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## Editorials

By Eugene V. Debs

### CONVICT LABOR

All labor done under compulsion is convict labor. The doer of such labor is no less a convict because he has not been sentenced to his slavish task by some so-called court of justice. He is convicted by his poverty and sentenced by his necessities.

It not infrequently happens that a convict released from a penal institution bewails the expiration of his sentence and begs to be allowed to continue to enjoy the economic security to be found behind prison walls. There at least he has a job he can be sure of, and there he is guaranteed food at meal time and a place to sleep at night, all of which guarantees are cancelled the very moment he steps out into the "free world."

Labor bought and sold in the labor market is convict labor and not free labor, no matter what may be said about its "dignity" by the politicians, pulpiteers and other hirelings and retainers of those who exploit it.

Socialism, by destroying the private ownership of productive machinery and giving the workers free access thereto, retaining to themselves what is produced by their labor, releases the countless convicts of poverty and stamps upon labor the everlasting seal of its own divinity triumphant.

The ruling class may have its hoarded gold, which all too often becomes a curse to its possessors; the working class has its noble ideals which beckon them onward and lead them upward forever.

To be a contented slave is to accept as final the wallow of animalism and adjectly surrender the last vestige of manhood and all hope in the future.

### STARVING BABIES IN EUROPE

Every now and then we hear of starvation threatening the babies in the countries engaged in the European war, and forthwith frantic efforts are made to provide the perishing infants with the milk they need and the food they must have if they are not to be permitted to starve to death.

Responsive to these appeals of the war-stricken countries a certain number of gentlemen and ladies who are fond of being known as philanthropists subscribe liberally and busy themselves otherwise in saving the babies of Europe, blissfully unconscious of the fact, seemingly at least, that there are thousands of babies right here at home that are quite as fit subjects as the babies in Europe for their philanthropic activities.

But another phase of this bourgeois philanthropy is even more interesting. Among the subscribers to these funds for feeding the starving babies of the fighting nations are the very gentlemen who are lining their coffers with enormous profits from the sale of munitions and other war supplies to these same nations.

Of course the war is responsible for these starving babies and they who profit by the war are responsible for the war, and it is the height of hypocrisy for those who wax rich feeding the war to pretend such hysteric sympathy for its starving babies.

Industrial organization is the alphabet of industrial democracy.

It is possible that your neighbor would read this paper as you do if he knew about it. Suppose you hand him this copy and ask him how he likes it.

The world is still waiting for the working class to come of age.

### THE EXPANDING NEW LIFE

Edward Carpenter says: "There comes a time when every institution of social life becomes rotten and diseased and has to be

removed to make way for the new life which is expanding behind it. Broadly speaking, we may say that the institution of patriotism is approaching this period. The outlines of an international life are becoming clearly visible behind it."

The stage of capitalism's rottenness and disease is full upon us and the new life is straining the old fabric and will soon find expression through a new social order adapted to its more humane ends. As for the institution of "patriotism" it is crumbling rapidly and even the politician who shouted it unceasingly as his stock in trade is beginning to realize that the spell is broken and that the victims so long held in thrall are being disillusioned and are no longer deceived by this ancient and artful appeal of the demagogue.

The narrow patriotism that turns into hate at the boundary line belongs to the jungle-age of the past. The wider and nobler patriotism which embraces the earth and whose appeal is to all races and all nations is finding lodgment in the souls of men and in due time will conquer the world.

Each one can help at least a little. Take hold of what is nearest at hand and do it as if the world depended upon it.

It is not enough to join the party, nor enough to vote the ticket. These are but the beginnings of a membership that is to count in the service of the cause and there is never a time when there is not a chance to do something that needs doing to advance the interests of the movement.

Enthusiasm is the holy fire that burns upon the altar of the soul and flames out into passionate service to the cause.

### THE COLOR LINE

In every political party save alone the Socialist party the color line is sharply drawn although every effort is made at election time to obliterate it and to have it appear that all men are equal without regard to their previous condition of servitude. A more ghastly lie than this was never told. The colored people in this country are to a large extent free in name only and most of them are actually deprived of the ballot. The politicians who do not openly despise them cunningly contrive to control their votes in a way to keep them where they are and when the election is over one of their number, the most active ward worker, is given a janitor's badge and permitted to clean the cuspidors of the white politicians in recognition of their political equality with the white race.

It is the veriest fraud and false pretense and no one knows this better than the hypocritical politicians who practice it.

In the Socialist party, upon the other hand, there is no color line. The only line drawn there is the class line, the line between exploiting masters and exploited wage-slaves.

The colored worker is as welcome to the Socialist party as the white worker; it is not the color of his skin, but his economic status and his political principles that determine his eligibility to membership.

The working class regardless of color make up the Socialist party and beneath its banner all have equal rights, equal duties, and equal responsibilities. All are alike recognized as human beings and it is the purpose of the party to establish an industrial and social system in which they shall have the rights and enjoy the freedom of human beings.

The ruling class care not one whit whether the labor power they exploit is clothed in white skins or black skins; they draw no line in the skinning business and it suits them quite well to have the "white trash" and the "niggers" making senseless war on one another to their common undoing, knowing quite well that as long as the slaves are full of ignorant prejudice and fight one another it



will be all the easier to keep the whole of them in servitude.

Socialism, which means the abolition of wage-slavery, will make it possible for every human being, regardless of race, color or sex, to have work, to make a decent living, to enjoy the fruit of his labor, and to live an honorable and useful life.

The eyes of millions of wage-slaves await to be opened. Don't waste time splitting hairs, but make every bit of your time and every atom of your energy count in awakening the slumberers and arousing them to action.

The congressman who mistakes the jingoism of the capitalist press and the crowds of curiosity seekers that follow the presidential special as indications that the people are for preparedness will find himself after the election is over in mourning apparel and following to the accompaniment of slow music his own stiff to its last political resting place.

#### LABOR'S UNCEASING STRUGGLE

The beginning of labor's struggle is coeval with the beginning of organized society and this struggle has continued with varying fortunes ever since. The way has been long and weary and unnumbered millions have sighed in vain for even a glimpse of the promised land before their bones were left to bleach along the track of human progress.

Looking backward the road is swallowed up in the remotest antiquity and looking forward it stretches out before us as far as eye can reach and along every inch of it that labor has traveled it has had to struggle, at times with desperation, to maintain itself and to escape the ravages and plunders of its merciless oppressors. It has been the struggle of the ages and out of this struggle has been written the history, the tragic history of the race.

Karl Marx when asked by John Swinton what he saw in the future answered with the one word, the one vital and telling word, "Struggle."

And this is what the future holds for us today, the promise of the struggle, the great, unceasing struggle of labor to break its chains and to expand into glorious life and universal freedom.

White slavery is the fruit of industrial slavery and the hideous traffic will disappear only when capitalism goes down to rise no more.

Class-consciousness and the unity and power that rise from class-consciousness constitute the real test of working-class efficiency.

#### ROCKEFELLER'S PARTNERS

It is not to be forgotten that the miners in Colorado, Wyoming and other sections of Rockefeller's domain are now the partners of that eminent gentleman and equally entitled to share with him in the benefits of such partnership. It is wonderful when we come to think of it and if Mr. Rockefeller's partners are not now happy it is impossible to imagine what could make them so.

To be in partnership with the richest man in the world is in itself a distinction to be coveted, to say nothing of sharing in the enormous profits that flow from his mines, and any miner so lacking in appreciation as to fail to realize that as Mr. Rockefeller's partner he is now in the upper class, a captain of industry, and a gentleman of the first water, is a base ingrate who should have his certificate of partnership revoked and be compelled to dig coal and live in a shack the rest of his life.

It only remains for the miners to have the letters "R. P." branded on their foreheads so that all the world may know that they are now

#### ROCKEFELLER'S PARTNERS!

The state vice commission of Maryland has issued a report that has created a sensation. The following paragraph will explain:

"Much attention is given to social conditions in factories, stores and office buildings, and many instances are given of immorality forced upon girls by their employers or their superiors at their places of employment, the penalty of refusal being 'the loss of position.'"

Will the vice commission please state how many socialists there are among these eminent gentlemen who supplement the low wages of their female employes by their distinguished personal attention? The report is weak and disappointing in that it does not show that socialists and socialism are responsible for this beastly immorality. Baltimore, where the report was issued, is, by the way, the home of Cardinal Gibbons.

If the miners and railroaders can industrialize their organizations and unite their forces in this country they will be the most powerful aggregation of organized workers in the world.

#### THE CAPITALIST POLITICIAN

Wendell Phillips once gave a happy and illuminating description of the capitalist politician. Said he:

"A politician is a man who lives by whispering at Washington what he wouldn't for all the world have known at home, and whispering at home what he wouldn't for all the world have known at Washington, and who is politically dead the moment he is equally well known in both places."

The capitalist politician to succeed at the game must be a hypocrite and coward. If he goes to congress as a republican, democrat or progressive, he is supposed to represent ALL THE PEOPLE in his district when, as a matter of fact, this is absolutely impossible as long as there is an upper and lower class, an exploiting and exploited class in society. If he is for the exploiters, he is against the exploited and vice versa, and as he can take sides with neither openly, he takes sides secretly with the strong against the weak, the cunning against the ignorant, and then loudly shouts his own praises from the stump and with many a striking attitude and fierce gesticulation warns his sold-out victims against the awful things that will happen to them if they should be so unfortunate as to be no longer misrepresented and sold out by him in congress.

Pay your dues, shake off the blues, and take your stand with the tried and trues.

The rumbling of discontent among the soldiers in the trenches of the European war is becoming articulate and it is to be hoped that it will break out soon in open rebellion against the whole infernal slaughter system of the ruling class.

#### SOCIALISM AND ITS ASSAILANTS

The only movement feared by the ruling classes of the earth is the socialist movement. In socialism they see their doom and hence it is natural that they should exert all their gigantic powers and bring into play all their manifold ingenuities to destroy this menace to their misrule.

If there is a falsehood or slander they have overlooked in their assaults upon socialism and its advocates, it would be difficult to imagine what it could be.

They do not, because they dare not, meet socialism as an economic and political issue, but they do what tricksters, impostors and double-dealers have always done, they misrepresent it, lie about it, and vilify those who stand for it.

Every time-serving politician, every literary hack, every servile lackey and every professional lickspittle is on the job of slandering socialists and lying about socialism, and yet, in spite of all their venomous attacks and all their solemn announcements that socialism is on the decline, the movement has grown stronger steadily all over the world and is today, notwithstanding its temporary tribulation due to the war, more powerful and more promising than ever before in its history.

On with the Social Revolution!

There are millions and millions of graft in jingo patriotism. Take that out and jingoism is as dead as a mummy.

If you would count in the world you must find your place in the struggle of the world's workers and do your part to win the world for humanity.

#### MUTUAL CONFIDENCE AND HARMONIOUS RELATIONS

In the preamble to the constitution of the Brotherhood of Railroad Trainmen, the largest of the railroad craft unions, we read:

"Persuaded that it is for the interests both of our members and their employers that a good understanding should at all times exist between the two, it will be the constant endeavor of this organization to establish mutual confidence, and create and maintain harmonious relations."

This paragraph was written about thirty years ago and is about thirty years out of date. It is still heartily endorsed, however, by the railroads and accounts for their friendly attitude toward the union.

As well declare that there should be "mutual confidence" and "harmonious relations" between a horse and a horse-leech, or between a dog and the fleas that nestle in his hide as to declare that such relations should exist between a body of workers and the parasites that exploit their labor and drain the life-blood from their veins. The interests of workers and private corporations are not and cannot be "harmonious," nor can there be such a thing as "mutual confidence" between them. That is sheer buncombe if not downright dishonesty. The industrial union that is true to the working class seeks to establish "mutual confidence" and "harmonious relations" between all workers that they may put an end to corporation misrule, control their own jobs, and rule themselves.



# Current Problems—Socialism, Etc.

## 4. Every Man His Own Landlord

By Walter Thomas Mills

Author of "The Struggle For Existence" and  
"Democracy or Despotism."

It is impossible for any one to live except he is a user of land.

The term "land" is used to include not only the soil but all natural forces and resources and spaces upon the earth.

All food, clothing, fuel and shelter, the substance of all articles of use and of beauty, the power of falling water, electricity and steam, all depend for their availability upon the use of land. It is impossible for any one to be alive at any time without occupying some share of the space provided on the earth's surface.

Land, or space upon the surface of the earth, at no place has value unless at least two persons are anxious to use the same place at the same time.

As the number of persons anxious to use the same space at the same time multiplies, and because of their competition with each other for the space desired, unimproved land values arise.

It is perfectly evident that these values arise at any particular place because of the presence of people at that place anxious to secure control.

The values arising because of buildings, orchards, factories, shops, office buildings, are all improved values, and may be created as the result of individual investment and enterprise; but the value of the land regardless of improvement is entirely a social product. It is the creation of the whole community, not of any individual.

The evil of private monopoly in land arises whenever an individual is able privately to appropriate these values, which are not created by him, but are the direct product of the whole community.

It is entirely impossible for more than one person to occupy the same identical space at the same time. Monopoly of land—if by this is meant the occupancy of land to the exclusion of others—is absolutely unavoidable.

The real land problem arises in the effort to provide land for the exclusive occupancy of its user, in such a way that he may have the whole benefit of his own investment and enterprise without being permitted to privately appropriate to his own benefit the social values collectively created by the whole community.

The same problem ought also to be stated the other way around.

The land problem arises in the effort to secure to the whole community and to each separate member his full share of the values attaching to land, but created

by the whole community without appropriating for public purposes values created by individual investment and enterprise.

The man who owns the land he uses and uses the land he owns may be said to be his own landlord. Were all locations of equal advantage, and if all persons were so employed as to be able to use individually and without the cooperation of others these locations of equal advantage, and there were locations enough for all, the land problem would be easily solved.

But this is not the case. How can every one be given all the advantages justly belonging to him as his own landlord, without giving any an advantage over

fectly evident that, if this vast sum were paid into the National Treasury by each, according to the special advantages of location obtained by him, and were disbursed on the basis of equality of interest on the part of all citizens, that immediately equality of opportunity in the use of land would be established.

No one would pay into the Treasury except for direct advantages enjoyed by him. And no one would draw from the Treasury except by his presence and his citizenship in the community by virtue of whose existence these values would be created.

In this way whatever one gained by more than an average advantage in location, he would pay for, and whatever one lost by less than an average advantage he would be re-imbursed for in the social income thus provided and in which he had helped, by his presence in the community, to provide.

Students of this problem have long agreed that this would be an ideal settlement of the land

importance and of greater power.

Can this be accomplished?

In answering this question it will be well to inquire whether there are great social needs of such a nature as to bear directly upon the personal fortunes of all. For instance, all are helpless in their infancy, all are helpless in old age; all are liable to disability at all times from disease or accident.

More people die worried to death than worked to death. Anxiety is a more pitiless slave-driver than any cat-o'-nine-tails ever devised.

Society can have no greater responsibility than to organize its own affairs and to dispose of its own revenues in such a way as to guarantee against involuntary want for all.

If it were proposed to provide a direct income for all children, for the disabled and for the aged, as a sort of mutual, universal insurance, and to provide the funds for this purpose by appropriating ground rents, there would arise immediately vast private interests in favor of this most rational proposal to publicly appropriate ground-rents. These interests would be as much more vital than are the private interests, now the beneficiaries of ground rents, as life itself is more to be desired than is an unearned private advantage.

The persons interested in such a universal mutual insurance, against distress are more numerous and at the ballot-box would be more powerful; would they act together, by a thousand to one, than are the handful of beneficiaries of the current private monopoly in land.

Such a proposal would directly secure for society all of the values created by society and would make an end at once of the exploitation of labor and the private appropriation of surplus values through ground rents.

It would still be true that interest and profit would need to be dealt with. But this measure would settle at once and for all time the exploitation of labor through ground rents.

It would be a first and victorious battle in a final revolution which would completely transfer economic power from special privilege, where it now rests, to social service where it ought to rest. And it would provide an advance in the standard of living, in the peace of mind, in the ending of worry, in the burial of anxiety, not to be equalled by any other possible measure.

It would further clear the way for the remaining engagements necessary to make a final ending of exploitation complete and absolute by making an end of the private monopoly ownership and control of the great instruments of manufacture, transportation and exchange.

The subject of the next article in this series will be *Universal Mutual Insurance*.

## Hurrah! For The Hero, Timothy Blunt

By The Rip-Saw Poet

*Hurrah! for the hero, Timothy Blunt—  
Head split open, and ripped down the front—  
One arm gone, and a leg as well,  
By the bursting of a lyddite shell!*

*Ten tons of shot were fired, it's said,  
Before poor Tim was shot in the head;  
And Morgan's profits, so they say,  
Were a million dollars clear that day.*

*Hurrah for Tim, who was part of the swag,  
That was gathered in defending the flag!  
For his country's honor, how great to die!—  
'Specially as lyddite shells come high.*

any other, or enabling any one to privately appropriate the values created by all?

So far, only one proposal has been made, and that is to publicly appropriate ground rents. By ground rent is meant what any particular piece of land would rent for entirely independent of all buildings, or improvements, or equipments of any sort.

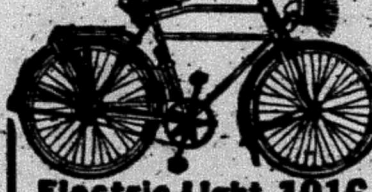
It is quite probable that the groundrents in the United States each year amount to not less than ten billions of dollars. It is per-

question. They have also agreed that the only difficulty in the way—and this difficulty is very great—is the existence of the great private interests now able to privately appropriate these vast socially created, unimproved ground values.

It would seem that what has been lacking in any practicable program has heretofore been the inability of the land Reformer to discover, to organize and to array against these great private interests other interests of equal



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# The Story of a Flour Sack

By Kate Richards O'Hare

**EDITOR'S NOTE:**—In the January and February issues of the RIP-SAW Mrs. O'Hare told the story of the Ford factory, where the eight hour day prevails, where women receive a minimum wage of \$2.40 per day, men \$2.72, and where all employes, men, women and boys having others to support receive \$5.00 per day. The thousand women in the Ford factory work at light, pleasant tasks, in attractive well ventilated work rooms, have no speeding up or "chain" system, and when they speak of Henry Ford, tears of gratitude stand in their eyes.

Here is the story of another industry in which girls and women predominate where few receive a living wage, where the piece-work system and speeded-up machinery combine to make the nine-hour-day extract every possible ounce of energy from the poverty driven victims; where the work rooms are filled with lime dust and lint, where machinery is used that cannot possibly be made safe in its present form, where employes piece out their meager wages by appeals to charity or drafts against wage earners in other industries.

This story should strike home to every family in America, for we are all familiar with the humble flour sack. Here is the story of its sorrow-stained origin. It comes to you charged with the struggle and poverty of the human beings, girls and women, who manufacture it in hopeless slavery at the wheel of toil, victims of the competitive wage system, and men's thoughtlessness and greed.

Whenever I mix a batch of biscuits there appear before my mind three pictures:

In a dirt-roofed sod house on the Kansas plains, upon the rough kitchen floor, lies a sun-tanned pig-tailed girl of four years, gracefully waving her skinny, bare, sandburr scratched legs in the air while she is laboriously learning the alphabet from a gaudily colored flour bag. The beautiful woman with cerise hair, dressed in a yellow ball gown who draws very fat loaves of bread from the oven of a very spindle-legged stove is so ravishing to the little girl's eyes that she patiently plods away until she can spell out the words: "ROSE OF KANSAS, BEST PATENT FLOUR." She even learns to read the tiny letters at the bottom of the bag: BEMIS BROTHERS BAG COMPANY, ST. LOUIS, MO.

I was the student and the first word I ever learned to spell was BEMIS.

The second picture I see is the factory of the Bemis Brothers Bag Company in St. Louis.

Here in St. Louis the Bemis Bros. Bag Co. is known as one of the very old, VERY CONSERVATIVE, VERY EXCLUSIVE business concerns. So EXCLUSIVE in fact that on every door is a large "NO ADMITTANCE" sign and watchmen are kept on duty to see that the rule is strictly enforced. Practically no person who is not an employe of the company and possibly a state factory inspector had ever been inside the building until I invaded its sacred precincts. A city salesman for an electrical concern told me he had called on Bemis Bros. to sell them supplies for years, but had never been inside the factory. The foreman of the elevator company who installed the elevators in their, new building stated that when they were installing the

machinery the workmen were not allowed to use the stairways or to leave the elevator shaft for any purpose whatever. A truck salesman told me that though he supplied the company with trucks he had never been in the room where his trucks were used. I am the first representative of the press who ever got past Bemis Bros. "NO ADMITTANCE" sign.

Once inside the factory I found the reason for the marked EXCLUSIVENESS.

Behind the barred doors and the "No Admittance" signs I found about four hundred old women and very young girls and one hundred old men and young boys making bags—bags of all kinds from tiny salt bags to hemp bran bags and brilliantly colored flour bags. Electrically driven sewing machines whirred and roared, great cutting machines sliced bag lengths of cotton and jute fabric from monster rolls of cloth. Employes hurried and scurried about drawing great trucks piled high with bags in various stages of completion. Printing presses rattled and thumped, the heavy odor of printers' ink assailed the nostrils and over the whole scene a hazy screen of dust and lint hovered.

Here was a young girl who seemed to be less than seventeen years old running an electric cutting machine. This machine is the device that has replaced the old fashioned hand shears for cutting cloth. Bolts of cloth are unrolled on a long table and piled layer after layer until there are a hundred thicknesses of the material. A vertical knife works up and down, driven by an electric motor, and saws through the cloth along the lines marked upon the top layer and thus one hundred articles are cut out at a time. This kind of a cutting

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So I told him I wanted to try the horse for a month. He said, "All right, but pay me first, and I'll give your back your money if the horse isn't all right."

Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So, I didn't buy the horse, although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make Washing Machines—the "1900 Gravity" Washer. And I said to myself, lots of people may think about my washing machine as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

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machine is used in garment factories, automobile factories, and elsewhere. They are invariably operated by MEN, and the wages run from \$13.50 to \$22.00 a week for such work. Here in the Bemis plant this work was being done by girls at a wage of \$7.00 per week! The men at the Ford plant get \$5.00 per day for identical work!

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I was astounded while in England to find that there human life was cheaper than machinery and that girls were used instead of wheelbarrows in the brick plants and were substituted for elevators in the jam factories. Imagine my surprise to find that the same condition existed in my own town. Gravity conveyors and endless belts are now so cheap and efficient that human legs have been replaced by steel rollers and canvas belts in most modern plants. But so cheaply do Bemis Bros. buy their girl labor that human flesh is cheaper than machinery. Girls apparently fourteen and fifteen years of age push old fashioned trucks loaded with hundreds of pounds of bags from one end of a room a city block long to the other. I saw a pale, slender, anemic girl who seemed to be about fourteen years old tugging like an overloaded donkey at a truck piled high with jute bags. When I suggested that such work was hardly the task for a

girl of that age the superintendent who was acting as my guide assured me that pushing trucks was considered a delightful form of exercise by the girls and was really not a hard task at all. Much to his disgust I insisted on trying this new method of fat reduction and though I am tough as whalebone and weigh 163 pounds it took all my strength to move the loaded truck.

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Flour bags are heavily loaded with lime and starch to make them take the printers' ink, and jute bags shed lint at every touch. The rooms in which these bags are cut, stitched and turned and printed are filled with the most harmful kind of dust. I asked the superintendent what methods were used to get rid of this dust and he replied "Oh! we open the windows sometimes." I spent about an hour in the room and my hair and clothing was well covered with what the children call "McGinty's whiskers." The girls' lungs must look like a section of cheap cotton mattress.

I later interviewed Mr. Sidney Johnson, Chief Factory Inspector for Missouri on the question of the dust in the Bemis plant. He blandly informed me that while Section 7859 of the Factory Inspection Laws of Missouri gave him power to compel a manufacturer to install exhaust fans or other mechanical means of elim-

inating dust where it is generated in harmful quantities, he had really never thought of asking Bemis Bros. to comply with the law.

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Before each of the big presses in the Bemis plant sit two girls working with a nervous concentration that keeps them taut as a fiddle string. The pounding of the presses beats the lime-laden starch from the cloth, filling the air full of dust and through the hazy atmosphere the dust whitened girls look like gnomes chained to some relentless punishment.

Handling cloth flour bags on a printing press is far harder and requires greater skill than handling sheets of paper. The cloth being soft and pliable folds and creases easily. Each bag must be carefully straightened out by hand, placed on the platen in the press. The feeder must reach in between the monster jaws, adjust the unprinted bag and withdraw her arms at lightning speed. A second girl reaches in and withdraws the printed sacks. The twitch of a nerve, the slightest halting of a muscle, an instant's inattention and the crashing machine catches the worker unawares and another industrial tragedy results. This is the kind of accident that happened to Marie Moentmann when she had both of her arms torn off

in the Fulton Bag Co.'s plant here in St. Louis last winter. Her arms simply worked a fraction of a second too slowly and the relentless press crashed down and crushed them to pulp.

The country printer in your town who feeds sheets of paper into a press is paid from \$12 to \$16 per week, but the highly skilled girl workers in the Bemis plant face death or mutilation every moment of the day for from \$6.00 to \$8.50 per week.

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**Cyclometers on the Sewing Machines.**

The piecework system is used in the Bemis plant on every job that can possibly be handled in that way and with the machines speeded up to the highest possible speed. For stitching sugar, bran and one-hundred-pound flour bags the girls are paid fifty-seven cents per thousand bags. For many of the smaller bags the rate is only eight cents per thousand bags. The girls who make odd-sized bags are paid a certain rate per thousand stitches. A meter is attached to every sewing machine and read every Saturday night

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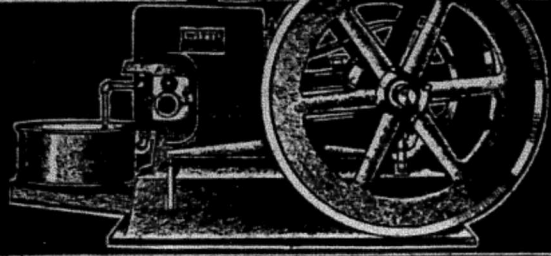
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like a gas meter. A girl must make a certain number of million stitches per week or lose her job. Not more than an inch and a half of thread may be left between bags, stopping the machines is severely reprimanded and the nervous tension of feeding the bags into the sateless jaws of the humming machine with less than an inch-and-a-half of leeway is terrific.

Some of the tasks are not adaptable to the piecework system and the girls who do straight week work are paid five and six dollars per week. The payroll works out about this way: ninety of the girls work for wages ranging from five to six dollars a week, seventy of the girls earn from six to seven dollars per week, seventy-five of the girls receive from seven to nine dollars and a very, very few girls sometimes earn a little more.

To a country woman these wages may seem to be quite adequate, but if one of your country women who reads this were to write and ask me to find a boarding place for your daughter who was coming to St. Louis to study music or art, the least possible sum for which I could secure board would be five or six dollars per week and she would at that price be compelled to share her room with another. Please remember also that clothing, laundry and street-car fare must be added to this sum amounting to two or three dollars per week more. The Minimum Wage Commission of the Senate of the State of Missouri decided that no girl could live in St. Louis on less than \$8.70 per week.

### Bitterly Opposed to Unions

Naturally Bemis Bros. is bitterly opposed to trade unions and all forms of labor organization. They consider them immoral, un-American, un-Christian and a harmful and demoralizing force in American industry. The policy of the concern is absolutely "closed shop" against any member of a union. Bemis is quite as bitterly opposed to any sort of labor legislation. At the time the less pious and more progressive people of the State of Missouri were making a heroic fight for the nine-hour law for women, Mr. Bemis, Senior sent his son Judd to Jefferson City to fight the bill. Of course the fact that the Bemis people worked their five-dollar a week girls ten hours per day all the time and as long overtime as they saw fit in the busy season had nothing to do with the matter. Certainly not! It was the welfare of the girls Mr. Judd Bemis had in mind. His heart was sorely oppressed by the sad, sad thought of his girls spending that extra hour "gadding about the streets" when they could just as well be pushing trucks and stitching bags in the highly moral atmosphere of his very pious factory.

### The Polinsky Family

One day I chanced to be looking up some data in the office of the Provident Association. The Provident Association I might add, is the organized machine for dispensing charity for Protestant St. Louis. Among the machine-like reports I found the bare outline of a little life tragedy, not strange or unusual, but quite commonplace. It was only one of the "short and simple annals of the poor." No doubt I would have passed the story by without a second thought as I did hundreds of others, but for the fact that the name BEMIS figured in it and attracted my attention as perhaps no other firm name in St. Louis would.

The Polinsky family (this is not their real name) came to America from Poland some years ago. John, the father had been killed in a sewer cave-in. Mary, the wife and Anna the sixteen-year-old daughter had found work in the Bemis Brothers Bag Company after his death and by the slender thread of underpaid piecework were trying to bind the family together and keep young John, a boy of thirteen, in school. During the slack season when work was scant the "social worker" employed by the Bemis Company noticed that both Mary and Anna were too weak to do their work properly; a little questioning brought out the fact that they were slowly starving to death. The social worker appealed to the company for assistance for the women, either for a direct gift, or for more work, but the official replied that there was no more work and that it was against the rules of the company to give charity. The social worker then appealed to the Provident Association for food to keep the women alive. Food was supplied by the charity organization to these Bemis employes!

The report card said that the Polinskys were quite superior to their environment, that they showed refinement, education and high ideals of life and that their two-room tenement was spotlessly clean and their clothing was brushed and darned with great neatness.

Two months later the social worker had again asked for aid. This time it was not because of slack work but on account of illness. Anna's strength had been depleted by hunger, worry, and the humiliation of being forced to accept charity and when the rush season came she had broken down under the strain of overwork. Illness had brought want, want brought charity and the story ended with the simple notation "rations given."

As I read the pitiful little story of the Polinskys coupled with the name Bemis, I decided that I wanted to know something of the concern who produces almost all the flour bags used in this country.

### A Parasite Industry.

The Bemis Bag Co. is a "parasite industry." A parasite on other industries; it is an industry that does not and never did pay living wages to its employees. Every woman and girl who stitches bags, or feeds a press or pushes a truck must be partially supported by some member of the family who does a living wage, or

by a charitable institution. All sorts of industries in all the cities named are subsidizing Bemis employees and furnishing workers to the Bemis Co. at less than the cost of life. In other words the Bemis Bros. Bag Co., exists exactly like the mistletoe on the oak, like ticks on dogs and mites on chickens; "it habitually purloins its food from others."

For example: We will say that Jim Jones works as a conductor on a street car in St. Louis. The railways company pays going wages to the man, but he has a seventeen-year old girl. This girl works for Bemis for five dollars a week which is three dollars and seventy cents less per week than will sustain life and efficiency. In order that the girl may live and be strong enough to push a truck for Bemis, the father must rob himself of necessary food and clothing, rob his savings account, rob his recreation account. Bemis Bros. not only rob the girl of the product of her labor, but they also rob the railways company of the physical fitness and efficiency for which they paid with the father's wages.

### The House of Bemis.

About forty years ago the two Bemis brothers started a bag factory here in St. Louis. The business was launched on a very small scale and Mr. S. A. Bemis takes great pride in telling his employees how with labor and sobriety he has built up the great industry from almost nothing.

Today the Bemis Bros. Bag Co. is an eight million dollar corporation every dollar's worth of stock owned in the Bemis family. The company has factories in St. Louis, Kansas City, Omaha, Minneapolis, Winnipeg, Indianapolis, Memphis, New Orleans, San Francisco and Seattle. It has cotton mills in St. Louis and Jackson, Tenn., and a jute mill in Calcutta, India. In all the plants in this country there are about five thousand women and girls and twelve hundred men and boys employed. There is no history of over-capitalization or watering the stock in the Bemis Company. Every one who pretends to know anything of the industry declares that the various plants and the business are well worth the eight million dollars. The business has thus grown in forty years from practically nothing to an actual valuation of eight million dollars. That means that every five years the comparatively small number of employees have given the Bemis family a million dollars, besides a luxurious living, money to build churches and to pay preachers. As I studied the conditions in the great St. Louis plant, I readily understood how an eight million dollar industry could have been squeezed from the lifeblood of a few thousand underpaid women and girls.

### The Third Picture.

One Sunday morning my husband and I went to church here in St. Louis. We attended one of the richest and most fashionable churches in the city and the minister is one of the foremost of his calling. At the close of the services the pastor greeted us cordially. As we chatted a dignified, well dressed, self-satisfied old gentleman marched up the aisle from the Amen corner of the church and stopped to greet the pastor. With all that oily sweetness that only a preacher's voice can achieve and does achieve when he talks in the presence of the man who pays a large part of his fat salary, the minister introduced us. He said: "Mr. and Mrs. O'Hare, I want you to meet the father of this church, one of the two forces which has made this beautiful building and this great Christian institution possible—Mr. S. A. Bemis."

There was considerable more along the same line, all carefully impressing on our minds the fact that Mr. Bemis was VERY generous in his donations to the church, faithful to his church duties, never missed a sermon or a mid-week prayer-meeting and gave liberally to charity.

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**The Paradox of Capitalism.**  
 The bag industry represents one of the paradoxes of the capitalist system. The cotton farmers cannot earn enough to secure a sufficiency of cotton for their own use. The girls in the bag industry—working with electrically driven sewing machines, making a hundred times as many stitches per minute as their mother can make by hand—cutting a hundred thicknesses of material at one cut—using power-driven printing presses—these girls making bags to hold breadstuffs for all mankind,—cannot earn enough by their labor to buy their own bread! To the uttermost ends of the earth Bemis Bros.' bags carry the bread that is the cornerstone of civilized life and they are all made by women who must be fed by charity or shame. In one of the most prominent churches in St. Louis the message of the propertyless Nazarene is voiced by a man whose princely salary is paid by Mr. Bemis with profits coined from the very life of old women and young girls. The man who "had not where to lay his head" is worshipped in a gorgeous church whose every stone represents the crushed life of a girl, whose stained glass windows are crimsoned with the shame of the woman who could not live on six dollars a week and was forced to sell her virtue to buy bread, or eat the bitter dole of charity.

Mr. S. A. Bemis is an old man now, soon he will pass into that "valley of shadows" that all the wealth of earth can not light or warm. When I see his pale, underfed girls gamble with death every day for less than bread enough to sustain life, my heart is hot and bitter within me and I say to myself—"Bemis, you detestable old hypocrite, I hope there will be enough of Billy Sunday's hell left to roast you for the next thousand years. I want Satan to

get a fireproof film that will show you the girls you have robbed and force you to look at it without ceasing. I want him to give a lusty lunged imp an asbestos megaphone and bellow into your ears 'inasmuch as ye have done unto the least of these my children ye have done it unto me'"

Then I remember that Mr. Bemis is just as much the victim of the capitalist system as the girls in his factory, and that frying rich men in hell won't make the world a better place to live in.

I know that Mr. Bemis belongs to the same generation and is made of exactly the same kind of clay as my father, he had a different training—that's all.

**BUSINESS** caught him young. My father went out and subdued the desert and made it produce bread; Mr. Bemis stayed in the city and became a **BUSINESS MAN**.

I know that Mr. Bemis is not really a worse man than my father, neither is he consciously a hypocrite; he is the warped, distorted product of the capitalist system. Though **BUSINESS** has blinded him to justice, deafened him to the cry of suffering and transformed his heart and brains into money making machines, he is still only six-sevenths a perfect **BUSINESS MAN**. Six days he exploits but on the seventh he goes to church and seeks personal salvation. One-seventh of him is still human, for he can never quite erase from his mind the fine ideals of youth before **BUSINESS** prostituted him. But from his loins has sprung a son who is ninety-nine and forty-four one-hundredths percent a **PERFECT** money-making machine. Judd Bemis is as cold as the gold in the Bemis vaults; he is as hard as the steel of their doors, as relentless as the machine that chops miles of jute fabric into bag lengths. He has no memory of a working-class youth; he has no ideals of service; he has no spirit of fraternal love for his employes; he was bred and born and trained a driver of child and woman labor. I could talk to Judd Bemis from now until Gabriel toots his horn


and he could probably never see or hear or feel the wrongs and injustice heaped upon his wage slaves. **BUT** if one thousand women clipped the Bemis imprint from the bottom of flour bags and mailed them to the Bemis Bag Co., St. Louis, Mo., in a letter saying: "Mr. Judd Bemis, I refuse to eat my bread from a flour bag soaked in the blood of my sisters. Pay your girls a decent wage or we will refuse to buy flour packed in Bemis bags." Then Mr. Bemis would see a great, white light and would comprehend that living wages, short hours, clean factories and protected machinery are also **GOOD BUSINESS**.

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It is for us in this dark hour of the world's need to consecrate ourselves anew to the principles for which we stand. It is for us, who know what it was that unloosed upon Europe titanic forces of destruction to proclaim to all men that upon the capitalist system lies the guilt. In the United States the sun is still shining, but its rays are coming through a rift in black clouds that may at any moment shut off the light and turn on the lightning. If ever there was need of devotion to a just cause, it is now.

If ever there was a time when our philosophy should be convincing it is now. Yesterday, we were dismissed as unpleasant theorists, today Europe is writing in letters of fire and blood athwart her midnight sky: "This war was caused by the greeds and hatreds engendered by the capitalist system." Great groups of capitalists fell out over a matter of trade and plunder—wherefore millions were made to die.

The party has asked me to step out, for a moment, from the ranks and assume new duties. With unfeigned humility I answer the call, resolved to do my best. I am profoundly grateful for the confidence of the party that has so long honored and will forever honor our great comrade, Eugene V. Debs. In the position to which the party has called me, I feel as did Thomas Jefferson when he went to Paris to become the American minister to France. "You have come," asked the Parisians, "to take Dr. Franklin's place?" Mr. Jefferson always replied: "Nobody can take Benjamin Franklin's place. I am only his successor." I am but the successor of Comrade Debs. I trust that his great example may forever inspire each of us to be not only loyal and true, but energetic and persistent in the propagation of the principles of Socialism.

ALLAN L. BENSON.



# Disfranchising Labor in Oklahoma

By Eugene V. Debs

There is trouble brewing in Oklahoma and it threatens to become serious before the year is ended. The Democratic machine in charge of Governor Williams and other grafting politicians have sown to the wind of corruption and are now threatened with the whirlwind of revolt.

The people of Oklahoma are stirred today as they have never been before and thousands of them of all political parties are almost literally up in arms against the outrageous registration and election law jammed through the recent "extraordinary" session of the legislature, by virtue of which the governor of the state is practically the boss of the elections and tens of thousands of lawful voters are disfranchised to perpetuate corrupt machine rule in the State of Oklahoma.

The democratic politicians of Oklahoma ever since the United States supreme court annulled the infamous "grandfather law" under which negroes were robbed of their franchise, have been conspiring to accomplish the same nefarious end in some other way and thoroughly alarmed by the menace to their corrupt misrule of rising socialism, they determined upon the desperate plan of enacting a law that would disfranchise thousands of working class voters as well as the twenty thousand or more negroes in the state, and this is the infamous purpose of the election law now placed upon the statute books with an emergency clause attached to give it immediate effect and prevent the people from passing judgment.

This law compels the voter to have his politics "registered" and made public thus placing him at the mercy of the powerful bosses and exploiters, who control his job or hold the mortgage on his little farm.

According to this outrageous law a socialist must virtually have the consent of a democratic politician before he can vote; he must have two property owners sign his application and is thus compelled to turn to the very interests that are exploiting him for permission to cast the vote of a supposed free man guaranteed to him under the Constitution of the United States.

Could cruel irony go farther in robbing a man of his citizenship and then mocking at his servility and shame?

The governor appoints the state election board, the state board appoints the county board, and the county board appoints the precinct boards under this vicious and despotic enactment. The state board is given the absolute power to remove any member of a county board without notice or hearing, to make certain that no election officer who has scruples about doing the machine's dirty

work of disfranchisement may be permitted to interfere with its operations.

The literacy test places the working class voter at the mercy of the registration officer as the test is made severe or mild according as the voter is a democrat or socialist, and the registration officer finally determines whether or not the applicant shall be entitled to vote.

The registration feature of the law is the trap in which to catch the undesirables who would vote against machine rule and against the gang of looters that for years have been robbing the farmers and honest toilers of Oklahoma and are now determined to cap the climax of their infamy by stripping them of their votes, their only peaceable means of protest, and binding them fast in the galling chains of slavery forevermore.

**BUT IT WILL NOT WORK!** My word for it, **IT WILL NOT WORK!** It is too late in the day. The machine politicians have overshot the mark. As Pat Nagle the veteran socialist of Oklahoma has eloquently said: "There is lightning in the heavens of Oklahoma—the exploited, robbed and bewildered people are struggling for existence and praying that their wrongs may be righted in peace. At their head stands the giant Demos. To the reactionaries he tenders the alternative of peace or war—an unrestricted franchise, a free ballot, a fair count—Peace. This denied he will hurl the thunderbolt of revolution."

These are ringing words, prophetic and inspiring and spoken by a true apostle of democracy and self-government.

Let the corrupt politicians of Oklahoma, the dirty tools of the powerful interests that are plundering and debauching the state beware! Let them tremble at the bar of an outraged people, slow to wrath, but merciless as a tornado when they let loose the lightning bolts of retributive justice.

Yea, verily, there is lightning in the political skies of Oklahoma. The clouds are gathering and the storm is threatening to break. Will the politicians hear and heed the mutterings of revolt? If not, upon their guilty heads will fall the responsibility and they shall reap the terrible harvest of their iniquities.

The socialists are doing all in their power to save the day in peace and without violence or bloodshed. They are appealing to the sober sense, the honesty, the love of justice and fair play, the manhood and womanhood of the state. They realize that a crisis is upon them and they are manfully battling to meet the issue squarely and to have it decided once for all that the

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# TOBE SPILKINS

## Hiz Lettur

(W. S. Morgan)

Mr. Editor: When I last writ tu you I told you that the male karrier had jist brought me 2 letturs; one frum Ike Hawkins and one frum Shanghi Purkins. I am so bizzy now a reseevin' uv kommittees and delegashuns a representin' uv various interests and principles that I aint got time tu cobby Ike's lettur and korrekt the spellin', and am a sendin' it tu you jist az he writ it. I gess you kin maik-out what he means, az it iz purty dadgummed-pinted.

Give him a drink of grape juice and rub him down with a soft towel. If that don't quiet him get a bottle of Mrs. Winslow's soothing syrup and give it accord- ing to directions. Tell him that every nation in the world from whom we have any reason to fear is now busy in the great European struggle, and by the time they get through with that they will be so exhausted and sore they will not be able to fight again for a hundred years, so that all the expense of a great army and navy would be useless and worse than thrown away. Tell him that a fundamental principle of law is that private rights must give way for public good; that the general welfare is the highest aim of government, and that all things must be sub- ordinated to this. Tell him that private citizens have no right to expose themselves in the war zone, especially by taking pas- sage on armed belligerent vessels, and thereby precipitating this country into a bloody and costly war. Tell him to let practical politics go to hell, and if he can't be re-elected without bowing the knee to the ammunition makers and "big business" to go down in honorable defeat and let this republic be branded as a nation of moral cowards—afraid to do the right thing, the thing taught by the Man of Galilee. Tell him that he is a political craw-fish and has backed down from his original position. Tell him that the people are not with him in his plea for "preparedness," and won't be, and that he is making several different kinds of a fool of him- self. Tell him that it is the bully that always gets it in the belly, and the man who carries a chip on his shoulder is always getting into trouble. Break all these things to him gently and in small pieces so that he can chew them good and plenty and they will not give him the belly- ache.

The lettur iz az follers: "Dear Tobe: I saw Shanghi Purkins the other day and he told me that you are the private advisor and chief diplomat of the president. I am glad to learn that you occupy this honorable and responsible position. Your influence with the president will enable you to render great service to the country and your countrymen; especially at this time when Woodrow seems to be wabbling on the spindle. It will be well to remind him that he has changed his policy; that, whereas, he once took the lead in holding back the dogs of war and strengthening the peace sentiment in the country, he is now working hand in hand with the above said dogs and is trying to arouse a spirit of resistance and defiance in the hearts of the people, and induce them to prepare for war. Have a heart to heart talk with him, Tobe, and tell him that it is not only immoral to fight, but un-Christian. Tell him that it is bad enough for dogs and cats to fight; that it is foolish for men. Tell him that war is barbarism; tell him— yes, tell him that IT IS HELL, and ask him if he wants to send the young men of this country to hell, as the nations of Europe are now doing. Tell him that before he increases the army and navy to find out how many of the big business men who will profit thereby, will join the army and go to the front and fight in- case we have war. Ask him if he thinks that if Jesus were now Pres- ident of the United States would he (Jesus) be going round over the country talking in favor of the "largest navy in the world," and a standing army to back it up. Tell him that the Repub- licans and sinners are in favor of "preparedness" and that is one of the best reasons why he should be against it. Point out to him where the bible says "Thou shalt not kill," and ask him what he wants the big navy and army for if it is not to kill. If he tells you that armament will preserve peace show him that all Europe was armed and that it was such armament that made the present war there possible. If the presi- dent is scared get a soft camel's hair brush and soothe him down.

Everything seems to be getting along all right here, but Ben hasn't got any ground broke yet for planting the spring crops. Another one of Gabe Strong's boys joined our Socialist local last week. Hoping that you will be successful in steering the Presi- dent in the right paths; I am as ever,

Your friend,  
IKE HAWKINS."

Now, Mister Editor, that lettur iz a korker. Ike kin rite them kind uv letturs and du it so ezy. He'z a dadgummed Soshailist, but he'z got good horse sense; but he don't want enny offis, and there4 he aint got no polisy about him. In these days when graft maiks offis so profitable the publick welfare haz got tu giv way tu private snaps. The



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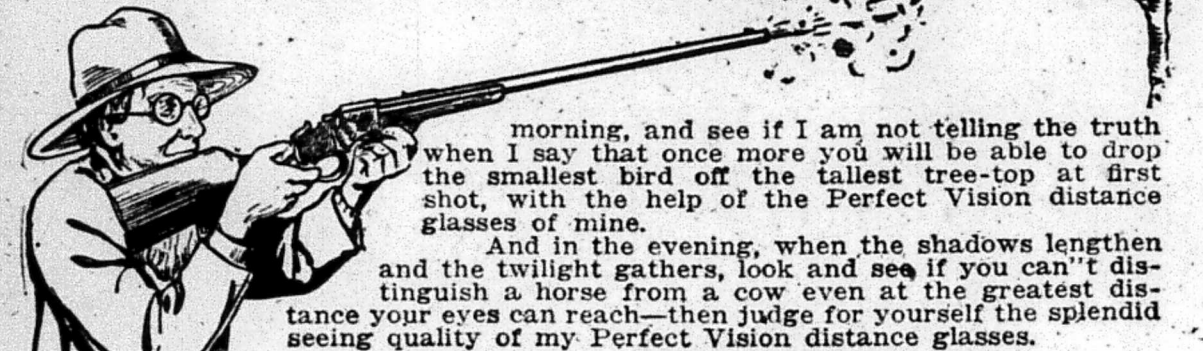
**Don't Send Me One Cent When You Answer This**  
No, I don't want you to send me one single, solitary penny when you answer this announcement, and the reason is this: I have made up my mind to mail you a brand new pair of my Perfect Vision glasses absolutely free. I insist also on even paying the postage right to your door so you can try them out in the quiet of your own home as an advertisement.

Then you can do me a favor. Just as quick as they come, I want you to put them on, sit right down by the fireplace, by the open hearth, and I am sure you'll be agreeably surprised to discover that you can once more read the very finest print in your bible, even by the dim firelight. Put them on and see if I am not correct when I say that you will again be able to thread the smallest-eyed needle you can lay your hands on; do the most delicate embroidery and crochet, and keep on with the work for hours without headache or eye-pain and with as much ease and comfort as you ever did in the days of your youth.



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And then if you are fond of hunting, if you love your outdoor sports, shoulder your old "trusty" gun and go into the woods once more some bright, crisp



morning, and see if I am not telling the truth when I say that once more you will be able to drop the smallest bird off the tallest tree-top at first shot, with the help of the Perfect Vision distance glasses of mine.

And in the evening, when the shadows lengthen and the twilight gathers, look and see if you can't distinguish a horse from a cow even at the greatest distance your eyes can reach—then judge for yourself the splendid seeing quality of my Perfect Vision distance glasses.

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I don't want you to take my word. There is a better way; put me on trial and send to me for a pair of my glasses at once, and try them out yourself—indoors, outdoors, everywhere and anywhere, morning, noon and night; hunting, driving, reading, sewing, anyway and everyway. Put them to every test you can, and then if you find that every word I have said about them is honest and true; if they really do what I have said they will do; if you can see again with the perfect eyesight of the days gone by, then, and then only, I will want you to do me a good turn by speaking a good word for my glasses, showing them around to your friends and neighbors and the people you have a chance to talk to. Surely you will be willing to do this for me if my Perfect Vision glasses help you in the way I say.

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Write your name, address and age on the below certificate and mail it to me at once.

ST. LOUIS SPECTACLE HOUSE, Dept, 48 ST. LOUIS, MO.  
I herewith enclose this certificate, which entitles me to a pair of your 10-karat, gold-filled Perfect Vision spectacles, complete, also a fine leatherette, plush-lined, German-silver-tipped pocketbook spectacle case on ten days' free trial, as stated in the above advertisement, and if I find that they really and truly are worth more than you are asking for them, and that it will be impossible for me to buy them anywhere else at that price, I will then pay you the small sum of \$1.50. But if, for any reason whatsoever, I don't wish to keep them (and I myself am to be the sole judge), I will return them to you without paying you a single cent for them, as you agreed in the above advertisement to send them on absolute free trial, and I am going to make you stick to your word. Be sure to answer the following questions:  
How old are you.....How many years have you used glasses (if any).....  
Name .....  
Post Office.....  
Rural Route.....Box No.....State.....



docktrine uv "Speshul privileges tu nun" is a "irridescent dreem," a sort uv a skreen tu kuyer a batch uv lize. Before Woodsaw flopped over tu the aminishum makers, and uther big business institushuns that air a makin' uv skads uv munny out uv the war the people luvd him. But the people don't hold convenshuns and maik nominashuns, and elect prezidents. They air clay in the hands uv the politishuns, and when Woodsaw seen this he flopped over tu big business becoz he knowed that the afosed big business owned the politishuns and paid the frait. So Woodsaw will be nominated and all the Demokrats will vote fur him; you see it's jist like the feller's bread that he maid uv one-thurd salt, one-thurd sody, and one-thurd flour; it's purty d—d salty, but if the politishuns maik it that way the people will ete it and say they like it.

I wuz a tellin' uv you that I also got a lettur frum Shanghi Purkins. Shanghi iz a better speller than Ike. Me and him use tu go tu skool together and it wuz nipp and tukk betwen us az tu who cood beet a speelin'. Here iz hiz lettur vurbaitem:

Boney Forks,  
March the 6th, 1916.

Deer Tobe:

I am a settin' down on a chare with my pensil in my hand tu rite you a lettur. I wood hav rit you a long time ago but didnt have n) pensil and I kant rite with a pen. When I try tu rite with a pen the pint stiks in the paper, and I always git 2 mutch ink on it or not enuff and that makes me sware which iz agin my religion. I went tu town the uther day and bought me a good pensil and I will rite tu you oftener frum now on. I see old Woodsaw iz a flounderin' around on the politikal sea jist like he had lost hiz rudder. He haz plum ker-flopped frum where he wuz. He's lost hiz hed, and az you air hiz private adviser and cheef Dep-

plomatt I want tu send him a little advise throo you. I want tu be minister plentypenitenshiary tu Turkey or Guinney and I am fur Woodsaw and don't care how meny times he flops or where he flops tu. Tell him tu keep ritè on ritin' tu old Kizer Bill about "U" bote, "I" botes, or he, she or it botes, or enny uther kind uv a old bote. Tell him that botes iz a goin' tu be trumps in the next campain and he don't want tu let the Republikans git hold uv the joker in the deel. I red the uther day where the Gurmans shot a man down who wuz a-ridin' in a airyplain 12 thouzand feet abuv them. That ort tu be the subjekt uv a good deel uv korrespondence between Woodsaw and the Kizer. If the Gurmans air allowed tu clame the air that high up they'll jist keep a goin' higher and higher till they will chase the man out uv the moon fur spyin' over their country and battlefields, and maik everyboddy in the wurld, espeshully in the United Staitis, pay a war tax fur the privilege uv lookin' at the moon. It ain't no tellin' what them fellers will du, seein' what they have alreddy dun. Us Demokrats down here at Boney Forks (there iz 3 uv us now) feel that Woodsaw haz purformed a grate survice tu hiz country; while the Gurman standin' army wuz a puttin' up uv the durndest fite agin the allies the wurld ever heerd uv, Woodsaw haz kept their sittin' army so bizzy a answerin' uv hiz letturs that they havent had time tu deklare war agin us; there4 he haz presurved peece between the United Staitis and Gurmany. But ritin' iz hard wurk and Woodsaw haz bin at it now purty neert 2 years. He knows hiz pen iz mightyer than the sord and that he cood keep bak the hordes that wood invaid our land if hiz fingers didnt git the cramp and kompel him tu stop ritin', but he sees that he kant keep up the like he haz bin a duin' and wants a big army and navy tu taik hiz place

when hiz fingers git so cramped that he haz tu lay down the pen. We kant blaim him fur that. Well, Tobe, I wanted tu rite you sum naberhood nooze

but my fingers is gittin' so crampy that I'll have tu maik it short. Me and my family iz well 'ceptin' 2 uv the boys haz got the hoopin' koff and 8 uv the



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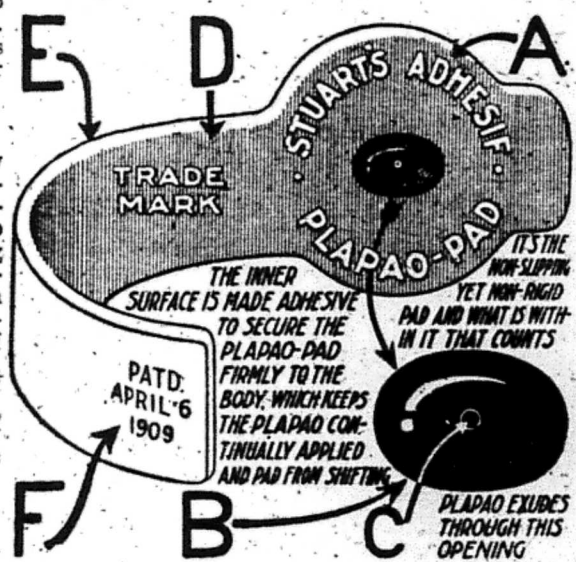
There is no discomfort, no pain. Yet minute after minute—whilst you are going about your daily duties—even whilst you are sleeping—this wonderful remedy is invisibly infusing the abdominal muscles with the new life and strength they require to perform their rightful function of keeping the bowels in place without the artificial support of a truss or device of any kind.

**THE PLAPAO-PAD EXPLAINED**

The principle upon which the PLAPAO-PAD works can be easily figured out by noting the ac-

companying illustration, and reading the following explanation:

The PLAPAO-PAD is made of a strong, flexible material, "E", which is designed to conform to the movements of the body, and be perfectly comfortable to wear. Its inside surface is adhesive (similar to, yet quite different, from an adhesive plaster)—to prevent the Pad "B" from shifting and getting out of place.



"A" is the enlarged end of the PLAPAO-PAD, which overlies the atrophied and weakened muscles to keep them from giving away further.

"B" is the properly shaped Pad to be applied in such a way that it blocks up the hernial orifice, and tends to prevent the contents of the abdomen from protruding. Within the Pad is a reservoir. In this reservoir there is placed a wonderful absorbent astringent medication. As soon as this medication is warmed by the heat of the body it becomes soluble and escapes through the small opening marked "C" and is absorbed through the pores of the skin to strengthen the weakened muscles and effect a closure of the openings.

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**BRINGS ABOUT THESE BENEFITS**  
The results if successful in following this treatment (as you can now prove for yourself free of charge) are wonderful.

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- The weak muscles recover their elasticity and strength.
- The unsightly, painful and dangerous protrusions disappear.
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gurls iz down in bed with the meezles and sum uv the uthers air expectin' tu taik it. My wife allso haz the bak-ake. The rest uv us iz all well. I wuz a drivin' by yoor place the uther day and stopped tu borrrer sum axel-greese. I am still runnin' that old wooden spindel wagon which my father owned and a votin' the same old ticket he did. I think Ben iz a lettin' uv the plaice run down. The tire iz off uv one uv the hind wheels uv the waggin and one uv the hind laigs uv the wheel barrow iz broke clean off. Yoor wife wux makin' sope and Ben wuz a settin' on a log a watchin' uv hur. He ort tu have bin out in the feeld a plowin' fur otes. I have heerd sum talk uv your wife a sooin' uv you fur a divorce and a maryin' uv Ben. I don't know how troo it iz, but if it iz so and I wuz you I'd let hur du it; she wood maik Ben a good husband, and you woodnt have tu send hur enny more munny tu pay that ornery Ben's wages. Well, I gess that's about all the nooze 'ceptin' they've got another baby over tu Gabe Strongs and Ant Sally Pudgett's cow had the holler horn and the dockter cum out and split hur tale and put salt in it. Hopin' tu heer frum you sune, I am yoor frend,  
**SHANGHI PURKINS.**

I like tu heer frum Shanghi but dog my kats if it don't maik the kold shivers run up my bak

## GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK ACCEPTS VICE PRESIDENTIAL NOMINATION

### TO THE SOCIALISTS OF THE UNITED STATES:

My dear Comrades: A telegram from our National Office at Chicago informs me that you have nominated me for the role of Vice-presidential candidate of the Socialist party in the political campaign of 1916.

Coming at this time of tragedy and crisis in the affairs of mankind, when hundreds of millions of intelligent people throughout the world are regarding our international movement with profound respect and earnest hope, this nomination is truly a very unusual honor; an honor, however, which imposes such heavy obligations that any personal gratification I may feel is instantly and completely disciplined into a minor matter and the sobering thoughts of serious and imperative duties have absolute right of way over all else in my mind.

The nomination I accept with gratitude and with appreciation of the honor. The duties imposed by the nomination I assume with distinct realization of their moral significance and with the pledge of hearty co-operation to the limit of my power in the coming campaign.

By the brutal deeds of this present time of mockery and agony in Europe, vast multitudes of the producers of a dozen countries are trampled to death under the iron-hoofed god of war, bridled, saddled and directed by distinguished cut-throats in political and industrial authority.

The motherhood of a continent is in tears and the lives of hundreds of millions of children as yet unborn are already mortgaged in advance with deadening extra toil and darkened with invisible ignorance imposed by astounding war debts.

In the hideous enthusiasms of a prosperity stained with blood and tears our boastful masters here in our own country are holding multitudes in hunger and cold and fear, and are cunningly building a great army to crush the hungry multitude of slaves in the mighty army of the unemployed in the swiftly coming industrial collapse.

In the campaign of this extraordinary year shall we not labor with most unusual vigor, sincerity and patience to the end that our own proud, unstained banner of brotherhood and peace and justice may persuade vast numbers to our philosophy and movement and the whole working class be encouraged by splendid victories? Gratefully your comrade,

**GEORGE R. KIRKPATRICK.**

tu reed about that ornery Ben a settin' on a log and watchin' uv my wife a makin' sope. When I wuz at home and she wuz a makin' sope she always maid me go out in the orchard and cut the ded limbs off the trees and keep up the fire; and also karry water tu poor on the ash-hopper. But I'll git even with 'em yet; I ort tu have anuther lettur frum hur by this time; I hope she aint started fur Washington fur it wood hurt my bizzness fur hur tu cum here. They's sum one nookin' at the door now and I'll have tu go and let 'em in. I'll rite you agin. Goodbye.

**TOBE SPILKINS,  
DIPLOMATT.**

### ORGANIZING KENTUCKY

Clarence H. Taylor of Baltimore, Md., begun a 30 days organizing work in Kentucky, on March 16 and 17, where he held two good meetings.

He spoke at Tolesboro, Bradford and Louisville and will fill dates at Rock Haven, Lewisport, Owensboro, Kuttawa, Murry, Hickory Grove. He will speak at Mayfield April 1st, Clinton 2nd, Hickman 3d, Wickliffe 4-5-6, Lacerter, 7th, and 8, 9 and 10th at Paducah, Ky.

The State office is planning to fill as many dates in the First, Second, Third and Fourth Districts as can be secured for Taylor, and all RIP-SAW readers and sympathizers wanting a Taylor date should write J. L. Stark, State Secretary, 530 West Market street, Louisville, Ky., at once. If you can take a Taylor meeting don't delay, but write at once and terms will be made to suit you.

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I have an important confidential message for you. It will come in a plain envelope. How to conquer the liquor habit in 3 days and make home happy. Wonderful, safe, lasting, reliable, inexpensive method, guaranteed. Write to Edw. J. Woods, B 675, Station E, New York, N. Y. Show this to others.

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# Fantine In Our Day

The reader of "Les Miserables" can never forget the ill-starred Fantine, the mournful heroine of Hugo's immortal classic. The very name of Fantine, the gay, guileless, trusting girl, the innocent, betrayed, self-immolating young mother, the despoiled, bedraggled, hunted and holy martyr to motherhood, to the infinite love of her child, touches to tears and haunts the memory like a melancholy dream.

Jean Valjean, noblest of heroes, was possible only because of Fantine, sublimest of martyrs.

Fantine—child of poverty and starvation—the ruined girl, the abandoned mother, the hounded prostitute, remained to the very hour of her tragic death chaste as a virgin, spotless as a saint in the holy sanctuary of her own pure and undefiled soul. It was of such as Fantine that Heine wrote: "I have seen women on whose cheeks red vice was painted and in whose hearts dwelt heavenly purity."

The brief, bitter, blasted life of Fantine epitomizes the ghastly story of the persecuted, perishing Fantines of modern society in every land in Christendom. Everywhere they are branded as "prostitutes" and shunned as lepers. Never was the woman born who could sink low enough—even in the upper class—to be called a "prostitute," and the man who calls a woman by that hideous epithet bears it upon his own forehead.

Why are the Fantines of our day charged with having "gone wrong" and with being "fallen women"? Not one in all the numberless ranks of these sisters of ours who are so despised by the soulless society of which they are the offspring has "gone" wrong, and not one has "fallen" to her present debased and unhappy state. If there is on earth a woman who has "fallen" in the sense usually applied to women who mortgage their honor in the battle for bread, I have yet to see or hear of her.

There are certain powerful social forces which in the present order of things make for what is known as "prostitution," but it is to be noted that there are no "prostitutes" in the upper classes of society. The women in the higher strata may be sexually as unchaste as they will, they are never "prostitutes." The well-to-do woman, not driven by these forces to sell her body to feed her child, may yet fall into the grossest sexual immorality through sheer idleness and ennui, but she has not "gone wrong"—no one thinks of her as a "fallen woman," or dreams of branding her as a "prostitute," and unless she is flagrantly indiscreet in the distribution of her favors her social standing is not materially affected by her moral lapses.

But let a poor shop-girl, a seamstress or a domestic servant—in a word, a working-girl—commit some slight indiscretion, and that hour her doom is sealed, and she might as well present herself at once to the public authorities and have the scarlet letter seared into her forehead with a branding iron. She may be pure and innocent as a child, but the "benefit of the doubt" never fails to condemn her. She has "gone wrong," is now a "fallen woman," and the word "prostitute," coined exclusively for her, now designates the low estate which is to be her lot the rest of her life.

A rich woman may sink as low as she can—and a woman can sink very low in the moral and spiritual scale without necessarily indulging her carnal appetites—she is never a "prostitute." She does not sell herself from necessity, but indulges herself from desire and therefore is not a "prostitute."

"Prostitution" as generally understood has economic as well as moral and sexual significance and application. "Prostitution" is confined to the "lower class" and bears a direct and intimate relation to the exploitation of the "upper class."

The Fantines of modern society, the "prostitutes" of the present day are wholly of the working class; the segregated area is populated entirely by these unfortunate sisters of ours, and the blasted life and crucified soul of every mother's daughter of them pleads in mute agony for the overthrow of the brutal, blighting, bartering system which has robbed them of their womanhood, shorn them of every virtue, reduced them to the degraded level of merchandise and finally turned them into sirens of retribution to avenge their dishonor and shame.

As these lines are being written the report of the Vice Commission of the State of Maryland appears in the press dispatches to inform the public that investigation of vice recently concluded in the great cities of that state discloses the fact—not at all new or startling to some of us at least—that many of the girls who "go" wrong and recruit the ranks of the "fallen" women have been seduced and ruined by their employers, bosses, and other stripes of "superiors" of one kind or another, AS A CONDITION OF THEIR EMPLOYMENT. Countless others, cheated of their childhood, pursued from birth by poverty, were doomed before their baby-eyes opened upon a world in which it is a crime to be born, a crime punishable by cruel torture, by starvation of body and soul, and by being cast for life into a den of filth to glut the lust of its beastly keepers.

The innumerable Fantines of our day, found lurking like scar-

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let spectres in the shadows wherever capitalism casts its withering blight of exploitation, are typified in the child of the garret described by Hugo, the child of slum and street: "There was in her whole person the stupor of a life ended but never commenced." It is these deflowered daughters of poverty, robbed and degraded, that are forever "dropping fragments of their life upon the public highway."

The story, inexpressibly pathetic, is a commonplace. It has been repeated a thousand times in every tongue. Here it is again as told by a writer of today: "She has been fatherless. She has gone hungry. She has known bitter cold, shame, rags, scorn, neglect, want in all its forms. She has needed dolls, flowers, play, songs, brightness, sympathy, care, love and has been given the stone of hard labor instead. Of all the blessings to which childhood is entitled this child has been robbed. In the brief life of this child there is pathos, endurance, long-deferred hope, experience that scars, denial self-pity, hunger of the spirit, STARVATION OF A CHILD'S SOUL FOR LOVE, HOME, HOPE, HELP."

Fantine is the greatest character in fiction and the highest type of social martyrdom. The face of Fantine, in which we behold "the horror of old age in the countenance of a child," is the mirror which reflects society's own sin and shame.

The Fantes have been raped of their virtue, robbed of their womanhood, dishonored, branded, exiled; the ignorance of childhood is with them still, but not its innocence; they have been shamelessly prostituted, but they are not prostitutes. They are girls, women who have walked the path of thorns and briars with bare and bleeding feet; who know the ways of agony and tears, and who move in melancholy procession as capitalist society's sacrificial offering to nameless and dishonored graves.

The very flower of womanhood is crushed in capitalism's mills of prostitution. The girls who yield are the tender, trusting, loving ones, the sympathetic and unsuspecting, who would make the truest of wives and the noblest of mothers. It is not the hard, cold, selfish and suspicious natures that surrender to the insidious forces of prostitution, but the very opposite, and thus is the motherhood of the race dwarfed and deformed and denied its highest functioning and its divinest expression.

The system which condemns men to slavery, women to prostitution, children to poverty and ignorance, and all to hopeless, barren, joyless lives must be uprooted and destroyed before men may know the meaning of morality, walk the highlands of humanity, and breathe the vitalizing air of freedom and fellowship.—Eugene V. Debs in the Internationalist Socialist Review.

## Socialist View on Mexico

The official proclamation on the Mexican situation adopted by the National Executive Committee of the Socialist Party is as follows:

### WORKERS PROTEST!

American citizens have been murdered by Mexican mercenaries. This is made the excuse by the Government of the United States for furthering the campaign for "preparedness," which means Militarism in the interests of the Masters.

This outrage upon American Citizens was doubtless inspired by the same Capitalist interests who have so freely hired gunmen to kill to break strikes in the past.

The yellow press will attempt to create a war spirit to further the plans for Military organization and armaments. The same interests who have hired assassins to break strikes by murder do not hesitate at international murder by armies to further their plans and create a pretext for war.

President Wilson has surrendered to these interests in order to further his own political fortunes. The Congress of the United States has in the main supported the President's new attitude.

War with Mexico would mean re-election for Wilson, and the complete overthrow of the program of the Mexican workers for their emancipation from the legal robberies of American and foreign capitalists.

Workers, you have the power to prevent all wars. You have no enemy but the same enemy which the Mexican Workers seek to overthrow. Use your power to prevent not only war with Mexico, but to prevent that preparation for war which leads to war. Protest to your congressman, protest to President Wilson. Refuse to buy an election for the President with the lives of American workers.

Use every power at your command to prevent war with any nation. Serve notice to the Masters that you recognize in them your only enemy. Protest against war and preparedness. Let the Masters know that you realize your power. That you will not tamely submit to the orders for intolerable military burdens. Serve notice on them that if you must fight you will fight your real enemy and not the workers of this or any other land. Protest as individuals and as organizations. Do it now!

Signed: Socialist Party National Executive Committee, Adolph Germer, George H. Goebel, Arthur LeSueur, James H. Maurer and Emil Seidel.

## A Bill Proposed by Fred Warren Providing that Those Who Make War Shall Do All the Fighting

### THE WARREN BILL

An ACT relating to military service of all those persons instrumental in bringing about war and profiting by the sale of munitions of war to the United States government.

Be It Enacted by the Congress of the United States:

Section 1. All representatives and senators voting "Yes" on a declaration of war against any foreign power, shall be drafted into the army of the United States as private soldiers and shall be assigned for duty in the army corps first dispatched to the front.

Section 2. Any editor, or publisher of any newspaper or other publication who writes or causes to be written and printed in any newspaper circulated within the United States or any of its possessions, an article favoring such declaration of war or who wrote or caused to be written and printed any article advocating such war before such declaration is made, shall be drafted into service as a private soldier and set to the front with the first army corps assigned to service on the battlefield.

Section 3. Any preacher or priest, who in pulpit or other public place, asks God's blessing upon the success of arms of the United States, shall be drafted into the service as a private soldier and sent to the front with the first army corps detailed for service.

Section 4. All stockholders in all factories supplying munitions to the United States government shall report for duty at the nearest army post or recruiting station on the morning following declaration of war and there be drafted into the army of the United States as private soldiers and detailed for service in the first army corps sent to the front.

Section 5. All male citizens between the ages of 18 and 60 who publicly express themselves in favor of such declaration of war, or who, before war was declared, publicly expressed themselves as favorable to such declaration, shall report for duty at the nearest recruiting station, where they shall be mustered in and sent to the front with the first army corps detailed for service.

Section 6. In the event of the physical disability of any of the above named classes of men subject to military service, then his next male relative shall be drafted as a substitute. Where the stock is held in any munition factory furnishing supplies to the United States government in the name of a woman, then her nearest male relative shall be drafted as a substitute.

Section 7. Failure to report for duty two days after the declaration of war, or two days after such declaration of war has come to his knowledge, shall subject such individual to courtmartial on the charge of treason, and upon conviction shall be condemned to death and shot at sunrise on the morning following such conviction.

Section 8. In the event that the United States government calls for volunteers or in the event that conscription is resorted to, then the United States government shall pay to the families of such volunteers and conscripted men a sum, weekly, equal to the wages earned by such volunteers and conscripted men before entering the United States army. In the event of the death of any soldier of the United States army, the government shall pay to his widow or dependants a sum equal to the wages earned by such soldier before entering the service. The sum shall be paid during the life of the widow and as long thereafter as there are any minor children in such deceased soldier's family. In case of the total disability of any soldier, a sum equal to wages earned by him before entering the service shall be paid during his lifetime. In case of partial disability, then the government shall pay a sufficient sum to raise his income to what it was before entering the service. In no case shall such payments exceed \$1,500 per year.

Section 9. The funds to pay such soldiers shall be raised by assessing a tax of 90% against all incomes over \$3,000 per year.

If you favor the above Bill, send a copy to your Congressman.

Believing in equal right for all, and recognizing the justice of the Warren Bill, I hereby petition you to lend all your influence to enacting it as a part of the law of the United States.



### Debs Wonderful Oklahoma Tour

Comrade H. H. Stallard arranged a tour of seventeen dates in Oklahoma, opening Feb. 26 at Guthrie, Okla., and closing March 15 at Elk City. It would take half the space in the RIP-SAW to print all the glowing letters received from the various committees. The towns visited included Blackwell, Stillwater, Shawnee, Purcell, Ardmore, Madill, Coalgate, Wilburton, Anadarko, Duncan, Bristow, Chandler, Oklahoma, Lawton, and Hobart. The meetings were pulled off in approved Oklahoma style. All the dates were arranged on a basis of 800 subs each, indicating that 13,600 subscriptions were added to the Oklahoma list. In several towns the comrades ran out of cards, and more than 800 subs were sold.

Stallard is the greatest field organizer so far produced by the Socialist movement. A farmer, he understands the art of filling the "electric lighted towns" with armies of revolutionary tillers of the soil, striking terror into the hearts of the interlocked parasites. In every county he finds a bunch of Socialist workers to cooperate with. Pity 'tis that we cannot mention the squad of comrades in charge of the various rallies. Suffice to say that they are stalwart examples of the new agricultural proletariat—the "embattled farmers" who are doing their full share in cooperation with the city workers.

Comrades elsewhere are respectfully reminded that the bulk of these towns are small—2,000 to 5,000 inhabitants—and one a small college town.

### E. V. Debs April-May Tour

Clovis, N. M.	.....	Fri.,	April 14
Safford, Ariz.	.....	Sun.,	April 16
Globe, Ariz.	.....	Tues.,	April 18
Douglas, Ariz.	.....	Wed.,	April 19
San Pedro, Cal.	.....	Fri.,	April 21
Los Angeles, Cal.	.....	Sun.,	April 23
San Luis Obispo	.....	Mon.,	April 24
San Francisco	.....	Wed.,	April 26
Chico, Cal.	.....	Fri.,	April 28
Oakland, Cal.	.....	Sun.,	April 30
Eureka, Cal.	.....	Tues.,	May 2
Modesto, Cal.	.....	Thu.,	May 4
Selma, Cal.	.....	Fri.,	May 5
Goldfield, Nev.	.....	Mon.,	May 8
Tonopah, Nev.	.....	Tues.,	May 9
Las Vegas, Nev.	.....	Thu.,	May 11
Salt Lake City	.....	Fri.,	May 12
Grand Junction	.....	Sun.,	May 14
Denver, Colo.	.....	Tues.,	May 16
Goodland, Kans.	.....	Wed.,	May 17

### Debs June-July Trip

Comrade Debs will swing around the following circle in June-July, 1916.

Lincoln, Ill.	.....	June	.....
Council Bluffs, Iowa	.....	June	.....
Minneapolis, Minn.	.....	Sun.,	June 18
Montevideo, Minn.	.....	June	.....
Marshall, Minn.	.....	June	.....
Crystal Falls, Mich.	.....	Sat.,	June 24
.....	.....	Sun.,	June 25
.....	.....	Mon.,	June 26
Muskegon, Mich.	.....	Tues.,	June 27
Lansing, Mich.	.....	Wed.,	June 28
.....	.....	Thu.,	June 29
.....	.....	Fri.,	June 30
.....	.....	Sat.,	July 1
Cleveland, Ohio	.....	Sun.,	July 2
Salem, Ohio	.....	Mon.,	July 3
.....	.....	Tues.,	July 4

A total of only EIGHTEEN dates can be accepted, and as shown above, ten dates are already placed, leaving eight more appointments that can be accepted and three rest days.

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### Kate O'Hare June Trip

Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare will fill 21 dates in the northwest in June. The following have already booked dates:

Circle, Mont.	.....	Plentywood, Mont.
Froid, Mont.	.....	Wolf Point, Mont.
Raymond, Mont.	.....	Lagrange, Mont.
McElroy, Mont.	.....	Near Plentywood.
Madoc, Mont.	.....	

All locals between St. Louis and Williston Mont., please note and write or wire for reservations.

### Kate O'Hare at Encampments

Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare will fill forty dates in the encampment season. The following 20 are already applied for:

Pawnee, Okla.	.....	Leuders, Texas.
Sallisaw, Okla.	.....	Bowie, Texas.
Tahlequah, Okla.	.....	Temple, Texas.
Collinsville, Okla.	.....	Pritchett, Texas.
Ada, Okla.	.....	Huntington, Texas.
Pauls Valley, Okla.	.....	Jennings, La.
Duncans, Okla.	.....	Tuckerman, Ark.
Wellington, Texas.	.....	Knobel, Ark.
Tucumcari, N. M.	.....	Boydsville, Ark.
Seymour, Texas.	.....	Batesville, Ark.
Rochester, Texas.	.....	

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**Noblesse Oblige.**—"Mother," said little Mabel, "do missionaries go to heaven?"

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"Do cannibals?"

"No, I'm afraid they don't."

"But, mother," the little girl insisted, "if a cannibal eats a missionary he'll have to go, won't he?"—New York Evening Post.

**A Bargain.**—"How much vas dose collars?"

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"How much for vun?"

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"Giff me de odder vun."—Yale Record.

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## WHO INSTIGATED VILLA'S ASSAULT ON COLUMBUS, N. M.?

"In regard to the Mexican situation, I will say just this, I do not believe in permitting Mexicans or any other persons to come into this country to murder our men and women. But at the same time I am not persuaded that the recent occurrence at Columbus was an uninspired act of Mexican bandits.

"I debated a few months ago with one of these 'preparedness' men. In a conversation I had with him after the formal meeting was over, he told me that he would not be at all sorry to see this country at war with Mexico; that he would welcome such an outbreak. His reason was that this would force us to raise a big army.

"It is not unusual to have acts in Mexico get their inspiration from New York and for this reason I am inclined to be very suspicious of the whole affair. Certainly it would be very much to the interest of the 'preparedness' people to use the Mexican question as a club to compel the country to do something it is manifestly unwilling to do; that is, saddle itself with an enormous army.

"Of course, we should take care of our own people. But at the same time we should investigate to see if those murders by Mexicans were inspired by Wall Street. And,

in case we discover that this was so, we should legally and with all due formality hang a number of gentlemen who frequent that thoroughfare."—Allan L. Benson.

Who instigated Villa's assault on Columbus, New Mexico?

Are we falling into a trap set by American exploiters who profit by war and who at the same time have their covetous eyes on Mexico?

Was the assault conceived in Pancho Villa's brain, or was it made to order in Wall street?

Read the following, taken from the St. Louis Globe-Democrat, and consider whether or not there may be a "nigger in the woodpile."

NEW YORK, March 19.—A representative of the Carranza consulate in New York said tonight at the Labor Forum that American capitalists who desire United States intervention in Mexico for their own interests were behind the raid Villa made on Columbus.

"Furthermore," said the Carranza representative, Bernard Gallant, "the authorities knew of the intended raid three days before it took place. It was even known to a certain news agency, which sent a special correspondent and a special telegraph operator to Columbus to have them on the spot when the story 'broke.' This news agency knew very well that the local telegraph operator and newspaper men would not be able to handle the story adequately."

## FATHER HAIRE AT REST.

Word comes to us that the good Father Haire of Aberdeen, South Dakota has passed away. Father Haire was the pioneer socialist in that section and many

a socialist who traveled in that direction was given food and shelter, a hearty hand-clasp and a word of cheer by the good priest who has just been laid to rest.

Almost twenty five years ago I first met Father Haire. I had heard of him even before that as the priest who was loved by the poor and unfortunate and as being the lone socialist in that section of the country.

Father Haire was a true follower of the Judean Carpenter. He gave all he had, and best of all HE GAVE HIMSELF to the poor. He reminded me of the good bishop in "Les Miserables." He sought out the suffering and sorrowing, spent all his time in ministering to them, and loved them with all his great heart.

But he not only sympathized with the poor, he told them WHY they were poor and how they might put an end to their poverty by uniting in their might against the capitalist system and abolishing that system and establishing in its stead the socialist co-operative commonwealth.

Father Haire was an active socialist to the end of his life. He was to have addressed the socialists of Aberdeen a day or two after death suddenly claimed him.

Father Haire was a true follower of Jesus Christ, a real socialist and lover of his fellow-men, and as noble a soul as ever dwelt in tenement of clay.

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# LABOR

By Albert N. Dennis

Back in the ages that long have passed,  
Back in the time when Time began;  
I, with our God, made this World so grand,  
I, with God, made His image—Man.  
Now I am striving, improving all  
And to me only must credit lay;  
For in all time have I done these things—  
I made the World what it is today.

Yonder's a plow that tills the soil,  
Here are the things I've made to grow.  
Wisdom I give you and, in truth,  
All of the things you are to know.  
Yonder's a palace where great men live,  
Here is a house where servants stay;  
All have like passions and desires—  
I made the World what it is today.

I made the wireless, the submarine,  
I made the ships, the cannon, shell;  
I made the things men fight for so,  
I make the battle roar like hell.  
I made the Peace this World has known,  
Even the toys for children's play.  
I have made joy and sadness, too,—  
I made the World what it is today.

I make the iron, the glass—all things—  
I do the mining and sow the seed.  
I make men rich who don't deserve,  
While there are many in great need.  
I am the power that moves the World  
Ever upon its endless way;  
LABOR'S my name—(and you're my slave)—  
I made the World what it is today!



# Are the Rules of Civilized and Christian Warfare to be Utterly Demolished.

By Henry M. Tichenor

The most shocking and disheartening lesson that has been taught by the present war is that there are some nations so barbaric that they will not fight according to the rules of civilized and Christian warfare. Germany has time and again broken these rules, and, in spite of the most earnest protests made by her Christian enemies, still persists in breaking them.

Every civilized and Christian soldier in the world is well aware of the fact that Germany's sudden attacks with submarines upon vessels loaded with war munitions for her enemies, and the suffocating of soldiers with poisonous gas, are not according to the rules of civilized warfare. No other enemy of Christian nations, nor any other people about to be attacked by a Christian nation, has ever resorted to these foul methods. Look at the war that England waged in South Africa, for the purpose of confiscating the gold fields and other property of the Boer farmers. The Boers, to their credit, fought the hosts of Great Britain in a perfectly civilized way. About all the weapons they used—or possessed—were squirrel rifles. Take the war that England waged against the Chinese in order to force the opium trade upon China—the Chinese did not barbarously blow up British ships, or suffocate British soldiers with gas. No—the Chinese met the armed invaders with a beating of tom-toms and the discharging of a few old flint-lock muskets. How did the Hindoos resist the British conquest of India? Mostly with swords and spears. How have the Irish fought their British conquerors? With Shellelachs. Did the Egyptians resort to the cruel and uncivilized methods of the Germans when England was conquering them? Shot-guns and spears were about Egypt's only weapons.

Take our war in the Philippines. Old fashioned Spanish blunderbusses were the arms the Filipinos fought with. Even when we burst the bellies of the Filipinos with the water-cure they did not resort to the uncivilized methods of the Germans. Nor were the Spaniards themselves much better prepared than the Filipinos when Col. Roosevelt heroically shot one of them in the back at San Juan Hill. Look at the bloody battle of Ludlow, where Rockefeller's brave gunmen victoriously slaughtered old men and women, and children, and pregnant wives of the miners. Suppose these pregnant women had suffocated Rockefeller's gunmen with poisonous gas—can you imagine anything

more uncivilized and un-Christian than this?

The Germans have not only upset all the rules governing civilized and Christian warfare, but they have also established a precedent that other nations are apt to follow in future wars with civilized and Christian people. Already, it appears, Germany's example has got in its work down in Mexico. General Villa is evidently following it. His attack upon Columbus, New Mexico, was as uncivilized as anything ever done by the Kaiser. And General Villa had the rules right before his eyes, recently set by the United States, as to the civilized and Christian manner in which to shoot up a foreign town and murder its innocent citizens, as witnessed at Vera Cruz. Before starting in to kill the innocent citizens of Vera Cruz did not the United States order the late President Huerta of Mexico to shoot a salute at the United States flag? Did he do it? No. Was it not then perfectly civilized and Christian for the United States to take revenge upon the innocent citizens of Vera Cruz, even, as reported, to the killing of nineteen little Mexican children on their way home from school?

Of course it was. Did General Villa do anything civilized or Christian before shooting up Columbus, New Mexico? Did he order President Wilson to run up the Mexican flag in the City of Washington and salute it? No—Villa did nothing of the kind. He simply waded in to slaughter without making any pretense about following the civilized rules. The next thing we know he may be shooting poisonous gas.

Such is the fearful result that Germany's uncivilized methods of conducting war has brought upon the Christian nations.

Are the rules of civilized and Christian warfare to be utterly demolished?

### Casey at the Bat Again.

The Prisoner: "There goes my hat. Shall I run after it?"  
Policeman Casey: "Phawt? Run away and never come back again? You stand here and I'll run after your hat."  
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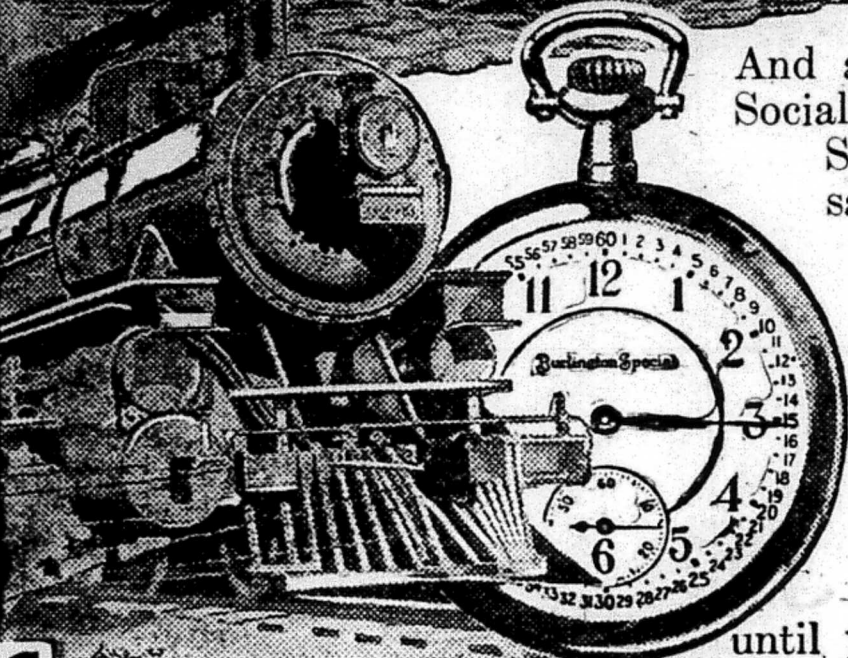
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