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Of all the classes that stand face to face with the bourgeoisie today, the proletariat alone is a really revolutionary class.

A FEW FACTS. Fact No. 1.—Whether the total value of the "gross product" be alone considered, or proper account be also taken of the number of people employed in the production of the "raw material," we find that the milling of grain into flour was always, is still, and will no doubt remain for some time at least, the largest single branch of American industry.

Now observe that in no other industry has capitalism applied modern machinery and processes with such significant results. From a Census Bulletin just issued it appears that from 1890 to 1900, despite the enormous increase of product, the number of persons employed in the flour and grist mills of the United States decreased from 47,463 to 27,073, or about 28 per cent.

From other official sources we know also that in the Mississippi Valley four agricultural laborers now produce as much as seven could do with the appliances of twenty-five years ago; while on the bonanza farms of Dakota four hundred laborers employed only during the season, turn out as much wheat as is produced by five thousand French peasants.

Fact No. 2.—For the same decimal period, 1890-1900, the number of flour and grist mills (which, by the way, showed a decrease of nearly 6,000 in 1890 as compared with 1900), shows an increase of nearly 7,000.

THE JOHNSTOWN HORROR. The brutality of the capitalist system needs no further expose than that furnished by the current news of the past few days. This news has been of such a startling character as to impress itself upon even the most calloused of nature, used to the reckless destruction of human life.

Fact No. 3.—From another Census Bulletin, showing the growth of agriculture in Iowa and Minnesota, we get figures, however, which clearly indicate that the Western farmer, thanks to his intelligent exploitation of wage labor, is rapidly evolving into a capitalist.

wealth, to languish and die in the stifling heat of the large cities. The most saddening feature of this aspect of capitalist brutality is that the victims are innocent children, often the beloved darlings of the workingman's family. They, often underfed and lacking the nourishment necessary to the proper maintenance of life, are the first and greatest victims of the terrible conditions into which they have been born and in whose creation they have had neither voice nor part.

Capitalist reasoning is generally inverted. It stands on its head instead of on its feet. Forced to hide the brutal facts of capitalism, it adopts an idealistic philosophy which those facts deny and demolish.

Referring to the Summer School in philanthropic work, now in session in this city, the New York "Evening Post," in dwelling on its course of instruction, says: "That instruction in the best methods of uplifting one's fellows has become necessary is most effective testimony to the growth of the humanitarian spirit—perhaps the most noteworthy development of the last century."

The conclusion thus given is obviously wrong—its standing on its head. To the mind capable of correct reasoning, it would be as follows: "That instruction as to the best methods of uplifting one's fellows has become necessary is the most effective testimony of the growth of capitalist brutality and viciousness—perhaps the most damnable development of the last century."

Workingmen, arouse! End this state of affairs by joining with the Socialist Labor Party and the Socialist Trade and Labor Alliance in working for the overthrow of capitalism and the inauguration of Socialism! Agitate, Educate and Organize! On with the Social Revolution!

MORGAN AND ROTHSCHILD. American capitalism has secured another victory. French financial interests are acclaiming Morgan as the world's greatest financier. The unifier of American industries, in his search for profitable fields of investments, will, it is reported, undertake the unification of the Turkish debt.

Behind that capitalism and bearing it upon its broad shoulders, like another Atlas, is the great American working class—fertile, vigorous, inventive and productive—without whom the Morgans and the class he represents would be as nothing and the greatness to which they have achieved would be unrecorded.

In the mines and mills death increases with production. John Mitchell has shown that the average yearly fatalities have increased in the anthracite coal regions of Pennsylvania. From time to time the general public is shocked by the vivid accounts of some mine disaster in which hundreds are killed and injured.

The following appears in the Scientific American for July 5th: "From Chicago comes the news that a woman has conquered still another field, over which man formerly reigned supreme. She is now employed in the stock yards of Chicago, the last place in the world that one would expect to find her. To be sure she does not actually slaughter the animals, but even that may come in time.

The chronicle of the President's doing, and idle and inane tattle of his home life, and of actions of his children, with which newspaper readers are now deluged, are nauseating and cashish. It is of no interest to humanity to know that "Archie" has a pony, or that Theodore, Jr., is fond of rag dolls. But that is the Oyster Bay stuff that is being dealt out.

Mr. S. E. Kiser, of the "Chicago Record-Herald," who writes seven yards of poetry and nine yards of prose each day, and then turns out other mental productions, either by the linear or cubic measure, says as follows: "He was once more a poor and humble section hand, but the moments that, his comrades gave to play He put in at useful, patient study and He writes "president" behind his name to-day.

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Political and Economic.

John Ashton, in "Social England under the Regency," (the last five years of the reign of George III.) has a number of interesting pictures of the "accelerator," an early form of the bicycle in use at that time. It consists of two wooden wheels, a little larger than the present bicycle wheel, and a seat sunk low between the two.

From Pittsburg comes the report of the burning of fifteen men, one fatally and eight seriously, at the Homestead Steel Works. The usual deadly breaking of a ladle, throwing molten metal over the laborers at work in the pit, occurred as it has been occurring right along during the past two years, with such appalling results in the Iron City.

The radical tone of this editorial, its pseudo-Socialist argument, and its positive declaration that "The entire wealth of the nation consists of its industries"—thus increasing the inference that those industries should belong to the nation—will lead many to conclude that the "Journal" favors the collective ownership of industry, or, in other words, Socialism.

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THE "L" THIRD-RAIL SYSTEM.

Karl Marx, in his great work, "Capital," commenting upon John Stuart Mill's statement, "It is questionable if all the mechanical inventions yet made have lightened the day's toil of any human being," observes, "That is, however, by no means the aim of the capitalist application of machinery."

It may be asked, "If that's the case, where then will the saving go to? Who will be benefited by it?" The saving resulting from this mechanical invention will go to increase the profits of the capitalists controlling the Manhattan Elevated—the Goulds and their foreign appendages, the Castellanes.

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DECEPTIVE AND DISHONEST JOURNALISM.

Last Saturday evening "The Journal" had an editorial on "The Industrial Nobility of America," which, when taken into consideration with other editorials published in the same paper from time to time, illustrates the deceptive and dishonest policy pursued by the reactionary Democratic press of this country.

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Uncle Sam and Brother Jonathan.

Brother Jonathan—I think you socialists make a mistake when you call the members of the working class slaves. Uncle Sam—Why, do you deny being a slave? B. J.—Yes, most emphatically. If I was a slave my master could feed me on whatever food he wanted to. I would have to sleep where it pleased him and get up when he wanted me to, and go to bed when he wanted me to.



