid grades of labor."

In the Ford plant is the most amazing aggregation of human beings ever gathered under one roof. There are fifty-three separate language or national groups, not to mention the various kinds of Americans employed there, and in most instances they are not the best types of a given nationality, but rather the exact opposite. Ford's laborers, the most highly paid factory in the world, are just exactly what city official employers and social uplifters call "dagoes," "bohunks," "wops" and consider fit only for the meanest labor and capable of earning only the most miserable wage. Mr. Ford also puts to work all the convicts the state of Michigan will parole to him and the day I visited the factory sixteen Indian boys from the Carlisle Indian School arrived and took their places in the factory. Among them were Flatheads, Diggers, Blackfeet, Choc-taws and what not. Surely according to all accepted rules of "fitness" a Digger or Flathead Indian is just about as "unfit" for highly paid labor as one can imagine, yet Ford welcomes them all and makes a nice, fat profit on their labor.

PINEWOODS PEONAGE vs. FORD PATERNALISM

One night several years ago I was in a southern lumber town owned by St. Louis and Kansas City capitalists. Through the sultry night came the shuddering, wailing cry that told me some woman was passing through the agony and travail of giving life. When I asked my hostess, the wife of a lumber-jack, if we might not be of some help to the suffering woman, she replied that I might go and offer my services, but she did not dare to do so. She said: "It's Bill Jones' wife and Bill is blacklisted by the Lumber Company for agitating for better conditions. God knows where Bill is, hunted about somewhere like a wild beast, but if one of us lumber workers' wives should help Bill's wife tonight, our husbands would be black-listed also and we don't dare lift a finger to help." So, through the long, hot night Bill Jones' wife and I waged the battle with death and lost, and no other woman in that lumber camp dared give womanly service in the dark hour of travail.

Petro Robinski's wife had fought that selfsame battle with death through the long cold winter night and won because she had a good doctor to fight for her. At last the agony was over and the tiny bundle of red faced humanity was tucked snugly away to rest and Mrs. Robinski slept. The doctor said: "Petro, your wife has had a very difficult struggle and you must get a trained nurse to care for her." Petro was a Russian peasant and trained nurses are not considered necessities by his type, so he flatly refused to pay \$25.00 per week for a woman to nurse his wife. The doctor did not argue the case; he just said: "All right, Petro, but remember you are a Ford man. Ford pays you six dollars a day and you can't earn three in any other factory in town; you get that extra money to take good care of your wife, and if you don't do it I will tell Mr. Ford and no more profits do you get." Petro submitted and the nurse arrived in due time. A little later the doctor said the nurse might go, but a maid must be employed to do the work until Mrs. Robinski was strong again. Again Petro rebelled and again the doctor said: "No maid, no profits," and the maid came.

DOPE

Jimmie Hennessey was the son of a prominent city official in St. Louis who early graduated into an adroit

ward worker and was rewarded for his political activities by a city job that paid good wages and required little work, but had one disadvantage; he was on duty at night. To hold his job Jimmie had to be a good fellow,

eat, drink and be merry with the boys and he soon developed a painful case of stomach trouble. To ease the pain Jimmie took morphine which left him sleepy and dull for his work and in order to overcome the drowsiness



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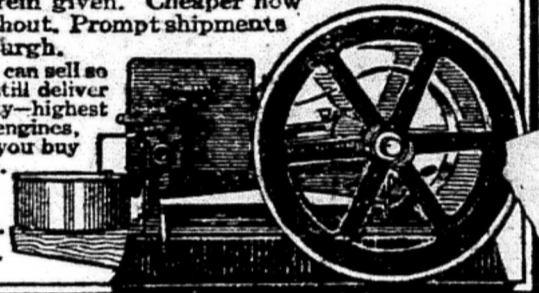
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he took cocaine for a stimulant. Before he had reached thirty Jimmie had drifted so far down the "dope" road to hell that even his strong political pull could not hold his job. At thirty-two he was living on the price of a woman's shame, at thirty-five he had sank too low for that and lived by petty thieving, one of the gang of "dopes" that infest Hop Alley, appear regularly in police court and do their turns at the City Workhouse. At forty, Jimmie, old and shrunken and doddering as a man of seventy died. At last he graced the dissecting table in a medical college, and by the use of his withered carcass to teach men the curse of drugs and political corruptions did Jimmie pay his debt to society.

Harry Downs is a Canadian, the son of a working-class parents, who at sixteen started to work as call boy for a railroad company. He worked at night and tramped long, weary miles through the snow and sleet and cold of the Canadian winters. Before he was ready to be advanced to the position of fireman he contracted catarrh, and his mother, thrifty soul that she was, went to the corner drug store and bought a box of well advertised "catarrh cure" which was ninety percent cocaine and ten percent table salt. At twenty-four Harry's wages would not buy both the "catarrh cure" and food enough to sustain him and one night he went to sleep on duty and not only lost his job but got a letter whose water mark black listed him on every railroad in North America.

For three years Harry drifted, always downward and at last as a common hobo he reached Detroit. One morning he was hired with an extra gang to clear the snow from the testing yard in the Ford plant; from the extra gang he went into a department and when he failed to come to work one morning the company doctor drove to his boarding-house and found him stupid from an overdose of "dope." The next week Harry went to the hospital where the Ford Company maintains a ward and took the "cure." When he was strong enough to go back to work his job was waiting for him, and I saw him a few weeks later, a little pale and hollow-eyed, come into the office and hand an official his pay envelope and request that his bills be paid, a few dollars be given him for spending money and the balance put in the bank. With eager friendliness the official told Harry that he had been approved by the investigator and would get his "profits" when his six months service was finished and provided he sent back home and brought the wife down.

GIRLS

Rose Snyder is a stenographer in a large hardware house in St. Louis. She has held down the selfsame desk for twenty years and never earned more than eighteen dollars per week. That is just enough by close scrimping to support Rose and her widowed mother and buy the natty clothes demanded by her position. Long years ago Rose knew that Jimmie Sullivan loved her and as she was a normal woman, she longed to marry him, but Jim only drew \$75.00 a month as bill clerk, and Jim has never graduated to a better position in that house. Of course three could not live on \$75.00 a month when butter is forty cents a pound and beefsteak twenty-eight, so over the swiftly clicking keys, youth and beauty and womanhood has faded, and the keys must click on, ever and ever faster, for the hardware firm has placed speedometers on every typewriter and every Saturday night a clerk makes a record of just how many keys have been tapped and when the average falls, a newer and fresher girl takes the job.

Christie Larson was a stenographer in the Ford Motor Company, but Christie was also a nuisance. Her eyes were blue as flax flowers, her ankles trim and her form well rounded and a nice looking young man was

always more thrilling to her than a dictaphone. Sometimes Henry Ford prowling about the great plant would notice a look that is not good to see in the eyes of Christie's boss and when she tripped down the long office two hundred male clerks forgot their work and gazed at Christie.

Over in the paint shop where they squirt black paint from an air brush onto the auto bodies Carlo Anato works. Carlo is just an average young Italian-American, no better and no worse than thousands like him and when one day at the little restaurant where some Ford employes eat their lunch his black eyes met Christie's blue ones there was spontaneous combustion. Carlo put forth a little extra effort and qualified for his "profits." When he proudly displayed his pay envelope with five per day in it, Christie handed in her time and trotted out to hunt a flat. Henry Ford missed Christie, drew a sigh of relief and said to the department head: "Put a man on in her place, give him a chance to earn five dollars a day and maybe he will marry another of our girls. Nature don't know a single thing about the necessity of cheap labor to tap typewriters, but she has been reproducing the race so long that she understands that job perfectly. I can't fire our girls, but I certainly would like to buy about a carload of wedding presents for them." Of course all the girls in the Ford factory did not marry at once, so they were given a three dollar per day minimum wage and the opportunity to share in all the advantages the men have, even the "profits" if they are the support of blood relatives, but every time a girl leaves a man take her place.

MARIE MOENTMANN

Marie Moentmann is an American girl fifteen years of age, who lives in St. Louis. Her father is a street sweeper employed by the city at \$1.75 per day and there are two younger children and an invalid mother in the family. Marie fed flour bags into a printing press at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Company for \$5.10 per week and worked ten hours a day. Mr. Sidney Johnson, Chief State Factory Inspector says that the machine at which Marie worked was not properly guarded and on November fifth both her hands were crushed off, a little later blood poison developed and both arms were amputated. The good, charitable ladies of St. Louis are now giving pink teas to raise funds to care for the mutilated girl. A representative of the RIP-SAW called at the Fulton Bag and Cotton Company's plant and asked permission to see the machine that had made a helpless cripple of Marie, but was refused. The officials of the company seemed to be scared stiff and very bitter towards newspaper people.

It was rumored however, that the Fulton Company would be only too glad to settle with the girl for ten thousand dollars in cash and running female wages for life, but before the girl had regained consciousness, the usual flock of legal vultures had pounced upon her and now the company cannot make what reparation is in their power for the vultures must have their feed and the case will have to go to court in order that the lawyers may get half the damages the court allows. Of course the Fulton Bag and Cotton Company are placed in an unenviable light. They are alleged to have worked a girl under legal age, worked a female longer hours than the state law allows, and placed an employe at an unguarded, dangerous machine, and so it is claimed, paid her a shameful wage. Now they are paying the bitter price of transgression.

Mike Brophy worked on the loading dock at the Ford plant; one day he dropped dead at his work. His death may have been caused by a bad heart and overstrained by lifting; at any rate Mike died. There were a few hundred dollars in the savings bank saved from the "profits" and also a

modest life insurance policy. After the funeral the Ford Company finished paying for the home, and placed Mrs. Brophy on a pension of thirty dollars per week. Little Bridget Brophy will never feed flour bags into a dangerous machine for five-ten a week and Terrence and Jamie will be able to finish school.

Of course such an accident as befel Marie Moentmann could not have taken place in the Ford factory. No fifteen year old girls are employed there; all machines that in any way compare with the machine that maimed Marie are run by men and every machine in the Ford plant that could crush or mutilate are so completely guarded as to make them seem absolutely safe. Every safety device that human ingenuity can invent is used to protect the Ford employes and naturally the consciences of the officials are clear and if an unavoidable accident does occur they have no blame and bitterness to bear. The Ford Company has the absolute confidence of the employes and in case of accident no lawyer gets in on the case "50-50."

SLUMS AND BABIES

In 1910 an inquiry was made by the United States Bureau of Labor into the conditions of labor in the Bethlehem Steel Company's plants. This government investigation revealed that out of every one hundred men employed, twenty-nine were working seven days per week; forth-three worked some Sundays in each month; fifty-one worked twelve hours per day, seven days in the week and earned less than two dollars per day. Two years later Julia Lathrop, head of the Children's Bureau of the United States made an investigation covering the homes of the Bethlehem Steel Company's employes at Johnstown, Pa. The normal infant death rate for the state of Pennsylvania is 130.7, but where the wages of the father was below \$10.00 per week one infant out of four died and where the wages of the father averaged \$1200.00 per year or more only one out of twelve died. When the mother had less than eight days rest after child-birth before resuming her usual labors, one infant out of six died. When the mothers had two weeks rest only one child out of nine died.

In the Ford plant nearly every man receives more than \$1,500.00 per year and every baby born in a Ford employe's home has just three times the chance for life as one born to a Bethlehem Steel Company's employe.

On the first investigation made by the Ford investigators it was found that the home surroundings of only one-half of the men were good, three out of ten were fair, and one out of four were bad.

One year later, when the higher wages and shorter hours had gotten in their effect the home surroundings of seven men out of ten were good, less than three out of ten were fair and only one man in sixty was living in bad conditions.

During that year among the Ford employes:

Bank deposits increased 130½%;
Life insurance nearly doubled;
Value of homes owned nearly doubled;
Amount paid on home contracts more than doubled;
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THE JOY OF LIVING

In Granite City, Ill., just across the river from St. Louis is one of the largest enameling plants in the United States. It is owned by a socially prominent and very pious family in St. Louis. The wages paid in this plant are just the average wages paid in other plants of the same kind; the conditions are possibly no worse and certainly no better than exist in hundreds of other factories all over the country that employ large numbers of men at hard, dirty, dangerous work. I was near this plant one evening when the six-o'clock

whistle sounded. Thousands of men came stumbling out, the same weary, begrimed, gruff laborers one may see in any city. The ground was covered with new fallen snow, the air was cold and bracing, but there was no response among the tired men. No one laughed or sang or threw snowballs, but all shivered and cursed or grumbled at the cold and many drifted into the nearby saloons.

On the first day I visited the Ford plant there was a heavy snowfall and as I stood waiting for a street car to carry me back to my hotel, about five thousand men poured out of the factory at the end of their shift. As they rushed pell-mell from the factory gate I was carried back in memory to the days when we children pelted out from school to greet the first snow of the season. The men laughed and shouted, threw snowballs and scrubbed each others' faces with snow. It was easy to see that they had some energy left and looked forward to pleasant things for the evening.

I boarded a car jammed with the clean, well-dressed, fresh-faced and pleasant-looking men and when I asked questions concerning their work and conditions of life one bright young man said: "I know you, lady; you are the newspaper woman who is doing the works." Then every man in the car tried to get near enough to tell me his story and to avoid being completely squeezed flat I scrambled up and sat on the back of a seat and there, facing the men who, with shining eyes and swiftly wagging tongues told me their simple life stories, I looked deep into the hearts of this favored section of the working class. From the little tales the men told I have drawn the stories that gave me so clearly to understand how faithful, loyal and responsive are the workers to the man or industry or country that gives them even a small measure of life.

HELP THE OTHER FELLOW

Henry Ford is not socially prominent, neither is he pious; he is not "educated;" he is not a Christian according to church standards and certainly he is not a Socialist. So far as I could learn his whole religious creed is expressed in the motto that hangs over the entrance to the Ford English School, "HELP THE OTHER FELLOW." Not only is Mr. Ford not a Socialist and the "Ford plan" not Socialism, but so far as I could discover there was only one official in the plant who had the slightest glimmering of the Socialist philosophy or knowledge of the literature of Socialism. If every Capitalist in the United States were to suddenly become converted to Ford's ideas and put the "Ford plan" into operation in their industries it would not solve the social problems, eliminate the class struggle or inaugurate the co-operative commonwealth, BUT it would advance the cause of social justice, demonstrate the soundness of the socialist theories and bring the mighty pressure of education to hasten the final and complete emancipation of the working class. The chief librarian of the Public Library of Detroit told me that the Ford men were the most frequent and intelligent readers who patronize the library and that they read books on history, civil government and sociology. Even the Capitalist world today knows that Henry Ford has knocked the sacredness of the established order into splinters, upset traditions hoary with age, smashed the college braud of political economy, slapped conventions in the face and rampaged about the economic china shop like the proverbial bull and with every rampage Henry has knocked a great chunk out of the underpinning of the capitalist system. Not this alone, but Henry Ford has brought the joy of living to thousands of sordid, dreary work-worn lives and made labor in one little corner of the economic world a boon and not a curse.

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It's Dough, Not Spine That Is Wanted

By Henry M. Tichenor

Two well-known St. Louis preachers have got into a dispute as to whether President Wilson has any backbone or not. One of them, the Rev. W. J. Williamson, of the Baptist Church, declares that the President is the "most spineless man" that ever sat in the presidential chair, while the other, the Rev. E. C. Hibshman, of the Presbyterian Church, swears that Mr. Wilson has a spine like Samson had. The Rev. Williamson bases his conclusions on the fact that the President has not already dragged this country into the war, while the Rev. Hibshman sizes up the President's spine by the manner in which he has backed up the American ammunition makers in their profitable sale of murder machines.

It appears that both these preachers believe that bloody war is all right, the only difference between the two being that the Baptist preacher is somewhat nuttier over it than the Presbyterian.

But neither of them truthfully present the political aspect of the case. They do not consider the fact that the Plunderbund—that controls thrones, pulpits and presidential chairs—does not look for "spine" in the men it selects to do its bidding. The editor of the "American Socialist" explains plutocratic presidential timber much better than the pair of preachers quoted. The "American Socialist" says, in an editorial addressing Mr. Wilson:

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This explains the matter so that the two St. Louis preachers need not argue the case any longer.

It's dough, not spine, that makes the sort of politician the Plunderbund can use in its business.

Who would ever expect the Plunderbund, and its kept press, and its kept politicians, and its kept clergy, to support such a

man as Eugene V. Debs for the presidency.

The very idea is ridiculous. Debs isn't made of dough.

All hell couldn't mold him into a mimicking marionette, nor make him a puppet to the criminal profit-mongers.

That is why he wasn't elected president in 1912.

But what's the use of telling all this. The brazen-faced politicians and editors know it, and so do the hypocritical preachers; and the deluded people are fast finding it out. These harlots of the Plunderbund cannot much longer hide behind lies, piety and prayers. Their actions at this present moment are so raw that a "way-faring man, though a fool," cannot mistake them. The miserable insults flung from pulpit and press at the efforts of such men as William J. Bryan and Ford to crush militarism expose the harlots of the pulpit and press in all their filthy nakedness. They are becoming a stench in the nostrils of those whom they have fooled for lo! these many years. Their days are numbered—their career is fast drawing to a close. No power can save them from utter annihilation.

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By Dr. Woods Hutchinson

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Hence, our constant endeavor is to make the facts of our experience of life about us fit in with the theories that have been drilled into us. Any facts that don't fit in with the theories are ignored in polite society, and so, of course, they don't exist.

One of these dogmas, which was laid down ages ago in that era of ignorance and cruelty and slaughter which we usually refer to as the good old days, was that all men are absolutely and equally responsible for their conduct and, if they are not good, can be made so by punishment and cruelty. Upon that pure assumption is based our whole unspeakable system of criminal law and so-called justice.

Whatever the cause, the painful fact remains that, up to a bare third of a century ago, the universal rule of the law and the courts in dealing with the offender was, if any man broke the law, punish him; if he repeated the offense, punish him again and keep on punishing with increasing severity as long as the offense or the offender lasted; without ever for a moment stopping to look at, so to speak, its raw material and consider carefully what manner of men it was who were thus being punished and imprisoned.

About thirty-five years ago, under the lead of the noble and gifted, but erratic, Lombroso, an attempt was made for the first time in human history to quietly and dispassionately sit down and study the habitual criminal, the chronic offender, the actual population of our prisons and penitentiaries.

Unfortunately, the first start was made along mistaken lines; that is to say, upon anatomical differences which distinguished the criminal from the normal man, setting up a so-called criminal type, which could not be supported.

But two things quickly stood out unmistakably and clearly. First, that the heavy majority of all our prison populations on both sides of the Atlantic consisted of what is technically known as "repeaters" or recidivists. That is to say, 60 to 80 per cent of them had been criminals by life-long habit, since boyhood and even early childhood.

Second, that while no clear-cut, criminal physiognomy or criminal bodily type could be made out, the prisoners, as a mass, wherever simply weighed and measured in sufficient numbers, were from one and a half to three inches shorter in stature, from 15 to 30 pounds under weight, and had less than two-thirds of the chest expansion of the average of the community from which they were taken.

In other words, nearly two-thirds of our criminals "did wrong" as constantly, as instinctively, and as persistently—as nine-tenths of their fellows outside of the prison walls "did right"; and these wrongdoers were under-sized, under weight, narrow chested, stupid and as markedly inferior physically and mentally to the right-doers as they were morally.

But here the matter hung in the air for some time. The findings, though interesting, had no "bite" to them, and carried little definite conviction.

Possibly, habitual criminals and frequent offenders were under-sized and narrow chested and anemic and fearfully subject to tuberculosis; but might not much of this be due to their vicious and ill-regulated habits of life, their drunkenness, their gross sexual vices, the irregular hours they kept and the

wretched slums and dens in which they harbored and lay hidden from the police?

Even if they were under-sized and under weight, so were some of the greatest men in history; and a moment's glance up and down our home-streets would show us scores of men below the minimum height and chest-girth for army recruits, yet who were earning a good living and playing a useful and honorable part in their circle and in the community. Just the mere fact of a man being under-sized and slack-muscled is no explanation of or excuse for his being a criminal.

However, we drew one useful, if not wholly logical, conclusion from the facts, and that was: That if criminality and stunted growth and narrow chested and consumptive tendencies go hand in hand, then the better we can feed and house and care for all our children, especially those in the slums and the back alleys, the fewer of them will turn into criminals.

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"3. Wherever the ownership of the soil is so engrossed by a small part of the community that the far larger number are compelled to pay whatever the few may see fit to exact for the privilege of occupying and cultivating the earth, there is slavery."

"4. Wherever opportunity to labor is obtained with difficulty, and is so deficient that the employing class may virtually prescribe their own terms and pay the laborer only such a share as they choose of the product, there is a strong tendency to slavery."

"5. Wherever it is deemed more reputable to live without labor than by labor, so that a 'gentleman' would rather be ashamed of his descent from a blacksmith than from an idler or mere pleasure seeker, there is a community not very far from slavery."

"6. Wherever one human being deems it honorable and right to have other human beings mainly devoted to his or her convenience or comfort, and thus to live, diverting the labor of these persons from all productive or special uses, while he or she has rendered no corresponding service to the cause of human well being, there exists the spirit which originated and still sustains human slavery."

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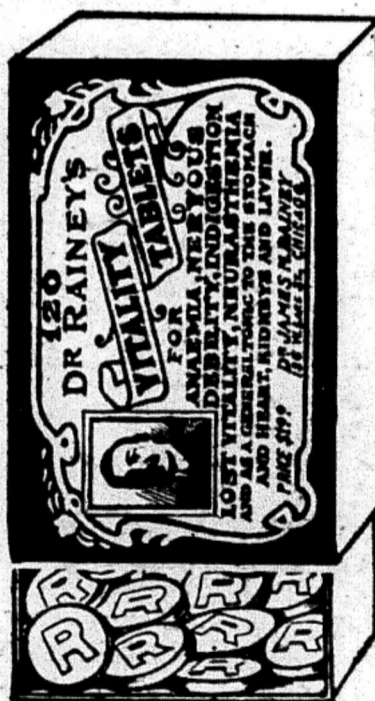
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Quite as essential to power as steam is to the locomotive is industrial organization to the emancipation of the working class.

The true socialist never sees failure in anything. To his clear eye and understanding mind all temporary defeat is essential to final victory.

Peter! Peter!!

Missouri City, Ia. Dec. 15, 1915.

Editor RIP-SAW, Dear Sir:

Peter Collins recently lectured here at K. C. Hall. Upon seeing your "Will Peter Collins Meet Kate O'Hare in Debate?" I asked one of the leading K. C.'s here if they cannot tie Peter down with an argument, etc., and he informed me that as Mrs. O'Hare made the challenge it gave Mr. Collins the right to name the subject—that he did so and Mrs. O'Hare flunked right away—would not accept his terms.

Will you kindly give me something on it to hand them? Yours truly,

C. L. KELSEY.

Box 124.

Yes, Mr. Kelsey, we certainly will give you something to hand them. Peter Collins accepted Mrs. O'Hare's challenge to debate before a lot of people in Des Moines, Ia., on Nov. 7, 1915; he named the subject and laid down conditions that he thought Mrs. O'Hare would not accept, but she called his little bluff and agreed to his conditions.

Today we are in receipt of a letter from H. J. Altenberger, West Hotel, Des Moines, Ia., as follows:

Dear Mrs. O'Hare:

The proposition of securing a debate between you and Peter Collins has not materialized. I took the matter up with the K. C.'s and they promised to get in touch with Collins' lecture bureau and would let me know as soon as they received a reply. We have been waiting a good long while and suppose that is their answer.

Fraternally,

H. J. ALTENBERGER, Secy.

We are in receipt of numberless newspaper clippings from various states and according to the press reports Pete

tells a different story in each town as to why he will not debate with Mrs. O'Hare. Mrs. O'Hare stands ready to meet him any place in the United States and show how hollow and false is his every statement regarding Socialism and that is just what Peter is afraid of.

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The Board of Pardons of New Jersey flatly refused Pat Quinlan a pardon and the capitalist press is correspondingly jubilant. But Pat Quinlan is, nevertheless, an innocent man and every day of his incarceration will quicken the revolution and hasten the overthrow of the infamous system that has consigned him to a living tomb for sympathizing with its victims and denouncing its crimes.

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George G. Hamilton

Comrade George Gilbert Hamilton, formerly of Texas, but now of Oklahoma, will be remembered by many of our readers as the fiery Methodist preacher who started out away back in 1908 to demolish the Socialist movement in Texas and whose continued study of the subject finally led him to accept its principles as true. For four years he has been a resident of the state of Oklahoma, where he has labored most effectively during all this time as a propagandist and has done his full share in building up in that young state what is today the strongest and best movement of any of the states.

The Socialists of Oklahoma showed their confidence in him and their appreciation of his splendid services to the cause by nominating him for lieutenant governor in 1914 and electing him national committeeman in 1915.

He now proposes to make what will no doubt prove to be not merely a spectacular effort but the most effective piece of propaganda ever undertaken in the South, one which will attract the attention of the movement throughout the country to the South as the most fruitful field of any in the nation for successful propaganda work.

About February 1st, Comrade Hamilton will start from Dallas, Texas, on foot through the heart of Dixie, his objective being Tampa, Florida, lecturing on the way. His main line of travel will be from Dallas to Mineola, from Mineola to Marshall, from Marshall to Texarkana, from Texarkana to Shreveport, from Shreveport to Monroe, from Monroe to Alexandria, from Alexandria to New Orleans, from New Orleans to Mobile, from Mobile to Pensacola, from Pensacola to Tampa. He thus divides his route into sections, for the purpose of making side trips to reach points where lecture dates are desired. He will walk every foot of the way from Dallas to Tampa. But his side trips will be made by rail and by private conveyance to save time.

The main purpose of Comrade Hamilton's trip will be to study first hand, industrial conditions throughout the South. He is already thoroughly familiar with the tenant farmer situation in Texas and Oklahoma, has been much among the miners of eastern Oklahoma and western Arkansas, and he has some knowledge of the life of the slaves of R. A. Long, and John Henry Kirby in east Texas and Louisiana. He will make a real study of all these and in addition will make a thorough study of conditions on the cotton and cane plantations of Louisiana and Mississippi, will penetrate into the mill region of Alabama and Georgia, will visit the great iron and steel works of Birmingham and vicinity, will see the cigar makers of Florida at their tasks, and, in fact, will omit in his study no important industry of Dixieland. He will write up the facts obtained and his observations thereon and such will be published in book form under the title "ON THE TRAMP THROUGH DIXIELAND."

There is no doubt but that this trip of Comrade Hamilton will arouse tremendous enthusiasm throughout the nation and draw attention, to the movement in the South as nothing else has ever done. Comrades all along his route of travel and adjacent thereto should rally, to the support of this project and give him plenty of dates as only in this way can he make his investigation and at the same time support his family. Let all locals within fifty miles of his main line of travel write at once to Comrade Hamilton at 113 W. Locust St., Oklahoma City, Okla., for terms for dates. The very fact that he is making this long journey on foot will attract a crowd. Besides, Hamilton is one of the best speakers in the movement and has a national reputation, being endorsed by the National Executive Committee as a NATIONAL SPEAKER.

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 CORPORAL—Habdomen be 'anged. Stomick, you mean. It's honly hofferers as 'as habdomens—BOSTON TRANSCRIPT.

At no time in the history of the labor movement in America has there been such wide spread interest in a government investigation as is now being evinced in the report and conclusions of the Commission on Industrial Relations, of which Frank P. Walsh, of Kansas City, Missouri, was Chairman. Washington is being besieged with countless thousands of requests for

copies of this report. The first edition published by the government has already been exhausted and efforts are now being made to have Congress appropriate money to have its circulation meet the extraordinary demand.

To meet the demand for a digest of the facts contained in this epoch making report, a vest pocket edition, compiled by Fred D. Warren, with a foreword by Frank P. Walsh, is being published by The People's College, Fort Scott, Kansas; all of the vital facts contained in the Commission's Report are to be found in this little book. The language of the report remains unchanged in this digest. An index arrangement enables the reader to quickly find any fact of particular interest. The book sells for twenty-five cents.



Art Young in The Masses.

Millions for "Defense"

Debs in Franklin County, Illinois

THE NATIONAL RIP-SAW:
 St. Louis, Mo.

Dear Comrades:
 Comrade Eugene V. Debs has just closed a tour of three appointments in Franklin County, Illinois—Christopher, Sesser and West Frankfort.

At Christopher and Sesser it rained hard, but we had good audiences and great interest. At West Frankfort Debs spoke on Sunday afternoon, December 12th, to a packed Opera House and held the vast audience in the grip of his logic and oratory for two hours. "It was great." That is what they all said. Our comrades said it with hearts full of emotion and with minds set with grim determination to win the future for the toilers of the earth.

While Comrade Debs was in our county, I had the great pleasure of traveling with him and presenting him to the audience. To me it was a great inspiration. In these few days I learned the soul of Eugene V. Debs, but I do not claim to have fathomed its depths—we can never penetrate the innermost secrets of the soul of a Prophet.

I know now that it is possible for this earth to produce a man who will remain true to the call of Freedom in spite of flattery or slander; in the high tide of popularity or the Gethsemane of desertion; within the walls of prison and in the shadow of death—a man whom threats can not intimidate nor the offer of affluence bribe.

Eugene V. Debs is a man conscious of the impelling force, the guiding genius of a great universal spirit—the eternal Voice of unnumbered martyrs crying from out all the ages against the myriad wrongs which have ever crucified mankind. With this Spirit he communes in his moments of seclusion and comes forth from the sanctuary of his reverie with the voice of a Prophet and the message of a Saviour.

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E. V. DEBS

Comrade Debs can positively make only 100 addresses between January 1st and November 6th, 1916.

In February he will make a twenty-day tour to the southwest traversing Missouri, Kansas, Texas and Arkansas. Write at once for dates on this trip.

In April or May he will make a 25-day tour through Texas, New Mexico, Arizona, California, Nevada, Utah, Colorado and Kansas. Write at once for dates on this trip.

In June he will make a 15-day tour to the northwest to Iowa, Nebraska, the Dakotas and Minnesota. Write at once for dates on this trip.

This totals 60 days. In August he will cover a portion of the states east of the Mississippi River; and in October he will cover another portion; 40 dates in all, east of the Mississippi. Write at once for dates on these trips.

The terms are the same to each and all—please don't ask us to change them, we cannot do so.

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Sell 800 yearly RIP-SAW subscription cards, pay us for them at the rate of 25c each, and the Debs meeting is free to your organization.

The sub cards are sent to responsible socialist individuals or organizations on credit to be paid for in installments as sold or in full the day of the lecture. The RIP-SAW pays all traveling expenses and hotel bills, and furnishes free of charge an ample supply of excellent and attractive printed advertising matter, advertising slides and electros.

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In June Comrade Kate O'Hare will tour Nebraska, North and South Dakota, Montana, Minnesota and Iowa. This time is nearly all booked at this writing, but if you write or wire soon we will be able to squeeze your town in.

In July-August Mrs. O'Hare will make her annual encampment tour. Encampment committees take note and don't put it off—arrange NOW and send us at least a post-card so we will know you are figuring on an encampment.

All comrades East of the Mississippi write at once and let us know if you are figuring on a big Kate O'Hare meeting at ANY time of the year.

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By all the means within our power must we combat ignorance and force its victims, even in spite of themselves, to open their eyes and see the light. We must go among them by day and by night, at their work and at their homes or tenements or resting places; we must make them feel that they are our brothers and sisters and that we are theirs, and we must somehow set them reading, thinking and studying along the right lines.

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Gompers and His Machine

By Eugene V. Debs

There are those who imagine that the Gompers machine, so organized as to be self-perpetuating, is the American Federation of Labor. As a matter of fact it is simply an incubus upon the organization and to oppose this machine is to support the rank and file in their struggle to industrialize their organization.

President Gompers is not elected by, nor does he represent the federation's membership. He is annually elected and re-elected by his machine and this machine, geared to operate as part of the Civic Federation machine in control of the Belmonts, Carnegies, Roots, et al, is scheduled for the scrap-heap in the not distant future. The vote in the late convention on Gompers' eight hour stand breathes hot rebellion against machine rule.

Following Gompers' speech and the action of the convention in opposing legislative action to secure the eight hour day, the capitalist papers all over the country announced in bold headlines: "GOMPERS OPPOSED TO THE EIGHT-HOUR-WORKDAY," and they have been making the most of it ever since. Greedy employers can now quote Gompers the labor leader in answer to every demand of the working class for the eight hour day by law. Gompers may rave in vain in explanation of his position, for the more he explains the more he pillories and discredits himself, and it is quite evident after reading his tirade against the socialists that his only reason for opposing the eight hour day by law was because socialists stood for it, but before he is through he will find that he has taken on a job of explanation that will last him the rest of his natural life.

Gompers and his machine are also in favor of capitalist "preparedness" on substantially the same terms that are advocated by the plutocratic Civic Federation.

Gompers and his machine likewise stick to craft unionism and

in this they are perfectly consistent, being twenty-five years behind the times, and while they are still astride of their craft union goats, industrial unionism is cutting the ground from under their feet and they will soon disappear from the scene.

Gompers and his machine are sternly opposed to the initiative, referendum and recall as applied to themselves, well knowing what the rank and file would do to them if they but had the chance.

Samuel Gompers is generally known as a labor leader, but in all his life he never led anything. He has always been at the tail end of the labor movement, face backward, and there he is today. For years he strenuously opposed political action of any kind and when the socialists finally drove him from his non-political position he took to cover under the sheltering wings of capitalist parties and attempted to steer his dupes into the political shambles of their masters and exploiters, and now having failed so wretchedly in this, he concludes that "power is gravitating from the political to the industrial field" and opposes the eight hour day by law, because perchance he might play into the hands of the socialists and expose the crass incompetency of his own leadership. The fact is that Gompers is an anarchist, but dare not say so.

One of the sapient arguments against securing anything for labor by legislation is that "what is granted by legislation can also be taken away by legislation," which means that anything granted in daylight can also be taken away in daylight.

The rank and file of the American Federation of Labor are tending steadily toward industrial organization in spite of their leaders and in due time they will burst the bonds of craft unionism and unite their forces on the industrial field beneath the conquering banner of the social revolution.

The "Devil" and "John D."

Harry James Stutzlen

When "John D." died and went to "Hell,"
The "devil" looked and said "Well, well,"
"What have you done to merit us
In making over you a fuss?
Why "John D." said why don't you know
Those things I "pulled off" at "Ludlow,"
And other things so numerous
T'would take me days, so rest I must.

"Away, away," the devil cried,
"To the pits of 'Hell,'"—poor "John D." sighed,
But the devil knows no caste you see,
And he'll treat us just as bald "John D.".

If on our conscience we can show
Enough of actions mean and low,
We'll surely gain the devil's grace,
And in the darkest "Hell" be placed.

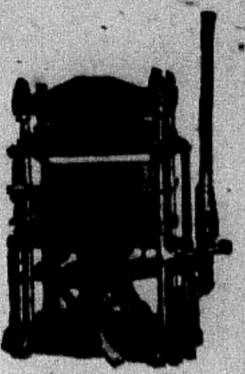
And after days had passed away,
"John" was commencing to enjoy his stay,
Which was very much easier to stand
Than the conscience which torments "on land."

But the "devil" who by now did know
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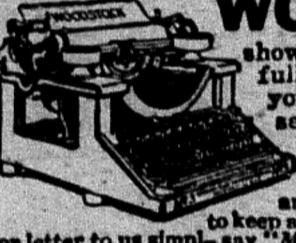
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Why We Should Be Socialists

By W. T. Garboden

Why should we be Socialists? Not merely because we represent a political party. Not because we might expect to gain a few natural rights. Let us remember that it is a great duty for us to point out to the World the positive facts which we learn from day to day. We can picture socialism to be like the calmness after a great storm is past. Behold! Now, with the eyes of careful observation we see the daylight of REASON revealing to us, after humanity's darkest night of SUPERSTITION is past, the sad, sad facts of the severe havoc wrought by the fearful and unjust storm of capitalism. While the storm is still raging, the dark clouds of WAR still hover near. We see in its blood stained path of fierce destruction, many loving mothers weeping, many love ties severed, many brothers and sisters forever parted and among those who are left to tell the sad, sad stories

of the stinging pains endured, of the filth and of the pestilent vermin endured; many are cripples and many are physical wrecks, even to them life is a heavy and lasting burden. The war continues while financiers make war loans and speculate in human blood and human lives.

Those are some of the results of patriotism, national pride and national jealousy which we are zealously taught to cultivate even from the days of our infancy.

Why should we be Socialists? Because we can point out to the World, facts which are even more horrible and heart rending. The storm of capitalism continues, but the daylight of Reason reveals the weakness of both state and national laws. The laws permit the monster, wolves of GRAFT and GREED to have full swing and unlimited liberty. The life blood of many youths and the choicest energy and muscle power of the millions of toilers is the substance of their daily rations and accumulations. Let us not forget, with EVERY INVENTION the vast army of the unemployed is increased. The unemployed toilers suffer. The spirit of SELFISHNESS is cultivated and developed. All their hopes of home and comfort have vanished. The storm of capitalism continues. Many homes are wrecked and ruined.

Observation shows us that Honesty and Innocence are being hounded. The monster wolves of graft and greed are driving them to desolation.

Confidence has disappeared.

Friendship, Love and Happiness are crippled. The greedy wolves are snaffling near them. They are striving hard to exist until the storm is past, their courage is strengthened by the light of Reason. They are struggling hard to protect VIRTUE, RESPECT and the CHILDREN OF INNOCENCE while the BEASTS OF LURE are trying to claim them. Observation reveals the SERVILE PRESS, the organ of public sentiment, still holding the public at large in a pitiful state of barbarism. It is sadly lacking in education, in social and moral teachings. The public grasps it eagerly, not realizing the POISONOUS INFLUENCE.

Why should we be socialists? Because we can express our words with ardent zeal. We can invite the World to investigate the truth of our remarks. Experience and observation reveals this encouraging fact, the storm of capitalism is beginning to subside. Progressive reason and progressive civilization are gradually advancing. Progressive reason reveals a clear horizon. Progressive civilization will teach humanity the difference between REASON and supersti-

tion, between PEACE and war, between GOOD and bad, between RIGHT and wrong, between UNITY and division, between SOCIALISM and capitalism.

Why should we be Socialists? Civilization's many industrial fields are almost as barren as a desert. It is within our power to cultivate the spirit of EQUALITY. All humanity is subject to NATURE'S laws. Nature regards no distinction. We can cultivate and develop the spirit of UNITY. By our united efforts the fortifications of capitalism shall fall. By our united efforts we can capture the wolves of graft and greed. By our united efforts we can secure our NATURAL RIGHTS. We can secure the full products of our toil. We can gain full access to Nature's soil. How long shall Confidence and Honesty remain in desolation? How long shall Friendship, Love and Happiness be left to face starvation? How long shall Virtue, Respect and the children of Innocence face the cunning beasts of lure? How long shall the broad roads and the many side-tracks leading to the jails and penitentiaries be left open and clear? How long shall the millions of toilers exist in poverty and die in despair? Shall the financiers of industry and the representatives of corporations always be chosen to answer these questions? We weep and suffer mental anguish when progressive reason reveals to us many plants and flowers of human intelligence blasted and withered by the cold bleak winds of capitalism. Comrades and friends, the daylight of reason reveals greater possibilities. By our united efforts we can demand EQUALITY. Equality demands joy, pleasure, protection and comfort. Equality and Confidence can develop the spirit of satisfaction.

Progressive civilization presents a flower, SATISFACTION, PURITY and the sunshine of TRUTH are the substances upon which it thrives. The name of the flower is SOCIALISM. SOCIALISM IS THE BLOSSOM of HUMANITY'S PERFECTION.

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W. S. Wilson

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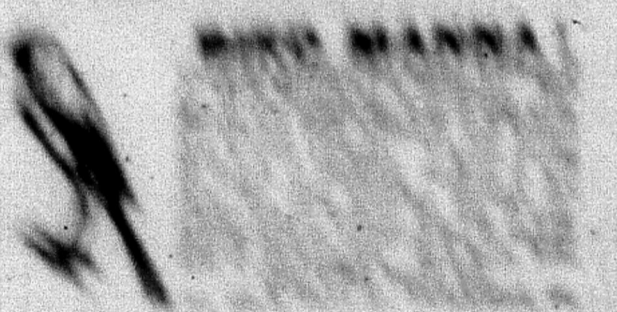


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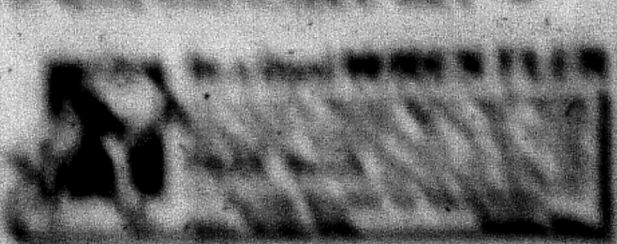
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