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Charles Edward Russell "Seeing Things" Again

Charles Edward Russell, once more "has turned pessimist." That's a habit he has, after he has investigated some situation, and, reporter-like, finds himself overloaded with indigestible facts. Returning several years ago from an investigation of the labor government in Australia and New Zealand, Russell created quite a sensation in socialist circles, by an article in the International Socialist Review in which he advanced the suggestion that a revolutionary labor movement could have no part or parcel in the "game of politics." Now Russell has just returned from an investigation of the European war, with the "impression" that through his mind, that the United States must prepare for a war with "victorious" Germany. Interviewed recently in San Francisco, by a reporter for the Bulletin, Russell said in part:

"I hate war. I loathe war. I stood for peace once. I am disillusioned now. I know that we've got to have war and that we've got to get ready the tools for war unless we wish to see, instead of democracy, German autocracy dominate the world for the next 200 or 300 years."

"Let us see what Germany has if she is victorious. The annexation of Holland will give her the mouth of the Rhine. Germany will annex Switzerland, which she has long intended to do. She will have then an empire which starts at the English channel and the North Sea and sweeps all the way to the Bosphorus—such an empire for resources and power never dreamed of in the history of the world. The Kaiser will sit on the throne of the ancient Caesars in Constantinople, and German ideals and ideas will dominate Europe. How long then will it be before Germany will come in conflict with our ideas and ideals?"

"Russell's pessimism then continues, over the apparent indifference of the American people to this awful menace of German imperialism and expansion: 'We won't a nation of fatuous lunatics. We won't abolish the cause of war, and we won't do anything to defend ourselves. America is never a nation to lie down and let another kick it in the face. We will fight, but equipped as we are now for modern European methods of warfare, we might as well attempt to fight a Dreadnaught with a pocketful of pebbles. The cause of war, according to Russell, is to be found in the competition of the world, and the competition of a greater Germany for markets in which to dispose of surplus products, must lead inevitably to war with the United States.'

Russell winds up his interview with the San Francisco reporter by remarking: "I think I'd like to go somewhere in the country, where I could raise roses—and forget." It might be more in keeping with Russell's "historic" changes, to don a uniform and get a job as a recruiting drummer for Uncle Sam's army. We drop this suggestion, however, after his famous advice to the workers to keep away "from the grimy board" (of politics). Russell himself went to New York and ran for governor on the socialist ticket. But, to limbo with consistency!

Let us examine Russell's proposition briefly. It amounts to this: Germany is about to spread all over Europe, and, having quickly accomplished that remarkable feat, she will then proceed to spread all over America, including the United States. "Our ideas and ideals," which Russell has been attacking so vigorously the past few years in innumerable speeches, newspaper and magazine articles, and pamphlets, will have to give way to the "ideas and ideals" of Germany, which Russell, among other socialists, until recently, set up as models in particular to be copied by the labor movement of the United States. The circumstances that Germany's population at present one-third less than that of the United States, and appears to be more rapidly diminishing, while the territory she hopes to overrun is considerably larger, since it includes "ours," does not seem to interfere in the least with Russell's prophetic imagination. He will have a German-ruled world which will straightway wipe out "democracy," and all "our other ideas and ideals." Although Germany has been unable, through "imperialistic" methods, to "make over" Alsace and Lorraine, after 40 years of effort, she will doubtless succeed in making over the whole world in a short time in the present war. History, past and current, is a fearful and wonderful thing, as it emerges from the brain of an "impressionist" like Charles Edward Russell!

But, granting that Russell may be right in his main contention, that commercial rivalry may eventually lead to war between Germany and the United States, who shall we find behind that war? Who will assume the responsibility of leading the American and the German workers into the shambles? Who else, according to Russell's own definition of the cause of war, but the commercial or capitalist class in each country? And where is the choice between them, again according to Russell's numerous speeches, magazine articles, etc.? Would a chance of political heads, such as Russell sees in his vision, in any way alter for the worse the economic system of exploitation that obtains in this country?

No, Mr. Russell, we humble proletarians will leave you your kind to worry over a possible war with Germany. We have a perpetual war of our own right here in America, with the most autocratic, imperialistic, and bloodthirsty bunch of bloodsuckers that ever came down the pike. Our enemy, the capitalists, are so "imperialistic," that they would strip us workers of every inch of soil and of every implement of labor; and then have us "victorious" "treasuring on the public highway." Under their "imperialistic" overlordship, we have a fine lot of "democracy" left, haven't we? We workers have much reason to love "our country" and our master class, and to fear Germany and the German capitalists!

Again, Mr. Russell, we proletarians of the I W W at least,

are not inclined to follow you to the "rose bush." We are going to stay right on the job of lining up our fellow slaves against our "autocratic" masters. We are out for "preparedness," all right—our army is the One Big Union of producers, and our munitions are the methods of defense and aggression on the job. With this army and these munitions, we know we can advance in the "trench warfare" of the capitalist system, where we will soon have the master class completely on the run, and take possession of the world and all that's in it, for ourselves. We also feel most certain that our fellow workers over in Germany will not be far behind us in pursuing the same goal.

Gompers Political Record

There is one worse labor politician in America today than Sam Gompers. He was a candidate for senator in New York State some years ago; and last year he ran for delegate to the New York State Constitutional Convention. Both times he ran as a Democrat, and both times he was defeated. The New York workers want none of Sam Gompers' Gompers' son holds down a good job in the Federal Department of Labor.

Gompers is openly known on the East Side of New York city as a friend of Tammany Hall. A friend of mine, prominent in the printing trades unions, and once a member of the Independent League, a democratic political movement, once largely composed of "labor leaders," informs me that Gompers expelled the Amalgamated Association of Clothing Workers and the United Hired Trades Alliance, not because of the jurisdictional fight with hours amalgamated, but because both bodies are dominated by the Socialist Party, and the Socialist Party is endangering the political success of the Democratic Party among the East Side Jews, having elected a congressman there. My friend informs me that he got this information from an East Side Tammany leader, who said that Gompers was told either to destroy the organization within the A. F. of L, or else see the A. F. of L. lose its political patronage in New York state.

It should also be pointed out that Gompers has always favored an A. F. of L. "legislative policy," and that the A. F. of L. has made a legislative lobby of Gompers' political organization within the A. F. of L, or else see the A. F. of L. lose its political patronage in New York state.

Daly has written an interesting account of the A. F. of L. as a reactionary organization. At a time, when four big employers' associations, representing \$1 billion of property, are looking toward the interests of capital, Daly shows us that the A. F. of L. stands still. What can one expect from an organization with such dishonest leadership?

A. F. OF L. MEMBER

Eight Hour Day For Railway Workers

Resting at Jamestown after a long siege on the harvest battle line, I read in the newspapers that the railway workers all over the United States were going to demand an eight-hour work day. The railway men in this city of Minneapolis surely need it. I have noticed train crews hanging around the pool halls for three and four days waiting for the privilege of serving their masters. I talked with some of them in regard to organizing along class lines and they seemed to agree that that form of organization must develop. They said that a concerted action towards an eight-hour day was a step in that direction. I told them what a great mistake they were making in notifying the bosses so far in advance. Of course, they thought it was right to do that.

I told them the day of striking for a shorter work day was over. They seemed greatly surprised. I told them that all the workers need was to stop producing when they had worked for eight hours and go home. That is, if they were not on strike in what this would mean. For the workers have had the sixteen hours a day they are entitled to when they could go back on the job. If the masters desire any more profits they will throw the gates open. If they do not want any further profits they will close the gates until the workers open them, when the workers have realized that too long have the masters been enriched off our labor system.

I told them the working class would one day throw the gates of the industries of this and every nation open, that all may have an opportunity to really live. I told them there was a system of society coming where those who did not produce would not eat. I told them there would be less insane houses, less jails and more schools, not a system under which the producers are forced to live in dug-outs and shacks and the non-producers in mansions.

Workmen, let us organize as a class, take possession of the earth and the machinery of production and end the rule of the capitalist class.

PETER McAVOY

Guilty Or Not Guilty

By Mrs. Marshall Flansburg

Guilty or pure, avails naught, if barristers their rights forget, when in their own way tried a man whom all defend. Refusing still to sacrifice His right to further their device.

Unprepared, yet not dismayed the face the people own train. Though his requests were there denied Besought knew he might be tried!

Unavailing proved his plea, Should learned know how to such as he? Must denying all assayed To face him argument arraved. Eloquent—silent—mid the throng Scribbles of labor's simple song. Knowing his life in jeopardy The puzzled people question "Why?"

Men of knowledge—erudition, Gazing on his man's condition, Were it wisdom to reply: There—where error meant to die!

As he sought indeed—new trial Why waste time on proud denial Why not then the favor have ended, Move to the weak extension? Men have rights and are born equal, Tho' the gallows prove the sequel.

This known that he would rather die Than live accused by him. Or taunt with foul dispraise the breast On which his tortured head would rest.

And list! he speaks another's name— "Say naught of him, though me you name" Thus to all which men hold dear For that he live among you here A clean life—by no wrong deed shamed.

Studies in Modern Industrial Tendencies

By Justus Ebert Article No 1

The Industrial Directory published by the New York State Department of Labor was originally intended "to give to the prospective manufacturer such information as will enable him to locate the community which is best adapted to his needs and which will be most benefited by the establishment of a new factory." The directory contains descriptions of cities and villages having a population of 1,000 or more, tables showing conditions relative to population, agriculture, banking, etc., and a register of factories, listing the name, street, address, product and number of each of the large factories in the different communities of the state. This register is invaluable to the student of modern industrial tendencies and gives the directory a usefulness that was not originally intended, because of the data which it furnishes.

The factory register of the Second Annual Directory, for 1912, the latest issue shows that New York State had in that year 51,118 factories. This is almost 5 per cent more than in 1911 when the number was 48,251. In 1913 the number of persons employed in the factories was 1,364,070, or 10.3 per cent more than in 1912, when 1,236,150 entered the factory gates. On Sept. 29, 1914, according to "Statistics of Trade Unions in 1914," another Department of Labor publication, there were in New York state 2,617 labor organizations with 595,824 members. These included all kinds of labor, along with factory labor, and represented a loss of 208 organizations and 69,000 members. These figures show an improvement in union statistics since then, when it was estimated that New York's modern industrial tendencies, viz., increased factories with doubly increased production and a stationary unionism, that embraces a relatively small proportion of all the workers.

The factory register of the Industrial Directory for 1912, also shows that small factories exist in abundance. They are small factories in that these small factories employ a larger average number of employees than did the handcraft workshops of a century or two ago, when a journeyman was paid for his services in terms of the rule. Though numerous and employing a higher average than the handcraft workshops, these small factories are overshadowed in importance by large establishments employing hundreds and, in many instances, thousands of persons, not only in one city, but in two or three. And what is more, this last is altogether a new feature, almost unknown in the beginning of the last century and capitalism when industry was small and local. What, then, is so important still, all the facts go to show that industry in New York State is not only large, but inter-state and, in some instances, even international, in character. That is, large factories are being organized in one city in New York state by corporations also operating large factories in other states and other nations as well. The most conspicuous example of this is furnished by the Standard Oil Co., which has manufacturing plants in New York state, as well as in other states, and not to mention its world-wide ramifications of this and every other character as well.

This interstate chain of factories is perhaps the most striking phase of modern industrial evolution. It is a development that, like the trees that prevent us from seeing the woods, has caused many to think that the factory system is decentralizing simply because factories multiply. In fact, it is the growth of concentration, in which men, machines and capital are being massed together in one place, and the interests of corporations controlled by a comparatively few big capitalists.

In New York state, a large number of cities and villages are dependent for industrial economy at least on development on one or more large corporations. These are the big corporations either "make or break" the community. Besides them the smaller ones, though numerous, cut little figure. For instance, take Olean, an oil and car center in western New York. According to the Industrial Directory there are 90 factories employing 3,778 persons of Olean within its boundaries. Fifty-six of these factories are so insignificant as to be unclassified. They are lumped together as "small factories." They employ all together only 212 persons, or an average of about 4 persons each. The other 34 factories are specified, according to product. Three of these employ 10 persons each; 13 between 10 and 50 each; 6 between 50 and 100 each; 4

"God helps those who help themselves." That's the I. W. W. It occurs to us that they do not need very much help.

God made man, man makes clothes. The work of God is immoral, according to present standards, although he thought it was "very good," unless it is covered with the work of man. "Praise the god of our present system is the only true god according to the crossed-morality of capitalism.

Art is never immoral. Censors of public morals can't. To be deeply and everlastingly ignorant is real morality. From such deliver us! Knowledge is the one true morality.

There are those who minimize the membership of the I. W. W. The fewer they say we are the greater the credit to each individual member. If an orphaned few can raise all the hell we can raised with the best good boy, good luck and good God, when one-third of the workers are organized.

Local '49, San Jose, Calif., wants "constructive" buzzards and "good" neighbors to be covered with the best spittoon and stove burners and applied." Local headquarters are at 409 San Augustin St.

The I. W. W. believes in national right as much as does the Declaration of Independence. We have a natural right to all we can take. We believe in taking it and then making the principles that suit the occasion. One grain of "re-rot" is worth a ton of national rights.

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Labor Troubles Foreseen-- Other News And Views

The export of capital is world-wide. So is the export of I W W principles.

New Zealand is "the workman's paradise." But its prime minister has determined to let it "bother than hell" for the I W W. "There's a reason."

As an epitaph for Chas. W. Russell, let this be written:
"Here lies, more in sorrow than in scorn,
Another good man gone wrong."

Talk about preparedness! We are prepared, too! "The job is the only place worth while."

In New York city a lot of socialists are going to create "a new international" by insisting on the old "national" rights. That is, they want to absorb nationality. They fear a capitalism that fears the capitalism that destroys the workers in a war. Where formerly united they are now divided, and they are now divided, and they are now divided.

Wilshire says the political socialist is logically a capitalist. Which goes to show that Wilshire has not noticed the lack of logic now prevalent in socialist circles. "Wake up, Wilshire!"

That "foreign jury" put Binson on the bumpers in Paterson, when they said "not guilty" in Gurley Flynn's case.

If you want to "stick it to the capitalist, i. e., stab it to the quick, get some of Chaplin's "sickerettes." They do the job in great style.

Shout "Hurrah" for "Preparedness and Patriotism." Here is the reason:

United Press Correspondence
LONDON, Oct. 10.—(By Women) "The workers of England say they are being cheated and that their patriotism is being exploited to satisfy employers' greed. Formal charges have been filed with the labor board."

The complaints center largely in the Manchester district, where thousands of women are employed and hundreds are being weekly added. Many factories are installing light machinery for the women, but are not paying them men's wages, not nearly so much.

The wages vary from a maximum of about \$5 for a 48-hour week down to \$2.50 for a 54-hour week. The minimum wage of 7 cents an hour fixed, many concerns pay less.

Another protest against heavy work being given to the women. One young girl handled an 18-pound shell in a minute. Others were found working on rough cast shells, weighing 23 pounds.

The American Defense Society should use the Boy Scouts in order to circulate the above argument in favor of the workers rallying to "preparedness and patriotism."

Here's one of the "few whiflers" that B. C. Forbes, financial adviser for the New York American, says is the present business situation:

FINANCIALS POSSIBLE LABOR COMPLICATIONS
"The cost of living is rising; the infow of foreign labor has ceased; important wage agreements are being made next spring. And union leaders are determined to trench from capital every possible concession."

"Our ability to compete with Europe in world markets after the war will be affected, labor expenses roughly 50 per cent. of costs."

"The importance of the labor question can thus be deduced."

No satisfactory settlement of this problem is in sight. A world in time saves nine—organize!

Talking about "competing with Europe," as per Mr. Forbes' paragraph above, here's a thought from Prof. Scott Nearing's "Economics": "The world is not so aggressive and helpful."

"One of the distinctive things about the American labor force has always been that while it is paid higher wages than the labor force in any other country, its productivity has increased faster than the increase in the wages paid. From this has developed the theory in Economics that the highest paid labor is the cheapest labor."

Workingmen, just chew that over carefully. J. E.

As To Genius

Dr. Arthur C. Jacobson raises this very thought-provoking question in the November "Medical Times":

"Is the Lack of Genius. Rather than Its Possession Abnormal, because the commonplace man is rated as normal, the genius as abnormal. We have never been wholly able to see the rationality of this division. To us it seems arbitrary and probably invalid. The Emergent Edison, we should say, possesses minds typifying what human minds ought to be. The rest of us are abnormal. We are astonished when anyone comes along with a really good, worth while brain, and have thoroughly persuaded ourselves that there is something abnormal about the phenomenon. On the other hand, we insist that the man of quite mediocre mind is the normal type. Why should we not conception of the normal mind be one of large potentiality and creative power? Why is a man normal who never betrays any large powers of mind?"

This question raises other questions. For instance, why have we so many men and women "less than average brightness and intelligence? Why have we so many insane? Says Scott Nearing in his book, "Economics," (page 77): "The introduction of highly developed machinery has led to an increased demand for unskilled labor which provides no incentive for the wage worker to develop, but makes of him and keeps him an unskilled 'worker.'" Scott Nearing also shows, in the same work, the soul and body killing effect of machinery on the workers, who are mere appendages to it. As the tendency is toward ever greater development in machinery, the prospects for an increase of genius in modern society are bad indeed."

Even now modern industrialism is destroying the "mediocre" mind, which Dr. Jacobson considers an unfit standard of development, despite its general acceptance as normal. Hear what Dr. Max G. Schlapp of the Cornell Post-Graduate Hospital recently said in address before a New York audience:

"It has been said that with a lower birth rate there will be fewer individuals, and hence a weaker race, but healthier, stronger, and better able to cope with the conditions existing today. That is not true. The people born today are weaker. We have more 'mediocre' minds than 25 years ago. We have more feeble-minded and persons suffering from nervous disorders born today than 25 years ago."

"We are passing through a period where the chemical substances of our bodies are being consumed too rapidly and not replaced. We have too many consumers today and not enough producers. The improvement in industrialism has been a boomerang."

"What hope is there for Genius, as long as the present industrial system prevails?" J. E.

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Woolen Co., which is a combination of 34 New England Mills, employs 1,234 out of 2,725 factory workers.

Bata's 1,680 factory employees toil for the profit of the Johnston-Thurston Co. in Lakawanna, 6,155 of whose 6,616 workers respond to the whistle blown by the Lakawanna whistle.

In Bismarck, where the Gould Coupler Co. controls the labor of 1,718 employees, in Illinois, where the Remington Typewriter and Arms Companies employ 4,113 employees out of a total of 4,685, in Syracuse, where they employ 6,000 or more in Bridgeport, Conn., and many thousands of others in Edgemoor, Pa., in addition.

In Auburn, where the International Textile Co. works, allied corporations, with world-wide affiliations, predominate employers. In many other cities and villages "too numerous to mention." It is also to be seen that because of its greater prevalence, in the largest cities like Buffalo, Syracuse, Albany, Brooklyn and New York, they will perhaps be given treatment in special articles.

Other special articles will appear, in which the chain factories will be traced more fully. The regions to be treated are only indicated in this article.

New York state is an industrial state with highly developed tendencies. It is no place for a labor union, as Schenectady is only one of the Metal Trades Alliance desired the 3,000 machinists for slight concessions. The New York State Electric plants in the Mohawk Valley, Westing, Fort Wayne, Kenosha, Erie, Lynn and Pittsfield were not involved in the General Electric strike at Schenectady.

The New York State Electric and Power Co. has 75,000, only 13,000 were out at Schenectady. The rest were not out.

Long Island City. However, this defect was recognized by the strikers, who sought with a syndicalist system to their side, with some success in Pittsfield only, which, though it did not strike, has got a half-hour reduction a day since. Local industrialism, that is, an industrial union involving the entire shop system will win where such companies as the General Electric are fought.

"Divide and conquer" is the motto of the oppressors. "Unité and win" is the lesson of New York's industrial development. The New York State I. W. W. points the modern way—organize as you work for your employer, as one should work for one's self. (Next article will be "New York's Root and Shoe Industry.")

Our Martyr

Once more the beast has showed his snarling hideous fangs. Once more he has shown that death is the reward of him who rebels against the beast, and the beast's desires.

This time it is a member of the American revolutionary organization, the Industrial Workers of the World.

On the morning of Nov. 19th, 1915, in the Utah state prison, a despised Swede, an agitator and worker of all a poet, was led to the shambles, five rifles cracked and Joe, our Joe, was dead.

Despite the thousands of telegrams and letters, despite the request of the minister of Sweden, and last of all, President Wilson, the unspakable governor of Utah did not relent, did not use his office as becomes a man, to the end that the victim should have a fair trial.

Let the ruling class of Utah say what it will, let it think what it will, but, we know that Joe Hill was murdered!

Yes, murdered in cold blood by a band of thugs as merciless as pitiless, as ever walked the face of the earth!

The name of Utah will go down in history as the one place wherein Capitalism committed its most hideous crime and in the name of justice! "Justice," what in hell is it but a commodity, just like shoes and hats and other articles of merchandise?

The day will come when the ruling class will, like the contemptible coward it is, shudder, when it hears the name of Joe Hill uttered.

Who believes that the author of "The White Slave," that one whose whole life was spent in behalf of his class, that a man with a heart as broad as the universe and as tender as a child, could be guilty of murder? No one, not even his murderers!

For the murdered man I do not, like others, feel grieved, because I know that Joe Hill died, is infinitely more powerful, more terrible than Joe Hill living. Thousands of workers throughout the world will wonder, will understand now, what they did not before, that law is only the will of the ruling class imposed upon the subject class, and justice is a farce.

But of the murdered man. Hear we, oh ye masters of bread! "If by giving my life will aid some other working man to a fair trial, I have not lived in vain." All down through the years to come, where so rebellious slave is led to the master's court room, those words will ring out clear and loud, and the years speed on their significance will become more plain than before.

One short sentence, just twenty-one words, will make the name of Joe Hill live throughout all time.

Ah, Joe, you built better than you knew. I envy you. All his life he toiled that others might live in ease, all his life he sought to better the condition of his class.

Fellow workers, for what Joe has done for us, we can repay him. Let us erect a monument to his memory, a monument not of marble, or granite, but a monument of happy mothers, cheerful fathers, singing maidens, joyful youths and laughing babies. A monument that will endure throughout all time. The Industrial Democracy.

This is what he wants. This is what he shall have. Sleep on, oh son of Freedom, Rest thy toiled frame; We know thy weary brother, Thy death was not in vain!

W. H. LEWIS

Oil Field Workers

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from work in the same manner. Sometimes you have had to hike over hills as large as John D.'s fortune, and when you did get into work, you found the grub all cold, whether it was in the summer or winter, and the hike itself was a hard day's work. In cold weather when you attempt to soak up a little heat while on the job of putting in a main line, and you miles away from the nearest town, Mr. Stabber will inform you that you are on the job, but not to take up all your time in hugging a fire. He doesn't hurt himself, you will notice, and is generally seen in the same position near the fire as you were when he told you to hit the ball, or hit the trail.

Can you afford to eat better food? Can you afford to sleep in a more comfortable bed? Can you afford to go to work on the company's time? Can you afford to return in the same manner? Can you stand an increase in the wages you are at this time getting? Can you afford the pleasure of having your hours cut down from nine or ten to eight or seven? Can you afford to let the tanks afford to lay off all day on Saturday, and still get the same rate of pay? Or more, if you want it, than you are getting at this time?

The only answer to this pertinent question is, YES. And now comes the most important part of the whole thing. How are we going to get all these things? They won't stick, you say. What about YOURSELF? Will YOU stick? That is all we are anxious to find out. If you and I and the other man who works in the oil fields will determine to do all we can, we can soon fix it so the man of whom we are in doubt at this time will damn soon see where it is to his advantage to stick. He will line up, and then all he has to do is get off the earth, in the event of his assuming a scabbing attitude. Don't worry about the other fellow sticking, because any man who won't stand by his fellow man when it is to his advantage to do so, is not fit to live any way, and the sooner he gets out of the way of those who want some more of the good things of life, the better for all hands concerned.

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If you are interested in the things mentioned in this article, and if you are an oil field worker, when the day of 1916 comes, call on your old friend, the I. W. W. For further information address H. E. McGuckin, Secy., Local 61, 556 1/2 Main Street, Kansas City, Mo.

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THE CHARGE

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REMARKABLE MEMORY

Capt. Tracy, chief of detectives, said he took down the words alleged to have been uttered by Miss Flynn...

THE CHIEF

Chief Binson, resplendent in uniform, brass buttons and gold lace, gray hair, bald spot on top of head...

A CONSTRUCTIVE STATEMENT

Further he did not know whether he was opposed to Miss Flynn or not. Regarding the celebrated statement made on the 17th of September...

HANDS IN POCKETS

To a demure, low-voiced, delicate looking girl, Dunn ventured: "She told you to put your hands in your pockets; most of the girls had no pockets..."

EARLY DINNER

"What was the last thing she said?" "Nothing about it being near for dinner, and that she must stop in consequence..."

THE KNOCKOUT

Gustave Challen and Jos. A. Taylor, the former superintendent and the latter foreman in the Misch mill were called to testify that the mill was attacked by a large crowd of strikers on the morning of the 25th of February...

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The other, Taylor, said he looked out of the window and saw the police disperse a crowd of about 50 people, but there was no disorder except the police making a charge.

This was a body blow to the prosecution, and in fact the whole frame-up collapsed right there. The cops and detectives had been telling of Miss Flynn's speech, inflaming the minds of her all-too-ready hangers, a great crowd rushing out of the hall to the Misch mill...

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BRITISH CAPITAL EXULTS

Over Big War Profits—Cause of Labor's 'Disloyalty' Discussed

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"And the man in whose pocket the rocks were put was immediately dismissed. 'No, he got thirty days.' 'Did the I. W. W. advocate force?' 'No.' 'CONTRACTS AND LYING'—'Not the preamble and constitution of the I. W. W. advocate...'

"Banks, manufacturers and shipping men are enjoying a greater prosperity than in any previous period. This is revealed by the publication in Great Britain, as required by law in the United States, by corporations which sell shares to the public."

"The London and Southwestern Bank has announced a dividend of 17 per cent for the year 1914, having paid 18 per cent for the same period a year ago. The London City and Midland maintaining its old dividend of 18 per cent, not finding it necessary to make a reduction, although in Great Britain it is paying the income tax of the shareholder this year."

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The percentage of net profits set aside into the war reserve fund to meet unexpected conditions arising from the war, announced in the statement for the first half of 1915 by the great corporations of Great Britain, sheds a broad light upon the healthy condition of their finances at the present time, since dividends have not been greatly reduced. The Breweries, which report net profits of \$20,802,115, the largest of any of the corporations, set aside 27.2 per cent of this for the special reserve.

The corporations doing business at the docks and canals set aside 38.7 per cent of their net profits into a special reserve fund this year; electric lighting and power companies, 35.1; the land and mortgage companies, 35.1; motor and cycle companies, 43.5; nitrate companies, 38.5; shipping corporations, 40.2; ten and eleven companies, 25.1. Dividends which shareholders are obtaining in war equipment factories, even those controlled by the government, would bring joy to the heart of a miser. From now on, however, the government will take half of the war profit. Mr. McKenna, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, in his budget of Sept. 23, decided to go into partnership with the men who are producing the necessities of the nation.

It is a matter of course that Great Britain has reaped such a golden harvest to its financiers as makes an Arabian Night's dream a reality. They have been allowed by the government to increase freights from 50 per cent to 100 per cent, the complete removal of German competition from the high seas and the arbitrary regulation of the market for commodities which the Britishers an absolute monopoly. The result of this competition has been a breaking-up of prices of \$50 or \$60, sold at break-up prices of \$100 or \$200, and in many cases have paid for themselves in a single voyage.

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