

THE

NATIONAL RIP-SAW.

OUR MOTTO
BLIND AS A BAT TO EVERYTHING BUT RIGHT.

Will the Railroad Workers Strike?

By Eugene V. Debs

Our readers and especially those engaged in the railway service have followed with deepening interest the developments in the movement of the four brotherhoods representing the employes in the train service of the railways, some 350,000 in number, to wrest the eight-hour day and time-and-one-half for overtime from the corporations. The movement had its rise soon after the arbitration fiasco was pulled off at Chicago a couple of years ago when a similar movement was defeated and its demands brought to naught by a bunch of arbitrators who from first to last represented the railroads and never for a moment intended that any substantial concessions should be made to the employes.

It is not strange in the light of this fact that the brotherhoods have flatly refused to consider arbitration in connection with the present movement. It would be unfortunate to the verge of calamity if the brotherhoods were so blind as to repeat their previous blunder and if they had learned nothing from the costly lesson taught them by the railroads. In writing of this movement recently I said:

"It is a noteworthy and significant movement, that has for its object the correction of ancient abuses which men have suffered in the railway service, and it ought to have the united support of all the organized workers in the country.

"There is but one objection I have to this movement, and that is a serious one, and it may develop weakness and possibly result in disaster.

"Why is the demand for the eight-hour day and for pay-and-a-half for overtime confined exclusively to employes in the train service.

"Why is the Switchmen's Union ignored, and why are shop men, office and track employes excluded?

"Are these railroad workers, embracing more than three-quarters of

the service, not entitled to equal consideration with the more favored and better paid men in the train service?

"Thousands of shop and track employes and office clerks are scandalously overworked and underpaid, and is no one to voice their grievances, and are they to have no place in the eight-hour movement?

"If the matter between the employes and the corporations comes to an issue and a strike results, the former will need all the support and backing they can get to defeat the united and powerful corporations, and if the leaders of the movement are wise enough to extend it so as to embrace all the employes in the service, they will win hands down, they will win for all, and they will unite and solidify the ranks of the workers and make them impregnable to any assaults that may be made upon them in the future.

OUR CANDIDATES BENSON AND KIRKPATRICK

"But if they insist upon excluding the great majority of their fellow workers from the benefits to be derived from their movement, and upon making the fight alone, they must be prepared for eventualities which may shatter utterly their dreams of conquest and leave them crushed and demoralized at the feet of their corporate masters.

"The railroad brotherhoods have not in the past had any affiliation with other labor unions, or any sympathy with them in their strikes—they have expelled thousands upon thousands of their own members, and they have uniformly stuck to their jobs and sided with the corporations in crushing the strikes of their own fellow employes in other departments of the service and they must not be surprised if when they go on strike an army of their own recruiting swoops down upon them as they did upon the A. R. U. strikers, takes their jobs, and help the corporations defeat their strike and smash their unions.

"The railroad corporations which have so long and so often used these brotherhoods for this very purpose are wise to their weakness from this source, and this accounts for their attitude of defiance toward the present movement.

"The demands that have been made upon the corporations in this movement are just and reasonable, and can not be modified without stultification of the unions. Any compromise whatsoever will be a defeat for the employes. It is the whole demand or nothing. No more bunco arbitration or conciliation!

"The case is simple, and the victory certain and complete, if the movement is extended to embrace the entire service. Defeat is then not only impossible, but unthinkable. It goes without saying that we Socialists will uniformly back this movement with

come into my hands which indicates clearly that the corporations are preparing to resist the demands of their employes and fight the brotherhoods to a finish if a strike is declared. This letter is being sent by the Pennsylvania and other railroad companies to each of their employes, and from this letter I quote as follows:

"The laws of the country require that the railroads must continue to operate in the interest of the public, and as the organizations have already refused to arbitrate and may again refuse if the vote is in favor of the strike, the Management calls the attention of all faithful employes to the fact that the necessity may arise to meet such an emergency."

"If this strike occurs our Company will require enginemen, firemen, conductors, road and yard brakemen and others."

"If you feel and believe with the Management that the traffic of the country must move regardless of any wage controversy and are willing to volunteer your services to assist the Company in performing its duty to the public and to the stockholders, will you please fill out and sign the blank attached below and send it to your immediate superior officer."

The "blank attached below" above referred to is as follows:

"I hereby offer my services for such position as you may elect in case a strike occurs."

Blank spaces are left for the name, occupation and address of the employe. I am advised from a source I know to be reliable that a record is to be kept by the corporations of those employes who sign and those who do not sign this pledge to scab on their brethren in case of a strike, and that whether the strike wins or loses those who refuse to sign will have virtually blacklisted themselves and the companies will not be at a loss to find ways of weeding them out of the service.

In this same connection the following associated press dispatch from Altoona, Pa., where

all our power, and if a strike is called we will rally to the support of the railroad workers and fight side by side with them to defeat the corporations and win a glorious victory for their movement."

At this writing the vote is being taken by the employes as to whether or not a strike shall be authorized to enforce their demands, the railroads having refused to make the required concessions. Assuming that a strike will be ordered and that the railroads will maintain their defiant attitude, the question arises, will the strike win, and upon the answer to this question depends the fate of the four brotherhoods and the jobs of the many thousands involved in the strike.

The copy of a letter has just

the great shops of the Pennsylvania system are located throws an interesting side-light on the situation:

"Ninety-five per cent of the Pennsylvania railroad shopmen have volunteered for train service in the event of

a strike of the brotherhoods, according to a statement issued last night from the office of General Superintendent George W. Creighton. The men have volunteered to keep trains in operation in response to the appeal made last week by the general manager of the company."

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Recalling the strike of the shop employes of the Pennsylvania system three years ago when the leaders of the train service brotherhoods now about to strike ordered those of their members expelled who stood by the shopmen in their strike, the words I then uttered prove to have been prophetic. The men in the train service who sympathized with the striking shop employes and attempted to support their strike were discharged by the company and expelled by the brotherhoods. As rapidly as engineers, firemen, conductors, and brakemen went out in support of the strike of their fellow-employes in the shops the brotherhoods to which they belonged, by order of their national officials, filled their places with the members of their own organizations. I was on the ground at the time and know whereof I speak. It was then I said that the time would come when these brotherhoods would have to reap what they had sown and this was met with the sneers of the brotherhood officials who were then actively co-operating with the railroad officials to crush the strike of the shop employes.

The press dispatch from Altoona but announces the sequel to the story of three years ago. The shoe is now on the other foot. It is the men in the train service represented by the brotherhoods which then defeated the strike of the shop employes who are now themselves the strikers, and if the shop employes now stand by the company as they did then, they will simply be balancing a scabbing account of three years' standing.

Certainly no real union man will rejoice to see the shopmen scab on the trainmen. On the contrary it is a spectacle to make the strongest of union men sick at heart and yet the tragedy, for such it is, is not without its lessons.

It is with no intention of reviving disagreeable and disgraceful labor history that these lines are written and these ugly facts recalled. It is only that good may come from evil by facing the facts and being governed accordingly. For eventually the facts will have to be faced and only greater evil will come from attempting to dodge them.

The railroads have certain decided advantages over the brotherhoods in the present situation. In the first place they were given a year's time to arm themselves for the conflict and if they are not now in a position to crush the strike it will certainly not be because the brotherhoods have not given them all possible opportunity and encouragement to do so.

In the next place there are thousands upon thousands of fossilized old engineers and conductors who have scabbed on other employes time and again and who, if a strike is called, will stay at their posts. I know them by

many years of personal experience and close observation and they will as surely stand by the corporations when the issue arises as they have stood by them all these years in the strikes of other employes.

Then there are the tens of thousands of ex-railroad employes to be found all over the country who have been scabbed on and black-listed in other strikes and expelled by the brotherhoods, among whom the corporations can no doubt recruit a considerable army to break the strike of the four brotherhoods.

These are facts and the railroad officials are keenly alive to these facts if the brotherhood officials are not, and if the former allow a strike to be declared it is because they are convinced after a thorough canvass of the situation that they have the whip hand and that they can win out over their employes.

But, as I have said repeatedly before, there is one way, and only one, in which the eight-hour movement of the railroad workers can be made a success and that is by issuing the call to all the employes in the service and embracing them all in the demand for the eight-hour day and the other benefits to be derived from the movement.

All for one and one for all should be the motto of the railroad workers in this crisis. This would not only heal up the wounds of the past but would cement the employes together for the future. It would mean complete victory for all, for the strike of all could not last a week if indeed it could last twenty-four hours.

The RIP-SAW is with the railroad workers in their movement whatever form or direction it may take and if a strike is declared will fight for them to the last, but it must warn them that if they would avoid the risk that might mean irretrievable disaster they will not attempt to make this fight alone and secure the benefits to the exclusion of their fellow-workers, BUT THEY WILL INVITE THEM ALL TO JOIN THE MOVEMENT AND IN THE NAME OF ALL FIGHT THE BATTLE OF ALL FOR THE GOOD AND BENEFIT OF ALL.

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HUGHES AND LABOR AS A COMMODITY

Charles E. Hughes has a consistent record as lawyer and judge as a defender of property rights and as an enemy of the rights of the working class. But there is one point upon which he is right and for which he should be given due credit. The Democrats are patting themselves on the back because they enacted the Clayton law in which it is declared that "labor is not a commodity," and they are going to work this to a frazzle as a vote-catcher in the present campaign. Interviewed as to this particular declaration in the Clayton law that "labor is not a commodity" and asked as to his interpretation of these words Hughes answered by saying, "that declaration is merely words."

Good for you, Mr. Hughes! You are a supreme judge and you certainly know. That declaration is merely words and that is all it was ever intended to be. Labor is still where it was before that law was enacted and its only purpose was to tickle the palates of the gullible and rake in the votes for patriotism and preparedness under democratic administration.

But Hughes might have gone a step farther and admitted that Republican and Democratic declarations in favor of labor are alike "merely words" and not to be taken seriously by any man with an ounce of brains.

"Mere words" is all that workers may ever expect from capitalist parties.

Industrial organization spells industrial emancipation.

Few men are strong enough to endure every test in the struggle without weakening or wavering, but fortunately most of us rally after every ordeal and few there are, few indeed, who are finally found wanting and desert the cause.

The children in the mills and sweatshops are the prisoners of poverty only because their parents were robbed or otherwise denied the right and opportunity to live decently and provide for their offspring.

FAREWELL WORD TO A SILENT COMRADE

The father of Comrade Kate Richards O'Hare has fallen into his last sleep. His passing was serene as his life was upright and blameless. He was remarkable for having rounded out in his own simple and unostentatious fashion the splendid life of a real man.

Never was a father more beloved than was the father of Comrade O'Hare and never one who better deserved that love. His whole blessed life was lived for his family and for his fellowmen. A selfish thought never once cast its shadow upon his noble mind, and if he did not make eloquent Socialist speeches as his gifted daughter does, he at least set the lofty example of a Socialist life as far as it is possible to live such a life in the cankering environment of the present system.

Mr. O'Hare will be remembered with love and appreciation by all who ever clasped his honest hand or came within the range of his benign influence. He shared in full measure the pride and joy of his devoted wife in having given Kate Richards O'Hare to the workers of the world.

Farewell, beloved old comrade, and where you sleep may the daisies dream and the feathered choristers herald with their glad songs the coming of the happier day!

Now that several million women have votes the Republican and Democratic parties have both baited their traps to catch these votes. The Socialist party from the day it was organized, over half a century ago, has stood staunchly for the political enfranchisement of all the women of the world.

The philosophy of Socialism is the philosophy of industrial freedom and social justice.

The average worker is as certain to become a Socialist once he understands its meaning as a bud is to become a blossom in the sunshine.

The looter and exploiter have always wrapped themselves up in the flag of the nation and proclaimed their patriotism while perpetrating their piracies upon the people.

THE CASE OF HOWAT AND HOLT

Alex Howat and Fred Holt are well known to the readers of this paper and there has never been a time when it was necessary for any honest man to blush for either of these loyal leaders in the labor movement. Howat as district president of the United Mine Workers and Holt as district secretary of the same organization, the former located at Pittsburg, Kansas and the latter at McAlester, Oklahoma, fought unflinchingly for years the battles of the miners against the most despotic and villainous gang of operators that ever escaped felons' cells or convicts' nooses.

Every artifice known to their satanic ingenuity was employed by the operators to defeat and if not to defeat to get rid of these loyal, fearless and incorruptible leaders. But they failed, for these men were up to all the villainies of the enemy, and always when the smoke of battle cleared away Howat and Holt were at their posts and if they had not won in the encounter they at least held their ground and safe-guarded as sacredly as their very lives the interests of the thousands of coal diggers committed to their hands.

In repeating the story of Howat and Holt we shall not go into detail. This has been laid bare in the late trial which culminated in their complete vindication and the results of which will be far-reaching in the labor movement.

When the baffled, defeated and desperate operators realized that they could "get" Howat and Holt in no other way, they secretly concocted the plot to ruin them by making them the victims of as infamous a conspiracy as was ever hatched in the brain of a degenerate profit-gouger. Accordingly the criminal chairman of the operators' association engaged a decoy, one of his own breed, and one who had ingratiated himself with Howat and Holt as a "friend of labor," to lay the wires to blast the reputation of these incorruptible men by establishing the claim by fraudulent and corrupt means that they had been bought up by the operators and that consequently they must have sold out the miners.

Hazen is the name of the decoy and Keith the name of the operator who set up the infamous job and the trial recently closed branded them as cowardly, filthy conspirators for the rest of their lives. Hazen the decoy, according to his statement, received \$21,000.00 from Keith, his master, and paid it over to Howat and Holt, and then had a fake lawsuit instituted in which he was "compelled to peach" on his victims.

The whole affair was deliberately plotted and was dastardly beyond words. The statement of Hazen that he had paid Howat and Holt the bribe-money was a lie out of whole cloth. He never paid them a cent. But the trap was sprung and a great many people who prefer to believe evil rather than good reports of men allowed themselves to be misled and to join in the hue and cry against the accused officials. When the report came to the RIP-SAW, knowing Howat and Holt as we did, we at once pronounced it AN INFERNAL LIE. We never doubted for one moment. We knew these men and this was enough.

The high officials of the United Mine Workers should also have known them by their unimpeachable record, but evidently did not, and if they did not openly espouse the persecution of the

operators they at least gave no comfort to their accused brother-officials. Indeed, while Howat and Holt stood in the shadow of the infamous crime of which they were absolutely innocent, alleged organizers were sent into their districts to secretly convict them in the minds of the miners and thus encompass their ruin and downfall. But this, too, was destined to fail, for in the long last the truth is certain to come out and the right is bound to prevail.

In due time the case came to trial in a capitalist court, a court certainly not prejudiced in favor of the accused union officials. Fortunate it was that the defense fell into the hands of Frank P. Walsh and J. I. Sheppard, who had satisfied themselves of the innocence of the accused and resolved to stand by them against the powerful and infamous operators and vindicate them before the world.

The trial was soon over and the verdict soon reached, thanks to the masterly presentation of the case to the jury by Walsh and Sheppard. These two lawyers, truly the friends of the working class, of unimpeachable integrity and utterly fearless, immortalized themselves in this case. They confounded the prosecution, laid bare the conspiracy, ripped to tatters the whole infernal maze of lies and chicane, and by a unanimous verdict of the jury proclaimed the absolute innocence and the complete vindication of their clients to their fellow-men.

The RIP-SAW'S heartiest congratulations go to Howat and Holt and their families, to Walsh and Sheppard their masterly defenders, but above all to the great army of miners in the southwest whose confidence is revived and strengthened in the leadership of the two men who have been tested by fire, whose honor is unblemished, and who now stand in their true light as brave, uncompromising and incorruptible leaders of their class before the world.

The year 1916 will be writ red by the ballots of Socialists in the United States.

Benson and Kirkpatrick are the only presidential candidates that may properly appeal to the support of the wage-earner and farmer, the toiler and producer that support the nation.

THE LATE PROPHET OF OYSTER BAY

Theodore Roosevelt, ex-president and ex-Moose Bull, politically speaking, is no more. He has been completely swallowed up in the maelstrom of Armageddon, leaving behind not even a hoof-print on the sands of time. His last reported words were: "The Moose Bulls deserted me, I did not desert them." It is a sad and tearful story, that of a once mighty leader who could have floored Samson in a jiffy to be thus deserted by his host of doubled-crossed victims that were battling so valiantly for the Lord until they were betrayed by Satan. Peace to his crooked political remains!

Religion and patriotism have been the last refuge of all the scoundrels in history who have rioted in the spoils of conquest and ridden rough-shod over the prostrate bodies of their enslaved and plundered victims.

THE SITUATION IN MEXICO

Slowly but surely order is being restored in Mexico, and that without the unwarranted and impertinent meddling of the United States government. President Wilson is not eager to invade Mexico and he has made this very plain in his recent speeches. He had his fingers burnt in the Vera Cruz blunder and he is not anxious to repeat the experiment. He has satisfied himself beyond question that the American people will not tolerate Mexican invasion to enrich American pirates who have already stolen everything they could get their covetous clutches on.

Carranza has proved beyond question that the killing of the Americans at Santa Ysabel, which created such a furore on this side, was due entirely to the bulldozing tactics of Charles Watson, the American slave-driver, who, if he was like the brutal corporation bosses in Michigan, West Virginia and Colorado, invited his fate and was responsible for the death of his followers.

We are with the Mexican revolutionists heart and soul and against any attempt on the part of the United States government to suppress the uprising of the robbed and landless millions of that sorely-trying nation.

Vive la Revolution Mexicane!

The man who denies woman the right to vote is himself the strongest evidence of his unfitness to have woman in his political power and at his political mercy.

The national campaign this year is going to have some surprises for the grafting old politicians when the returns are announced in November.

AS TO THE "CELESTIAL GALAXY"

Some real columbian eloquence was poured out at the national conventions of the Republican and Democratic parties. Neither of them committed themselves to anything—except capitalism. All the rest was sounding phrases. The temporary chairman of the Democratic convention, soaring far into the ether, compared the Democratic party to the "changeless majesty of the celestial galaxy." Whoopee! Isn't that going some?

Our peons in the turpentine camps, the logging hells and the cotton plantations in the South ought to go into ecstasies over this "changeless majesty of the celestial galaxy." If there is any one thing the old bourbon Democratic politician stands for it is for the plank in his platform that goggle-eyes his vision and puts him next to the "celestial galaxy."

Three cheers and a tiger for the "changeless majesty of the celestial galaxy."

As long as labor leaders are wined and dined by labor looters the rank and file will feed upon husks and then sally forth to "reward their friends and punish their enemies."

Palaces for parasites and lairs for laborers. That's capitalism and the workingman who votes for it may be pitied for his ignorance but not even God himself can save him from the consequences.

"A WILD YELL OF TRIUMPH"

At the late national convention held at St. Louis an incident occurred which was thus reported in the press dispatches: "In the midst of the opening prayer when the minister was offering a petition for the welfare of the president of the United States, one enthusiastic Democrat so far forgot himself as to start into a wild yell of triumph, which was, however, almost instantly hushed."

It is almost needless to say that the "wild yell of triumph" in the midst of the parson's prayer was inspired by internal application of the Democratic platform. The "wild yell of triumph" which will be frequently heard between now and election day by the patriots that keep capitalist parties in power will be inspired to a considerable extent by the same liquid "principle" which brought the stewed enthusiast to his feet with a lusty roar in the midst of the preacher's invocation at the St. Louis convention.

The munition manufacturers are reaping the bloodiest harvest in history but what's the odds as long as it is garnered in gleaming gold?

The irony of a convention of political crooks and grafters being solemnly opened and closed with prayer is an exhibition unknown to the "lower" animals.

THOMAS PAINE; ANTI-MILITARIST

It is not strange that Theodore Roosevelt, the crazy-horse of American politics, referred to Thomas Paine, the author-hero of the American revolution as "a filthy little atheist." Paine hated war and that was sufficient warrant to Roosevelt for his lying calumny. Paine was no more an atheist than is Roosevelt's friend, Lyman Abbott, and he could by no possibility have been as filthy even as an atheist as Roosevelt is as a self-seeking politician.

In every line he wrote Thomas Paine opposed militarism and war and pleaded for humanity and peace. In discussing war he said: "A few men have enriched themselves by jobs and contracts, and the growing multitude borne the burden." Again he said: "A sort of something which man cannot account for is mixed in his composition, and renders him the subject of deception by the very means he takes not to be deceived." He said this in reference to the military madness of those who rush into war at the behest of their rulers without knowing the reason why.

How well the following words written by Paine more than a century and a quarter ago apply to the situation in Europe today: "The glare of fancied glory has often been held up, and the shadowy recompense imposed itself upon the senses. Wars that might have been prevented have been madly gone into, and the end has been debt and discontent."

Thomas Paine was not only the pioneer agitator for independence, the inspirer of the declaration of independence, the first advocate of woman's rights and the first to open his batteries on chattel slavery, but he was the first great anti-militarist, and one may search his writings in vain for a line or word that glorifies war save and alone a war of liberation.

A century has passed since the death of this great emancipator and humanitarian, but the greater part of another century will likely pass before the people are sufficiently civilized and history sufficiently true to do him justice.

A Crack in the "Solid South"

By Kate Richards O'Hare

For years the South has been looked upon by all as the stronghold of capitalism. The masters have felt that the Southern working people were so completely blinded by prejudice and enslaved by poverty that they were perfectly "safe" and would always remain blind devotees to the moss-grown Democratic party.

No land on earth has ever been so shamefully wronged. Dixie bore the crushing weight of one of the most hellish wars the world has ever seen. That the northern manufacturers and traders might reap richer profits from the south its homes were ruined, its fields despoiled and its people forced to bear the brunt of war and suffer the bitter humiliation of defeat. That venal politicians might be rewarded for not spoiling the capitalists' game the South was cursed with the "carpet-bagger." The propertied class were reduced to penury, the working class to abject poverty. The negro slaves over whom the whole cursed war was ostensibly fought are learning that they were not freed from slavery by the Republican party, for while the shackles of chattel slavery were struck off the master class where busy riveting the shackles of wage-slavery on them. The only thing the Republican party has ever given the black voters has been the opportunity to stop bullets in strikes and to do the "dirty work."

Naturally all Southerners since the war are Democrats. Because of the livid scars the South bears, its hatred of all things "Republican" and "Yankee" is understandable and quite excusable.

For forty years the Punch-and-Judy show has been played. The scars have been rasped in the South and the "bloody shirt" has waved in the North. The workers of each section, north and south, have distrusted each other, and voted against each other, while the masters gathered in the wealth the workers of both sections produced.

Looting the People's Wealth.

Firmly entrenched in power in the South the Democratic party has become more and more corrupt, as corrupt as the Republican party in the North. Each year the politicians show themselves more and more completely the tools of the great outside corporations that are stripping Dixie of her natural resources and reducing Dixie's workers to plundered wage slaves. Without a shadow of legal right or moral reason corrupt officials of the South have given the great forests, coal lands, phosphate mines, water powers, and other natural resources bodily to the capitalist

class. The world has never known such an orgy of ruthless robbery and despoilation of natural resources as has taken place in the South in the last twenty years.

Capitalism in Full Blast.

The testimony before the Industrial Relations Committee proves beyond doubt that the condition of the tenant farmer of the South, whose cotton clothes the world, is more insecure and cursed than that of the black slave before the war; that the workers of the Southern mills, mines and lumber camps are robbed as ruthlessly and dominated as completely as was the negro. Black and White, the workers of the South are enduring a condition that every day becomes more unbearable.

In camps where whites can not be secured vile enough to do the bidding of and stoop to crime for the Lumber Trust, black men have been made deputies, armed with guns and clubs and given the power of life and death over the white men, women and children. Fifty years ago white men cracked the whip over the backs of black women, but in Dixie today white men wield the economic whip over thousands of white women and children and compel obedience. In cotton field, mine and factory, economic and social equality with negroes is forced upon the whites, and in bitter rebellion the workers of the South are realizing that the "social equality" and "negro domination" about which the Democratic politicians have shouted are Democratic facts, and the unbearable conditions of "reconstruction" days are being re-enacted.

In places all the horrors of chattel slavery have been revived and for the workers, white and black, a whole new list of sorrows have been added, that black slavery never knew. In no nation on earth, not even in Russia are large sections of the workers more completely in the power of the capitalist class and nowhere is wage-slavery more bitter and degrading. When the blood-stained pages of Dixie's history since '66 is written for the world the Democratic party will be eternally damned for having permitted and assisted in the exploitation of the masses of the Southern people.

The Workers Awaken.

A few years ago all over the Southland Socialist literature began to pass from hand to hand and be quietly discussed. Ranting politicians who tried to fill the minds of men with age-old lies were called upon to prove their assertions and were often

routed in derision. The RIP-SAW, The APPEAL TO REASON, The REBEL and other Socialist papers found their way into coal mine, lumber camp and plantation house. Like outlaws skulking about at night, lumber jacks and coal miners carried their little bundle of precious literature and sometimes read it aloud by a smoking lamp or flaring pine torch to their fellow workers who could not read. Gathered about the cotton gin or the country store the farmers read, discussed and finally understood what Socialism offered the farmers as a class. Whenever a matter affecting the welfare of the working class came up the Socialist agitators were always ready to do their part and more. If the Farmer's Union needed a speaker the Socialist was there loaded to the guards with good, big chunks of fact and logic. If a strike was on he was on hand again and ready for business; if an empty pulpit needed someone to resurrect it and give the hungry sheep some real spiritual food, the Socialist preacher was on the job. The Renter's Union and Brotherhood of Timber Workers fighting for life, know now that they have an ally worth while, and a means to tell their story to the world through the Socialist press, a press that cannot be muzzled. Dimly the workers in the cotton mills know that the men and women who wear the red button are working and fighting for them. The tenant farmers in the cotton field have found that the man who carried a red card and tells them to vote the master's ticket is a crime, knows their condition and holds out the only hope that has ever illuminated their darkened lives. The men and women of culture in the South find in the comradeship of the Socialist writers and speakers the only real companionship they have known in forty long, dark, bitter years.

The Plutocrats Compelled to Find a New "Issue"

The social unrest both North and South is so acute that the masters dare not ignore it longer. Political sop and crumbs of industrial betterment will not stay the hunger of the workers, already they are snarling and showing their teeth and unless some method is found to turn their thoughts from their own hungry bellies a revolution is sure.

The "Race Problem," "free love" and "nigger equality," "atheism" and "agin religion" have all lost the force as anti-Socialist arguments and are acting as dangerous boomerangs to the good old Donk party. The case is desperate and the capitalist class has been forced to desperate means to meet the crisis.

With panic stricken dread the capitalist class sees this revolutionary awakening of the workers in the South. In desperation they seek some means of befuddling the workers' brains and

warping their judgment. True to their history and breed the capitalists of this country have provided an "ISSUE" something calculated to appeal to the passions and prejudices of men, something that will still the voice of humanity and love and brotherhood, something that will stultify men's souls and warp their judgment. The capitalist controlled press, pulpit and platform call this new bait "Preparedness."

Preparedness.

Their cry is "ARM!—ARM!!—ARM!!!" Build more battleships—make more cannon—buy more explosives—pile on the staggering load of war debts until all social legislation, all conservation work, every activity that leads to human betterment shall be buried under an avalanche of militarism! Force every workingman into the army, train our boys to be efficient killers and make murder the principal business of the United States! Arouse the bloodlust, slay humanity! This is the programme that the capitalist class has mapped for the workers of this nation. AND FOR WHAT PURPOSE? Simply to quench the rising fires of revolt in human blood; to turn men's minds from ways of peace and love and human brotherhood to the stinking shambles of war; to turn mothers' lullabys to dirges; sweethearts' songs to wails of agony, and childish joys to moans of death. And for what purpose?—That the Master's profits may be protected.

Just as the masters fifty years ago clouded the issues and induced the workers to fight their battles on the bloodstained battlefields by appealing to passion and prejudice, so are the masters today attempting to do the same thing.

The capitalists have for the time ceased to wave the "bloody shirt" and rasp Civil War scars and are frantically appealing to the "honor" and "chivalry," the "loyalty" and "patriotism" of the "dear old South." Complaints of the capitalist press about the "lazy, trifling niggers" has been changed to a wild scramble to induce the aforesaid "lazy, trifling niggers" to enlist in the United States army, and columns of the rankest, slimiest kind of flattery is dished out to the colored race about their "bravery, loyalty and patriotism."

The People Have Learned Something.

Fortunately the people see with a slightly clearer vision than did our fathers years ago.

We know now that the CAUSE of the Civil War was exactly the same as the CAUSE of the European War—greed for power and profits. We also know that it was the working class of the South who owned no negroes, and the working class of the North who had no land, who largely did the fighting, who died in prison camps and who rotted in the ditches while the capitalists reaped the profits from selling our war-torn country shoddy blankets, paper shoes and condemned muskets.

The capitalists of 1916 are finding the workers just a little harder to befuddle and lead into the shambles than they were in '61.

The Crack in the "Solid South."

A great campaign is now on and the workers of Dixie with their brothers of Yankeeland will soon march down to the ballot box to cast their votes. The workers of the Southland will not vote the Republican ticket. The wrongs heaped upon them and their fathers are not of the kind to forgive or forget. To judge whether the Democratic party has anything to offer to the white workers of the South we have but to look at existing conditions all over the Democratic South to find an answer. Men are not so ignorant, so dead to their own interests, so callous to the sufferings of their wives and children as to continue to vote for more of what they are getting now when they see the light.

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TOBE SPILKINS

Hiz Lettur

(W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor: I'm sore az tu be up and about agin. Them 2 konvenshuns cum purty neert a kerflummixin' me. When I re-seeved that telegraff frum Woodsaw tu go on tu the Demokratick Konvenshun tu be held at Saint Loois I felt my hart sink, but a few drinks of red elixer razed it up agin tu its propper place. I got u Saint Loois 2 days before the konvenshun began, but I found that the wurk had all bin dun except dūv-taillin' the planks together fur a platform and a puttin' on uv a few trimmin's. Woodsaw had alreddy axsepted the nominashun. He had also konstructed a lot uv planks tu go into the platform. He sent them over by the Seckretary uv War which meant that they had tu go in or there wood be war. They wuz not dūv-tailed and the dūv-tailin' kommitty had sum trubble a makin' uv 'em fit. Senator Stone, kommonly known as "Gum-shoe Bill," wuz appinted in Washington tu akt az chareman uv the Dūv-tailin' kommitty. I reckon old Bill iz about the best dūv-tailor in the country. Hiz frends say that he kin put on a pair uv kow hide boots and walk akross a bare wooden floor without a makin' uv enny more noize than a kat. But when he haz important wurk tu du he generally wears gumshooze.

When I found out that everything had bin dun in Washington, and all that wuz left fur the delegaits tu du wuz tu cum tu Saint Loois and go throo the moshens uv holdin' uv a konvenshun, I went out tu the konvenshun hall tu see where we had tu du it. It wuz the most appropriately arranged hall fur holdin' uv a Demokratick Konvenshun I ever seen. It wuz bounded on the north by 2 salunes, and a Mizzoory drug store, which iz equal tu 2 salunes. On the east entrance there wuz only one salune; on the South 2 salunes and 2 hotel bars, and on the west there wuz one long canvas kivered salune which wuz intended fur overflow meetin's uv thirsty delegaits who coodent git in the uther salunes on ak-kount uv the krushin' krowds. The konvenshun hall wuz, as kin be seen by the abuv diskripshun, very konveniently lokated; so wuz the salunes. They both dun a good bizziness. It wuz a wize provishun uv the managers that it wuz that way, fur the whole program wuz kut and dried in Washington, and sum uv it wuz too dadgummed dry and had tu be soked in a good deel before it cood be put together. The salunes wuz in a compleet stait uv "preparedness" tu furnish what soak wuz necessary. One day when I wuz in one uv the salunes a gittin' uv a little

likker fur medikal purposes, a pro-highbishunist cum in at the bak door. After he had put down several drinks uv the likker traffick he got into a argyment with one uv the salune men about the sin uv likker sellin'.

"Well," sed the salune men, "you air fur peece aint you? You don't want war, du you?"

"No," answered the prohighbishunist.

"That's what I thought," sed the salune man; "you look like a peecabull man. Now air you in faver uv "preparedness;" that iz uv havin' uv a lots uv guns and aminishun on hands, and men trained tu use them if we wuz tu have war?"

"Uv korse," replide the prohighbishunist.

"Well, that's jist the way I stand on the likker questshun," sed the salune man; "us likker men air all in faver uv prohighbishun jist like you prohighbishunists air in faver uv peece; but we air afrade we kant have prohighbishun and we want tu be in a stait uv 'preparedness,' that iz tu have plenty uv likker on hand so we kin kill and woond men, and rob their families uv their support by sellin' uv 'em whiskey, jist the same az you fellers who want peece and at the same time want guns and aminishun tu kill and woond men, and taik them away from their families if you don't have peece. The way tu have peece iz tu du away entirely with the things that we maik war with; that iz the guns and aminishun; and tu vote fur a politikal party that will du this. If duin' away with likker will stop drunkenness, then a duin' away with arms will stop war; that's eazy. Now take an-uther drink at my expense, you old red noze hippokrit, and then go and vote fur a party that wants arms and battle ships and uther munishuns uv war; then when you have dun this pray tu God tu not let 'em fite jist az you now vote fur politikal parties that licenses the likker traffick and then pray fur God tu stop it."

The old prohighbishunist tuk the drink and walked out a drunker if not a wizer man.

But, az the old kullered preecher sed, I'm a "prevarikatin" away from the subject.

Old Gunshoo Bill told me that him and hiz kommitty had offul hard wurk a gittin' uv the plat-form together. The Prezident sent the planks over in the ruff and they had tu jack plain 'em off and the jack plain wuz dull, and sum uv 'em wuz long and sum uv 'em wuz short and they coodent git the dūv-tails right; sum uv the duvs woodent fit the tails, and sum uv the tails woodent fit the

duvs, and they jist had tu patch it together the best they cood. It looks like one uv them old fashioned, krazy quilts. It iz about the longest politikal plat-form that wuz ever bilt, and iz purty neert as wide as it iz long; but it is offul thin in sum places—so thin you kin see throo it. What I'm afrade uv iz that Woodsaw will git u kavortin around on this platform and git his laig throo one uv them thin places, and a feller cant du much running with one laig fastened in a crack.

The kommitty what fixed up the program in Washington several weeks before the konvenshun cum off in Saint Loois, appinted one uv the James boys fur permanent Chareman. I think he iz frum Kaintuky. He is a korker; he is also a unkorker. Frum all appeerances he had his kork-skrew with him. Every thing went throo the konvenshun all rite, jist az it wuz eggpected tu; it wuz jist like takin' a grist tu the mill tu git it ground. There wuzent enny exsitement in the konvenshun; and there wuzent enny fites exsept what okkurred in the salunes and hotel korriders. I had six, and got licked 4 times; I'm a gittin' too old tu fite.

There wuz one attractshun however in this konvenshun that beet ennything that ever okkurred in enny politikal konvenshun ever held before. My hand falters and my hart fales when I approach the difficult task uv tryin' tu deskribe the abuv sed attractshun. I ask myself, kin the genius uv Tobe Spilkins rize tu the dizzy hights uv bein' able tu du justis tu the scene herein behind tu be deskribe. I invoke the sychickal aid uv all my ancestral progenitors, anteseedants, forebears, fathers and femails frum the historick landin' uv the May Flour tu the present time, tu assist me in the Hurkulean task. The memory uv that seen ort tu fill me full enuff uv the devine afflatus tu help me tu deskribe it so that it wood appeal tu every reeder. In the prepairin' uv the hall they had bilt a platform just back uv the large space where the delegaits wuz seeted. This platform wuz 6 or 8 feet higher than the floor where the delegaits were. It wuz behind them and extended all the way around. This platform wuz fur the speektaters and sloped upward so that the bak seets wuz higher than the frunt ones, and givin' everyboddy a chance tu see and be seen. The frunt row uv seets wuz close tu the edge uv the platform and purty neert over the hed uv the delegaits who were seeted way bak. Purhaps it wuz intended that this frunt row uv seets wuz tu be okkupied by men. Or purhaps it had never entered the hed uv the arkitekt that a change in the style uv wimmin's dress might, in deference tu the eternal fitness uv things, necessitait a change in the seetin' arrangements uv a

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konvenshun hall. One seekshun uv these seets wuz allotted tu a large assortment uv Missoory gurls. The Missoory gurl, like the gurls uv uther stait, wears the regulation dress with the lower part uv the skurt about 7 or 9 inches abuv the floor when she iz a standin' flat footed. When she sets down it raizes 2 or 3 inches higher, and when she crosses hur limbs—well, it iz time then fur the shades uv our grand-muthers tu hide out. Another good pint about the Mizsoory gurl iz that she iz a goin' tu git tu the frunt if she kin, and she did on that memorable okkashun; they filled up that frunt row uv seets. Now, I aint a blamin' enny boddy nor a takin' enny eggseptshuns, but it wuz the most butifull display uv hoshery ennyboddy ever seen ennywhere. Sum had on the old fashioned round garter jist abuv the middel jint uv their limbs; uthers dident have enny garters, or if they did they wuz hid in the missterious depths uv luvly laced lingeree which wuz visible tu them whoo had a obleek vew uv the situashun. This magnificent display uv hoshery in akshun absorbed the entire atten-shun uv most uv the delegaits whoo turned in their seets and

rubbernecked it with a pursistance that must have tickled the aforesed Mizsoory gurls. The bizzness uv the konvenshun cum tu a stand still while the ize uv the delegaits wuz riveted on them hoze, and they had tu call on a ex-Governor uv Noo York tu maik a speech before the rivets cood be broke. I dident heer what the guvernor sed; bein' in a feeble kondishun frum havin' attended 2 konvenshuns this perk-neeshus and eggstravggant display uv delikately kurved and shaiply hoshery overcum my feelin's and I sunk prostrait tu the floor. They picked me up and sent me tu my hotel. Az sune az I becum konvalessant they sent me bak here tu Washington City where I have bin rekuverin' slowly.

Yours trooly,
TOBE SPILKINS,
Diplomatt.

P.S. If they air a goin' tu interdoos hoshery intu pollyticks the likker traffick had jist az well load up its trappin's and pull out fur they aint nuthin' that will turn a man's hed like hoshery.

N.B. There ort tu have bin a dashbord in frunt uv that row uv seets.

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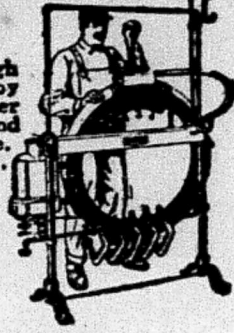
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The Monstrous Conspiracy Contained in the Military Bills in Congress

By Henry M. Tichenor

Do you realize what the prostituted political powers, the harlots of the Plunderbund, at Washington are purposing to do to you and your children and your children's children?

Do you realize that they are rapidly riveting chains about your necks that make you and yours forever bondmen and butchers to the billionaire boodlers of America?

Do you know what the army reorganization bill, as agreed upon by the conferees of the Senate and House, means?

The chances are you do not. The kept capitalist papers have not spread this bill before your eyes.

They have informed you that the bill means "preparedness," and a larger army, but they have not exposed to public sight the conspiracy contained in this bill to thrust a military absolutism upon this country more despotic and degrading than the militarism that curses the blood-soaked nations of Europe.

They have not told you that this bill is an open covenant with death and an agreement with hell.

The bill is called "An Act to Increase the Efficiency of the Military Establishment of the United States." It "Should be called," writes W. O. Saunders, of Washington, "An Act to Precipitate a Revolution in the United States."

The bill is enough to make the Russian Czar turn green with envy.

Let us dig into the damnable thing and dissect it.

In the first place, as you are probably already aware, as the kept capitalist papers have been allowed to publish this much, the bill provides for an increase of 75,000 or more men in the regular army, together with appropriations for their maintenance. Then comes a provision in the bill that not one in a million knows of—457,000 state militiamen are to be put on the Federal pay roll.

You can already begin to see the high cost of taxes climbing up.

The oath required of these state militiamen who are enlisted for six years, is evidently copied verbatim from some decree of the German Kaiser:

"I WILL OBEY THE ORDERS OF THE PRESIDENT OF THE UNITED STATES AND OF THE GOVERNOR OF THE STATE OF _____ AND THE OFFICERS APPOINTED OVER ME ACCORDING TO LAW AND THE RULES AND ARTICLES OF WAR."

But hold on. We have not begun to unearth the skulduggery.

The bill has a provision that, in the words of James Maurer, President of the State Federation of Labor of Pennsylvania, "will

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history of this Republic, or in the history of any country with free institutions that I know of, you are going to put upon the national pay roll several hundred thousand civilians and leave them in the business and in the politics of the respective States, and at the same time give them leave to organize as a military authority and in the respective States to utilize and exercise the power of military organization."

And Senator Stone, of Missouri, in his speech in the Senate regarding this bill, declared:

"We have gone wild about this militia business. We have become hysterical about it, and in consequence, we are about to pile up an enormous indebtedness or to impose enormous taxation on the people without any compensating benefit that I can see. To my thinking, it is a folly amounting to wickedness."

The full remarks of these senators, exposing the diabolical designs of the proposed military bill, did not find their way into the columns of the kept capitalist papers.

YOU are not supposed to know what is being done to you until you are done, and done good and plenty.

The Plunderbund figures on postponing the time for you to kick until it is too late.

The bill carries an immediate appropriation of \$50,000,000.

That looks modest. "How many hundreds of millions it is going to cost," declares Senator Stone, "nobody knows."

And the beauty of it is, in the eyes of the conspirators that are riveting the chains of military despotism upon the workers of America, that the more it costs and plunges the people in debt, the better.

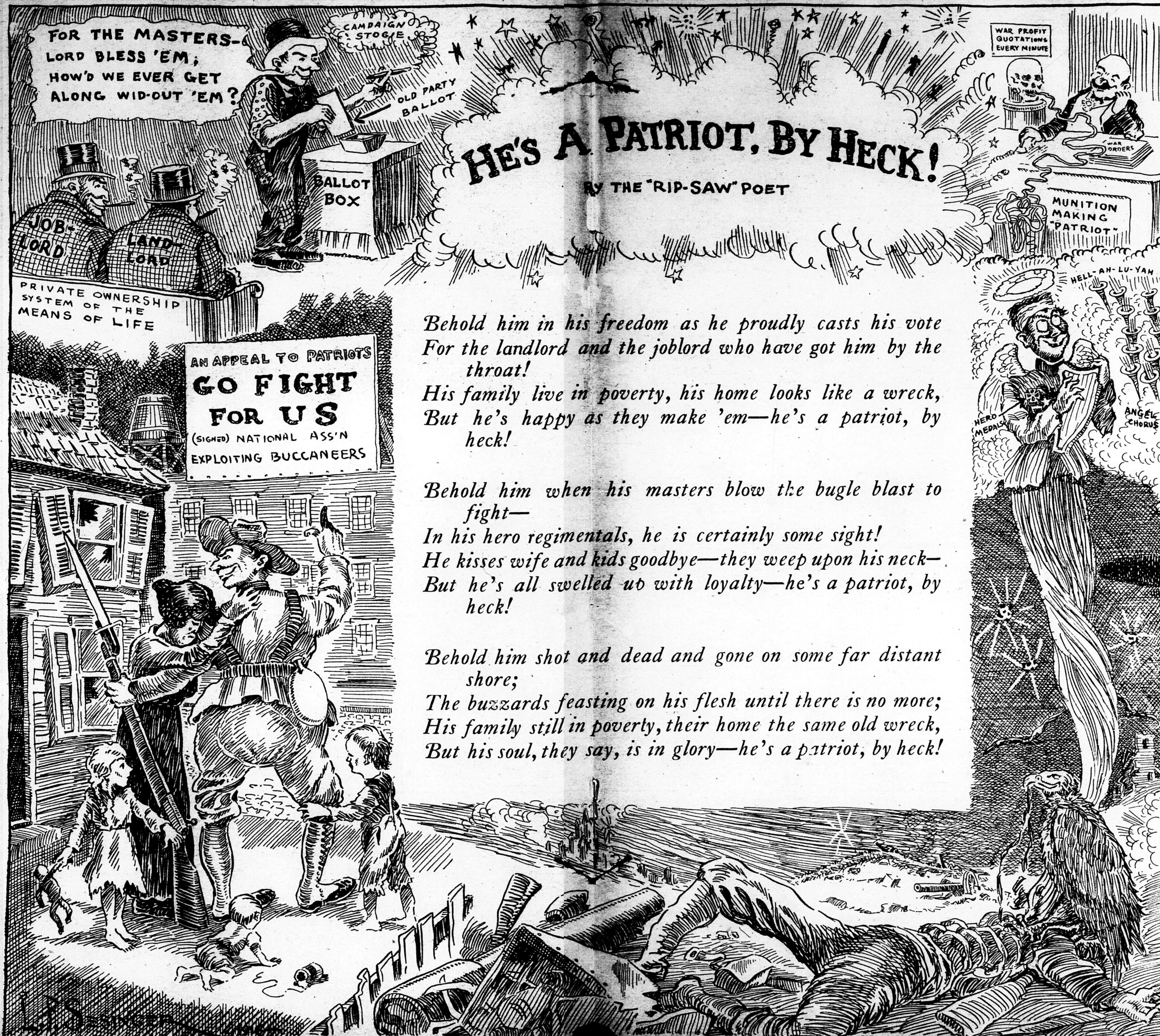
Tyrants well know there is nothing like grinding poverty to bend the masses into servile submission.

Poverty is the breeder of ignorance, and ignorance is the only foundation that tyranny can securely rest upon.

Here, then, is the infamous intent of the whole "preparedness" conspiracy, as embodied in the "Act to Increase the Efficiency of the Military Establishment of the United States,"—the intent is to reduce labor to pauperism, so that it will be CHEAP, and to establish a military despotism powerful enough to keep labor in that degraded and servile condition.

The Plunderbund has no fear of European armies crossing three thousand miles of water and conquering America.

That is bosh. What the Plunderbund fears is that the workers of America may some day arise in revolt against their economic oppressors at home.



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But he's happy as they make 'em—he's a patriot, by
heck!*

*Behold him when his masters blow the bugle blast to
fight—*

*In his hero regimentals, he is certainly some sight!
He kisses wife and kids goodbye—they weep upon his neck—
But he's all swelled up with loyalty—he's a patriot, by
heck!*

*Behold him shot and dead and gone on some far distant
shore;*

*The buzzards feasting on his flesh until there is no more;
His family still in poverty, their home the same old wreck,
But his soul, they say, is in glory—he's a patriot, by heck!*

That's the meaning of "preparedness."

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The wolves of war and exploitation fear a rising tide of Socialism more than they do their devil himself.

So long as you continue to vote as they tell you to, they know that you are nothing under the sun but miserable slaves, down in the dust on your knees, willing and waiting to be skinned in times of peace, and slaughtered in times of war, to the glory and profit of your masters.

How long, people will you stand for it?

What is your answer going to be next November at the polls to the conspiracy to make a military despotism, that will drag you and your children into the army of the Plunderbund, and that will tax you and your children into adject poverty?

Do you want WAR and POVERTY?

Then vote for Capitalism.

Do you want PEACE and PLENTY?

Then vote for Socialism.

It's up to you.

Take your choice.

A Crack in the "Solid South"

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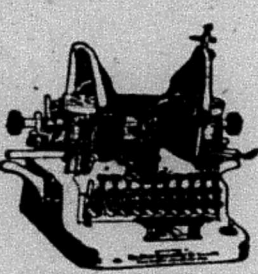
All over Dixie today the Socialist thought is sweeping with the stealth and power of a forest fire; it creeps from lumber-jack to coal-digger, from cotton mill to steel factory, from the tenant's shack to the old colonial mansion. Its living flame eats away the rotten structure of Capitalism and leaves Dixie purified for the up-building of the Workers' Republic.

With hopeful eyes the Southern farmers, mill workers, timber workers, and small business men are turning to the great Social Revolution. Sweeping from Oklahoma to Texas, to Arkansas and Louisiana, on to Mississippi and Alabama, and to the seaboard, the march of preparation for the Great Change crowds on. A cause is found to fill the great religious needs of the Southern people. A cause is found to which they may dedicate their lives and show their heroism and fortitude. They know that the victory of Socialism will make a garden of the Southland, that "hard times" will go away to come no more. That the youth of the South will be given every opportunity to which any may aspire.

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Current Problems—Socialism, Etc.

8. Where is the Money Coming From?

By Walter Thomas Mills
Author of "The Struggle For Existence" and
"Democracy or Despotism."

"Yes, I know but where is the money coming from?"

That is the stock question which is always the last question of any reasonable discussion of the wrongs of the private appropriation of ground rents in the use of land and the private extortions of monopoly prices in transportation, in manufactures and in exchange.

Money is only the small change of business and any thing will answer for that purpose, but the real question is not the matter of cash, but of the credit which under any system of production and exchange must always cover the lion's share of all the trade.

Credit is necessary for two purposes. First, to carry the cost of the means of production while at the same time the enterprise is earning the cost of its own creation. Second, to carry the producers accounts while the crops are growing or goods are in transit in the processes of exchange.

For instance, a farmer needs credit in order to provide, say, dairy cows. This must cover the cost of his herd and his equipment and must be provided on such terms that he can earn his living for any given year and repay the cost of his outfit during a series of years.

But he also needs credit from day to day while he is making his usual purchases and is awaiting the returns from the regular shipments of his products.

The credit for the herd is usually obtained on long time payments secured by mortgages of some sort.

The credit for his daily transactions is secured by his thirty day note endorsed and made acceptable at his local bank.

In both cases very little cash is used. What he gets from his sales comes to him in the shape of bank checks and when he makes his principal payments it is always with his own check against his own bank. He deposits the checks of others and balances against them his own checks as he uses his own credit and these checks cancel each other and so complete his process of exchange.

This process is complete because he has sold his products and has obtained instead his daily purchases and by this device of the bank checks he has paid and has been paid and that is the end of it.

That is the machinery now in operation. If the defender of the private ownership of the collectively used means of produc-

tion, transportation and exchange were to be asked "Where's the money coming from now," the above would be his answer. He would say that the farmer does not buy either cows for his herd or blankets for his family with money, but with an exchange of credits which in both cases is nothing other than an advance payment for his coming products either in process of production or in transit in exchange.

This credit is now monopolized by the great banking companies which have the power to extend or withhold the individual use of the collective credit of the whole community. By this power of monopoly they are able to charge all the way from five to fifty times the real cost of keeping accounts and making good the losses involved in financing current exchanges and in the creation of new undertakings.

The deliverance of the useful people from this great burden of monopoly prices on current credits can be brought about only by the creation of a public enterprise, in banking, in the place of the present private monopoly.

Then the public enterprise in the public credit would finance the public enterprises in transportation, in manufactures and in exchange. This same public enterprise in the public credit would also finance sound and reasonable private enterprise, as well, and always and in all cases at cost of keeping the accounts and of covering the losses.

But for the government to go into the banking business money is necessary. Where would the

nation get the money? The small change of commerce in the shape of money is now provided for the private banks by the depositors who are not borrowers. Such depositors check against their own deposits and they furnish the money or the credit involved in their own transactions. Depositors who are also borrowers check against their own loans obtained from the banks and are financed by the depositors who are not borrowers.

But the government now deposits vast sums of its own money and issues vast sums of national notes to the private banks at only a nominal charge and hence for the present private banks the "money comes" from the deposits of individuals acting separately and from the whole body of the people acting together through their government.

This money, and many times over the sum of all such moneys is at once made available for checking accounts on credit through bank loans at from 6% to 12%. The public furnishes the credit and then pays to a private monopoly all the way from five to fifty times its cost for the individual use of the collective credit.

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Then let the government take over the whole service of transportation and storage and grant loans on goods in storage or in transit and long time loans for all constructive purposes and let all these services be furnished at cost.

In West Australia I found a state-owned Farmers' Bank. Three fourths of all the farmers in that state have been financed by this farmers' bank, and during a period of twenty-five years not one farmer has been evicted, foreclosed on or lost his investment, while during all this period the state has never lost a penny through bad loans.

That is where the money will be coming from, always in abundance, never in excess and never for the purposes of the gambler or the swindler on any terms.

Then there will always be "money to move the crops," to build or to improve the home, or farm, but never a penny with which to corner the market or to plunder the useful workers of the world.

Then needless bankrupt proceedings, slum district dwellings, household evictions and mortgage foreclosures will remain only as bitter memories. Then the natural resources will give themselves to human services to the full of their capacity and new enterprises will spring into being to answer the call of every human need with the shadow of "hard times coming" lifted never to fall again across the pathway of useful workers anywhere.

The next article in this series will be on "Making the Beginning under Socialism."

THE CLASS STRUGGLE IN HAMILTON, OHIO

Socialist Editor held under \$5,000 Bond

The workers of Hamilton realize the benefits of political action, and what it means to them, to have control of the police powers, and what it would mean to them, if they had control of the courts. As experience is claimed to be the best lesson, the workers of Hamilton therefor have learned a very valuable lesson. During the Socialist administration in this city in 1914 and 1915 the workers were shown what can be done for their class by having control of the powers of government. In the fall of 1915, a general machinists strike was declared, and also a molders strike in which over four hundred took part. This strike was on for three months before the Noy city election. Thousands of dollars were sent into the city by the manufacturers of the

state to defeat the Socialists from election. By the doubling up of both the old parties, the local comrades were defeated. Three weeks after the election, the manufacturers started to lay their plans to break all the strikes, that up until the election were practically won. Seven deputies were appointed by the county sheriff at the request of the Bosses, and these deputies started the trouble that was necessary in order to break the strikes. Injunctions were thrown into the face of the strikers, and they were prohibited from doing picket duty. Socialist Mayor Hinkle appointed forty-eight special police from the ranks of the strikers, thereby giving the strikers forty-eight men that could do picket duty. The strikes progressed fairly well, until the city was turned over to the Democrats, the first of last January. The first move of the city officials was to discharge the special police appointed by the Socialist Mayor. The following day an effort was made to resume operations at two of the foundries where there had been no work done for over four months. January 4th saw the first out-break. A riot occurred at the plant of the H. P. Duecher foundry, where over forty strike-breakers opened fire on the strikers, wounding several. The following day a riot occurred at another foundry, where strike-breakers opened fire on the strikers, wounding several, and killing Coleman Brown. Nothing was done in the way of bringing to time the Gunmen that did the shooting. The Hamilton Socialist naturally championed the cause of the workers, and clamored for Justice. For so doing the paper was put out of business for six weeks, but again resumed publication April 1st. This fact set the Hell-hounds of capitalism wild, seeing that they were unable to kill the voice of labor. When the call came for men to follow the flag into Mexico, and defend the millions that were wrung out of the very lives of the exploited workers of this nation, the Hamilton Socialist took a decisive stand against War-Preparedness and Militarism. For so doing the militiamen, unable to get recruits assaulted the Editor, for expressing his views on this question. Warrants were sworn to, for the arrest of the Captain and the Sergeant of the local military company for assault, and using profane, vile and abusive language. The civil authorities maintained that they had no jurisdiction over the militiamen. After being convinced that they did have sole jurisdiction in the case they stated that they were unable to serve the warrants on the captain and sergeant because these two men openly stated that they would use the entire company to resist arrest. In other words MIGHT WAS RIGHT, AND THE MILITIAMEN WERE DECLARED OUTLAWS BY THE CIVIL AUTHORITIES, and they were supported in their actions by the capitalist press. Editor Baker determined to have ac-

tion, secured comrade attorney J. W. Sharts to fight the case, and demand the arrest of the men. It was during the time that Baker was pushing the case against the militia-men, that he was placed under arrest, for sending seditious matter through the mails. The comrades are thoroughly convinced that Baker is being prosecuted for daring to attack militarism. And that the craven creatures of capitalism, that were compelled to hunt cover, under the fire of the Hamilton Socialist are back of the attempt to railroad him to the penitentiary. Baker's bond was set at \$5,000 which he secured in short order. Two prominent men of Cincinnati, neither of which are Socialists signing the bond, after seeing what was back of the arrest. It is very evident in this case that the blood-suckers of the system are back of the entire affair, in an effort to silence a comrade that dared throw down the gauntlet to the powers that be. Baker will have a hearing August 1, before the Federal Commission in Cincinnati.

The SUMMER CONFERENCE of the Intercollegiate Socialist Society will be held at Sherwood Forest, Md., September 19th to 25th. A wonderful program is offered and any comrades who can attend will do well to write to The Intercollegiate Socialist Society, 70 Fifth Ave., New York City, asking for program, terms, etc.

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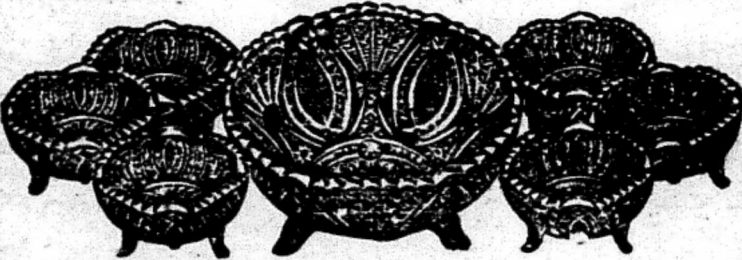


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The Mis-Use of the Movies

By Chas. L. Drake

To keep in touch with passing events and their bearing upon the social change now in progress is to note with ever increasing satisfaction the rapidity with which the subsidized press is losing its influence over the minds of the masses.

How the world does move! It required but little effort on the part of the Press to stampede the American people into a war with Spain. How nicely the interests put it over, and with what genuine delight! How eagerly they divided the spoils among themselves while the dear people shouldered the expense of their business war!

The carefully fostered newspaper conspiracy to plunge us into war with Mexico and conquer that unfortunate country for the Captains of Industry, has met with a far different fate. A campaign of misrepresentation and Villa-fication, covering years of time. A campaign planned by experts, with millions at their disposal. A campaign with unlimited space in the Press, and supplied with every resource of legalized banditry has failed to win the people to a policy of "intervention."

The Press is losing its power over the minds of the workers!

A more specific case of "Press failure" may be cited. A recent mayoralty election in Chicago revealed their utter inability to carry elections as in the "old days." A candidate with four big newspapers behind him, fighting tooth and nail for his election, went down to defeat before the opposing candidate who had no newspaper to support him. This candidate without a vestige of press influence in his favor, piled up the biggest majority ever given a candidate for office.

A short time ago the Platform and Press moulded public opinion at will. But with the rising tide of revolution sweeping the country, the Platform has been so successfully disputed, and the Press so ably discredited that even the "common peepul" will not longer respond to their malign influence.

Although a striking change has been made in the distribution of trust-made opinions for the masses, it does not follow that such opinions are disbursed free from contamination, or that the interests lack an efficient means of keeping their vassals in mental subjugation—far from it!

In order to maintain their private ownership of machinery and resources socially needed, it is imperative that the "trustocrats" maintain their control of all means of disseminating knowledge.

If the Platform has been deserted

and the Press abandoned, it only means that the Powers-that-be have found a more up-to-date method of accomplishing their end.

We are living in an age of surprise. The progress made in the field of mechanical invention reveals something more startling each moment. But most will agree that the unparalleled growth of the motion picture industry, reaching every nook and corner of the globe, and employing armies of actors, involving millions of capital, in less than a score of years is nothing short of miraculous.

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Today motion pictures not only influence the people adversely in the many plays that are produced for their entertainment, but pictures are being used to appeal directly to the mind on whatever subject desired by the Masters.

Our theatres have been besieged of late by plays produced with the help and cooperation of Uncle Sam, the purpose being to present the more attractive side of army and navy life, and secure recruits that could not be obtained otherwise. The plan has been very successful, according to the authorities. Space will not permit to cite any portion of the many plays released by the interests, and under their supervision. Though it is hard to pass up some which have been so very frank and deliberate in corrupting the public thought in favor of the War Lords of Wall Street. One of the most notorious of these is the "Battle Cry of Peace." But little effort is made to conceal the motive of the producers. Financed by the Munitions Manufacturers, it was no doubt the biggest influence exerted by the corporations in their mammoth steal, just rushed through Congress in the name of Preparedness. It played to millions of our people, young and old. The play was so intensely real-

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istic that but few entering the theatres with thought unguarded, could escape succumbing to its debauching influence. Millions that came to scoff, remained to pray that the Bullet Barons should be successful in their "heroic and untiring efforts to save the American People from the demons of military neglect and apathy that surround them." No attempt will here be made to review the play. Most people have seen it and can form their own conclusions.

Suffice it to say that one of the smug Cartridge Chiefs himself took part in the play, a representative of a mammoth corporation, engaged in manufacturing war goods that bears his name. Never has the corruption of the Platform or the Press been so open and unashamed as the campaign of the Lyddite Lords of Wall Street, to legalize their plunder of the National Treasury. They have succeeded in scaring the nation into hysterics, and only because of the power wielded over the public thought by the Motion Picture. And why not? What was to hinder them?

The motion picture theatre is distinctly an institution of all the people. Economically it is within the reach of the working classes who have no other form of amusement. They should make use of it in every possible way. And they are doing so.

There are about thirty thousand picture theatres in our country. These shows are crowded daily by millions of workers. Untold capital has been invested in the manufacture of films and if the influence thereof is not to the interest of the masses, who is to blame? None but the working class itself!

But it may be said, "Are not many of the picture good?" No! A few of them are. However the influence of the movies is of two kinds: Narcotic and stimulating! If the aim of the producer is to move the viewer to a certain end then it must stimulate his thought to lead him in that direction. There are many of this type. But the type that preponderates in most of our picture houses is that which has no particular end, except to mesmerize the beholder generally, muddle his thought, and prevent him from thinking clearly in his own interest.

This is the narcotic type of picture. The one far more dangerous than the other for it does its work subtly and wholly unperceived. The result is that many people are movie drunk and incapable of thinking for the betterment of their class.

In the light of recent events it must be plain to the most dense that we cannot hope to achieve the enlightenment of the public on political and economic problems without the aid of the Motion Picture. People want moving pictures because they reproduce on the screen in natural size, in wondrous reality of life, all the world's great plays, comedies, tragedies, dramas, circuses, wild west shows, besides illustrating in life motion photography, all kinds of stories, funny, pathetic, tragic, sensational, love and many others. The Motion Picture keeps the people in touch with current events and brings to their door the most in-

teresting and amusing happenings the world over. By means of this magic invention they can sit in a cosy seat at the neighborhood show and touch elbows with their brothers and sisters of every race and clime.

Without a doubt the Motion Picture is the greatest factor making for working class solidarity in existence today. A fact of tremendous importance to the Socialist Movement. There can be little hope of success for the Socialist Movement until we make use of this giant machine for social enlightenment.

The Socialist Movement must develop its motion picture propaganda. No great amount of capital is needed to make a start. In fact big strides have already been made by socialist producers toward this end. We can expect no help from the capitalist producers. But we can use the thirty thousand theatres to reach the working class with our films.

Let all the Socialists who are now spending their money in theatres to view the capitalistic productions, do all in their power to encourage the small beginnings already made, as they did our press and the growth will be steady and natural, and soon be capable of wielding a winning influence in our campaigns.

Not that the Socialist movies will require any financial support as did our press, for the Socialist picture plays to its multitudes just as the regular pictures, and brings in at the box office the revenue for its own maintenance.

The few Socialist plays already produced are playing to immense throngs and turning people away. With no burden to the comrades along the line other than the usual ten cents admission fee. Not only do the Socialist movies pay their own way as they go but they generally leave a snug sum in the treasury of the Local that co-operates in having the film shown. The cry of the worker today, is, as in times past, for "bread and circus," but they want the circus first!

With ten million workers daily attending the picture shows and absorbing the capitalistic ideas there offered, it is easy to realize where the Socialist Propaganda has failed. We must have less of dry, scientific lectures and leaflets, and more of the animating pages that never fail to attract and convince. We must have less of "economic determinism" and "proletarianism" and more of the simple language of the life motion picture that is read, understood, and loved by all.

We must make our propaganda amusing!

Wm. Dean Howells says, in Harpers Monthly, "The pill of learning must be sugar coated to be easily swallowed." Motion pictures of strikers and strike breakers in a street fight, or the spectacle of policemen clubbing mothers from a train in which they were trying to send their little ones away from the struggle and starving, would impart an idea of our civilization that no amount of study could do without.

Do you doubt that could such scenes as beating women and children at Lawrence, the burning of children at Calumet, the marching of Mother Jones through the streets of Trinidad

at the point of a bayonet be presented to the public in their realism, in even a small per cent of our picture shows, it would raise such a storm of indignation and protest as would result in the speedy confiscation of these properties by the people?

The Motion Picture appeals to the literate and the illiterate alike! Our only hope is a Motion Picture Propaganda!

The Platform may be disputed! The Press may be discredited! But the argument of the Motion Picture is final and conclusive! Motion Pictures will put an "H" in Socialism—Sho-cialism.

Kate O'Hare to Debate Rev. Lemons

CENTER RIDGE, Ark., July 18.—Mrs. O'Hare accepted the challenge to debate issued by Rev. U. G. Wilkinson, and the church people here had arranged to have Wilkinson. Now they have decided to substitute the great anti-Socialist of Tyler, Texas, Rev. W. F. Lemons.

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And She Labors On

Jas. A. Worsham

Huddled in away from sunlight—joy and play—
 Bending the back where stalwart man was meant to
 Stand beneath the load—
 I saw the shadow of a form—And—
 A tiny slender bloodless hand—a body frail and thin—
 Laboring uncomplainingly.
 Necessity—perchance—had placed her there—and—
 She needs must linger
 A sacrifice to Want at home.
 With pallid cheeks—the early grave ahead—
 She bears the burdens of invested wealth
 That calls continuously for its USERY.
 She and the hopeless years
 Swells a rising tide of gold—That—
 Buys immunity for all save her.
 The shrunken breast—The Voice without its song—
 Ears dulled by the rushing steel—
 Eyes without the look of life—
 Arms that ache forever with the using—And—
 A heart from which the joyfulness has been distilled
 Are needed for the ease of those who Own—
 And taken with the laws assenting voice.
 Necessity and Greed rejoice and say—
 "The Dividend must come—
 Let costs pile up in human forms
 If need there be.
 'Tis not for us to look below the gilt and see
 The tinge of red—
 Or voice a protest for a human mite
 Laboring that we might live."
 And so say you and I.

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Labor Day

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MERRICK AND OTHERS GIVEN LONG SENTENCES

Seven men and one woman have been given terms of varying lengths in the jail and workhouse of Allegheny County after being convicted of rioting on May 1st and 2nd at some of the plants of the U. S. Steel Corporation. Fred H. Merrick has been sentenced to three and one-half years to the workhouse; Rudolph Blum, secretary of Socialist Party of Allegheny County to 18 months in jail; Geo. Zaber, H. H. Detweiler and Anna Goldenberg, each, to a year to jail; A. E. Weston to nine months to jail; Stephen Tipsick and Mike Essick, each to six months to workhouse; Jno. H. Hall, one of the chief figures in the strike, who turned state's evidence, was given two years' jail sentence, which, in all probability he will not be required to serve.

That these sentences were imposed for no other crime than that of agitation and organization was admitted by District Attorney Jackson, who, in his address before sentences were imposed, affirmed that he did not desire vengeance, but wished to make an example of these men to deter others from a like course, and even requested clemency for certain others whom he did not consider "agitators."

We cannot allow these comrades in the fight for working class emancipation, and convicted of no other crime than loyalty to the working class to languish in prison. We cannot allow the authorities in Allegheny County to ride unrestrained over our right to educate and organize. We cannot allow the big employing interests to drive us by a show of force from the scene of conflict. Defeat in Allegheny County is defeat throughout the United States.

We must appeal these cases. We are appealing them; and, to do this, we are under immediate heavy and unavoidable expense. Will you not help us to win our fight?—your fight? Send funds to Socialist Party Defense Committee for Westinghouse strikers, 205 Lyceum Bldg., Pittsburgh, Pa.

HETTY GREEN AND WALT WHITMAN

Hetty Green left one hundred million dollars and Walt Whitman left "Leaves of Grass"—just one book—into which he put himself. Who do you think left the most as a heritage to humanity? She willed millions to kinsmen. He willed himself to you whoever and whatever you are.

Hetty Green lived on Wall Street of New York and dwelt in dingy rooms in order to pile up the biggest fortune for her son, while Walt Whitman lived in New York along the shores and in the great forests, out-doors among the men who work and among the animals and the birds. Hetty Green acted as a leech, sucking life from the human race, while Walt Whitman gathered gems from the good of man, the beauty of nature and bestowed it on you and me.

There are several families who will get a dip into the fortune who are glad that she is dead and the rest of us don't care. It is different with Walt Whitman. No one, unless it might have been the likes of Hetty Green, wished him dead and we all cared and care now, for the good he left behind him still reaches out a loving hand and the voice says: "Let us go! to that which is endless, as it was beginningless, to undergo much, tramps of days, rests of nights, to merge all in the travel they tend to, and the days and nights they tend to."

Again to merge them in the start of superior journeys.

You see nothing anywhere but what you may reach it and pass it."

Both died in their old age. Hetty Green is indeed dead; while old Walt is more alive than before he died. He lives in the memory of a growing host of friends.—From Oakland World.

CLEAR FOR ACTION

By Adolph Germer,

Newly Elected National Executive Secretary.

Put on a full head of steam and go at top speed from now until election day.

The membership must be doubled and at least two million votes must be rolled up. It can be done. It must be done.

That is my greeting to you as I enter upon my duties as Executive Secretary.

The finances of the party are in better shape now than they have been for several years. Three years ago, when Comrade Lanfersiek went into office, we had a deficit approximating \$28,000. On the first of the month, after paying out nearly \$2,000 in appropriations, we have a balance of about two thousand dollars.

But finance alone does not constitute the real asset of the party. If we had a million dollars and a dead, inactive membership, we would still be impoverished. A live, active membership is the necessary asset. This we must have before we can consider ourselves a force to be reckoned with.

Every one of our one hundred thousand members must be on the job and doing things.

This is the year of our opportunity. We must take advantage of it. The Socialist sentiment is growing rapidly. It is up to us to organize it.

Who is there that cannot get one new member between now and election day? Who is there that cannot get one new subscriber for The American Socialist between now and election day?

There is no time to quibble because some comrade's hair is not combed as another thinks it should be. We have no surplus energy. We need every atom of it to fight against capitalism and for Socialism. The enemy is a common one, and we must not divide our strength.

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How Nuxated Iron Helped Me to Whip Frank Moran

Jess Willard Tells Secret of His Easy Victory. Also reveals hitherto untold secret of his great triumph over Jack Johnson; Says Iron is Greatest of all Strength Builders.

Ordinary Nuxated Iron will often increase the strength and endurance of delicate, nervous folks 200 per cent in two weeks time.

SPECIAL NOTE.—Dr. E. Sauer, a well known physician who has studied widely in both this country and Europe, has been specially employed to make a thorough investigation into the real secret of the great strength, power and endurance of Jess Willard, and the marvelous value of nuxated iron as a strength builder.

NEW YORK.—Upon being interviewed at his apartment in the Colonial Hotel, Mr. Willard said: "Yes, I have a chemist with me to study the value of different foods and products as to their power to produce great strength and endurance, both of which are so necessary in the prize ring. On his recommendation I have often taken nuxated iron, and I have particularly advocated the free use of iron by all those who wish to obtain great physical and mental power. Without it I am sure that I should never have been able to whip Jack Johnson so completely and easily as I did, and while training for my fight with Frank Moran, I regularly took nuxated iron, and I am certain that it was a most important factor in my winning the fight so easily." Continuing, Dr. Sauer said: "Mr. Willard's case is only one of hundreds which I could cite from my own personal experience which proves conclusively the astonishing power of nuxated iron to restore strength and vitality even in most complicated chronic conditions."

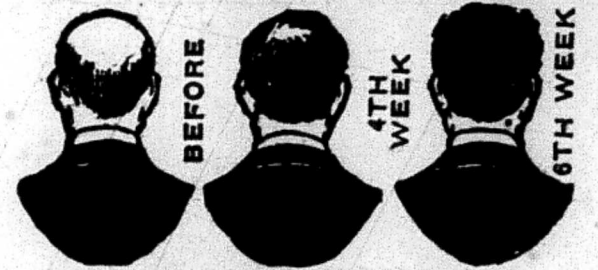
Not long ago a man came to me who was nearly half a century old, and asked me to give him a preliminary examination for life insurance. I was astonished to find him with the blood pressure of a boy of 20 and as full of vigor, vim and vitality as a young man—in fact, a young man he really was, notwithstanding his age. The secret he said was taking iron—nuxated iron had filled him with renewed life. At 30 he was in bad health; at 46 careworn and nearly all in. Now at 50 a miracle of vitality and his face beaming with the buoyancy of youth. As I have said a hundred times over, iron is the greatest of all strength builders. If people would only throw away patent medicines and nauseous concoctions and take simple nuxated iron, I am convinced that the lives of thousands of persons might be saved who now die every year from pneumonia, gripe, consumption, kidney, liver



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Jess Willard

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and heart trouble, etc. The real and true cause which started their diseases was nothing more nor less than a weakened condition brought on by lack of iron in the blood. Iron is absolutely necessary to enable your blood to change food into living tissue. Without it, no matter how much or what you eat, your food merely passes through you without doing you any good. You don't get the strength out of it, and as a consequence you become weak, pale and sickly looking just like a plant trying to grow in a soil deficient in iron. If you are not strong or well, you owe it to yourself to make the following test: See how long you can work or how far you can walk without becoming tired. Next take two five grain tablets or ordinary nuxated iron three times per day after meals for two weeks. Then test your strength again and see for yourself how much you have gained. I have seen dozens of nervous run-down people who were ailing all the while, double their strength and endurance and entirely get rid of all symptoms of dyspepsia, liver and other troubles in from ten to fourteen days' time simply by taking iron in the proper form. And this after they had in some cases been doctoring for months without obtaining any benefit. But don't take the old forms of reduced iron, iron acetate or tincture of iron simply to save a few cents. You must take iron in a form that can be easily absorbed and assimilated like nuxated iron if you want it to do you any good, otherwise it may prove worse than useless.

Many an athlete or prize fighter has won the day simply because he knew the secret of great strength and endurance and filled his blood with iron before he went into the affray, while many another has gone to inglorious defeat simply for the lack of iron.—E. Sauer, M. D.

NOTE.—Nuxated Iron, recommended above by Dr. Sauer, is not a patent medicine nor secret remedy, but one which is well known to druggists and whose iron constituents are widely prescribed by eminent physicians everywhere. Unlike the older inorganic iron products, it is easily assimilated, does not injure the teeth, make them black, nor upset the stomach; on the contrary, it is a most potent remedy in nearly all forms of indigestion as well as for nervous, run-down conditions. The manufacturers have such great confidence in Nuxated Iron, that they offer to forfeit \$100.00 to any charitable institution if they cannot take any man or woman under 60 who lacks iron and increase their strength 200 per cent. or over in four weeks' time, provided they have no serious organic trouble. They also offer to refund your money if it does not at least double your strength and endurance in ten days' time. It is dispensed in this city by all druggists.



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