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The world advances, and in time outgrows
The laws that in our father's days were best,
And, doubtless, after us, some purer scheme
Will be shaped out by wiser men than we,
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The time is ripe, and rotten ripe, for change;
Then let it come; I have no dread of what
Is called for by the instinct of mankind;
Let us call tyrants tyrants, * * *
For men in earnest have no time to waste
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Cerebrology puts the finishing touches on the Materialistic Conception of History natural and social. It clears the atmosphere of doubt in any of the sciences by showing the material proof of their correlation in the miniature duplication of the universe which we call the brain of man. It lifts man up to where he can see, in the bright light of knowledge, his own true sphere in the universe, and know that he is in harmony with the finest development of Nature when he labors for the broader and deeper and higher intelligence of his own and future generations.

FOOT NOTE—Geology—Science of the physical earth, viz. mountains, rock structure, etc. etc.
Astronomy—Science of the universe, viz. planets, sun, stars.
Chemistry—Science of the composition of matter.
Geometry—A branch of mathematics, higher than algebra.
Economics—The science of management.

History—The record of past events.
Biology—Study of life, includes plant and animal life.
Botany—Study of plant life.
Zoology—Study of animal life.
Geology—Science of society; Psychology.
Cerebrology—Study of the brain.
Anthropology—Study of man.

Chicago, Ill.—I. W. W. hall here was raided and reports of halls raided elsewhere. Socialist Party headquarters was raided December 15th. The National Committee of the Socialist party has adopted a resolution urging full moral support of the party to the Industrial Workers of the World in their present struggle.

Coahuila, Mexico.—An agrarian and industrial revolution exists here which is spreading.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS AND IS NOT

By W. E. Reynolds.

Rash, indeed, is the amateur who would attempt to give a definition of Socialism, that could be understood by the great majority of the people who have given the matter neither thought nor study. Acting upon the theory that a cat may look at a king, we will attempt to define Socialism, even tho we recognize the rashness of the attempt. Let us start our quest for a definition by a process of elimination, naming a few things that Socialism is NOT.

Let us start with the morality branch. Numerous well intentioned persons, both within and without the Socialist movement, have a hazy idea that Socialism is a system of ideal morals and the Socialist Party an organization to regulate the morals of its membership, according to the standards of the purists, prudes, and morality scavengers, temporarily at the helm within the party. This is NOT Socialism, or else the Great Sociological Scientists, Marx and Engels, writing in the Communist Manifesto, knew not whereof they wrote. They say, (page 39) "Does it require deep intuition to comprehend that man's ideas, views and conceptions, (including of course his ideas and views concerning morality) in one word man's consciousness, changes with every change in the conditions of his material existence, in his social relations and his social life? What else does the history of ideas prove than that intellectual production (i. e. the product of man's mind) changes in character in proportion as material production is changed? THE RULING IDEAS OF EACH AGE HAVE EVER BEEN THE IDEAS OF ITS RULING CLASS." The morality of today is CAPITALIST morality and hiding behind it will always be found the capitalist interests. The victorious proletariat of tomorrow will develop his own code of morals to conform to the changed conditions of production. Hence morality or immorality is not Socialism nor the lack of it.

Many men of many minds are united upon the single idea that Socialism is a sort of philanthropic move to improve the condition of the poor. Their speeches and their articles teem with arguments tending, or rather attempting to show, what Socialism will DO FOR the poor. This too, is a capitalist-minded conception based upon a sort of autocracy, something coming from the top down to "the poor working man". This is NOT Socialism, nor even the emaculated shadow of Socialism. It may be philanthropy, it may be humanitarianism, but it is NOT even socialistic, to say nothing of being the real article.

We have the members who are always organizing charity parties, and who look upon the Socialist movement as a monster charity organization. Shrewd petty businessmen, often appeal to this phase of the movement by their advertisements in party papers. You will invariably find their appeal versed in words somewhat like this, "Comrades, Patronize ME", "I am a comrade", "Yours for the Cause", "COMRADE, Mr.-and-So-Business Man". The utter ridiculousness of this appeal can be seen at a glance, for if they WERE comrades, would the fact not be known, NOT by their attempt to garner the nickels and dimes of the other comrades, in a business way, but by their activities in the movement itself? A Socialist may enter the business world,

perhaps ATTEMPT to enter it would be the better world, but real Socialists believe in letting him get his business in accordance with recognized business principles, not in exploiting the fact that he is a Socialist in business.

There is the temperance fanatic. He sees in the Socialist movement merely an engine to exploit his particular views upon the prohibition question. We have long held the opinion that "If booze hurts your business, quit business". We realize the fact that one can not successfully fight booze and the boss at the same time, but we want to point out the fact that the temperance or the prohibition movement and the Socialist movement is not one and the same thing. The prohibition movement is founded upon the principle of the abolition of the liquor question. The Socialist movement is founded upon the abolition of the wages system in industry. Quite a difference. The relative IMPORTANCE of the two movements can be seen at a glance, when reduced to terms of money. The average expenditure for liquor in the U. S. amounts to 26 cents per WEEK per family, while the average robbery of the wages system amounts to over EIGHT DOLLARS per DAY for EACH ADULT! No, temperance agitation is NOT Socialism. It MAY be a step in that direction, for it stands to reason that the working class will be in a better position to THINK when sober, but in itself Temperance agitation is NOT Socialism. Francis Willard, the greatest temperance agitator, the temperance movement ever produced, realized before her death the relative importance of the two movements. She is reported to have said that if one had to live in hell, she could not blame him for wanting to keep drunk, that if she had to live in hell she would rather be drunk than sober. Just before her death she said "If I had my life to live over again I would devote it to the Socialist movement."

The reformer is NOT a Socialist. We have, as the Communist Manifesto well calls them, "hole and corner reformers of every imaginable kind." His hobby may be "lower taxes" thus indirectly aiding the Capitalist exploiters of labor. It may be child labor laws, it may be free water for washerwomen, it may be municipal ownership of coal docks, or ice cream foundries, or of garbage cans, but whatever it may be it is NOT Socialism. Here in Duluth, locally, we have heard considerable about the ownership of a certain Marmon car, said to have been donated by the steel trust to the local chief of police. Many men who have successfully POSED as good Socialists have fallen for the "bait" peddled by certain of the INTERESTED POLITICIANS and have made far more fuss over this TRIVIAL incident than they would ever make over the daily robbery of the wages system. We hold no brief for the local "Big Chief". He was instrumental in throwing us in the "Bull pen" along with the drunks at the time of his illegal and unwarranted raid upon the "Scott" Nearing meeting. He probably has no love for us. We certainly have no love for him, BUT we hope we have brains enough to realize that the same causes which would make one good man bad would under identical the same environment make another

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Cerebrology puts the finishing touches on the Materialistic Conception of History natural and social. It clears the atmosphere of doubt in any of the sciences by showing the material proof of their correlation in the universe which we call the brain of man. It lifts man up to where he can see, in the bright light of knowledge, his own true sphere in the universe, and know that he is in harmony with the finest development of Nature when he labors for the broader and deeper and higher intelligence of his own and future generations.

FOOT NOTE—Geology—Science of the physical earth, viz. mountains, rock structure, etc.
Astronomy—Science of the universe, viz. planets, sun, stars.
Chemistry—Science of the composition of matter.
Geometry—A branch of mathematics, higher than algebra.
Economics—The science of management.

History—The record of past events.
Biology—Study of life, includes plant and animal life.
Botany—Study of plant life.
Zoology—Study of animal life.
Geology—Science of society; Psychology.
Cerebrology—Study of the brain.
Anthropology—Study of man.

Chicago, Ill.—I. W. W. hall here was raided and reports of halls raided elsewhere. Socialist Party headquarters was raided December 15th. The National Committee of the Socialist party has adopted a resolution urging full moral support of the party to the Industrial Workers of the World in their present struggle.

Coahuila, Mexico.—An agrarian and industrial revolution exists here which is spreading.

WHAT SOCIALISM IS AND IS NOT

By W. E. Reynolds.

Rash, indeed, is the amateur who would attempt to give a definition of Socialism, that could be understood by the great majority of the people who have given the matter neither thought nor study. Acting upon the theory that a cat may look at a king, we will attempt to define Socialism, even tho we recognize the rashness of the attempt. Let us start our quest for a definition by a process of elimination, naming a few things that Socialism is NOT.

Let us start with the morality branch. Numerous well intentioned persons, both within and without the Socialist movement, have a hazy idea that Socialism is a system of ideal morals and the Socialist Party an organization to regulate the morals of its membership, according to the standards of the purists, prudens, and morality scavengers, temporarily at the helm within the party. This is NOT Socialism, or else the Great Sociological Scientists, Marx and Engels, writing in the Communist Manifesto, knew not whereof they wrote. They say, (page 39) "Does it require deep intuition to comprehend that man's ideas, views and conceptions, (including of course his ideas and views concerning morality) in one word man's consciousness, changes with every change in the conditions of his material existence, in his social relations and his social life? What else does the history of ideas prove than that intellectual production (i. e. the product of man's mind) changes in character in proportion as material production is changed? THE RULING IDEAS OF EACH AGE HAVE EVER BEEN THE IDEAS OF ITS RULING CLASS." The morality of today is CAPITALIST morality and hiding behind it will always be found the capitalist interests. The victorious proletariat of tomorrow will develop his own code of morals to conform to the changed conditions of production. Hence morality or immorality is not Socialism nor the lack of it.

Many men of many minds are united upon the single idea that Socialism is a sort of philanthropical move to improve the condition of the poor. Their speeches and their articles teem with arguments tending, or rather attempting to show, what Socialism will DO FOR the poor. This too, is a capitalist-minded conception based upon a sort of autocracy, something coming from the top down to "the poor working man". This is NOT Socialism, nor even the emasculated shadow of Socialism. It may be philanthropy, it may be humanitarianism, but it is NOT even socialistic, to say nothing of being the real article.

We have the members who are always organizing charity parties, and who look upon the Socialist movement as a monster charity organization. Shrewd petty business-men, often appeal to this phase of the movement by their advertisements in party papers. You will invariably find their appeal versed in words somewhat like this, "Comrades, Patronize ME", "I am a comrade", "Yours for the Cause", "COMRADE, Mr.-and-So-Business Man". The utter ridiculousness of this appeal can be seen at a glance, for if they WERE comrades, would the fact not be known, NOT by their attempt to garner the nickles and dimes of the other comrades, in a business way, but by their activities in the movement itself? A Socialist may enter the business world,

perhaps ATTEMPT to enter it would be the better world, but real Socialists believe in letting him get his business in accordance with recognized business principles, not in exploiting the fact that he is a Socialist in business.

There is the temperance fanatic. He sees in the Socialist movement merely an engine to exploit his particular views upon the prohibition question. We have long held the opinion that "if booze hurts your business, quit business". We realize the fact that one can not successfully fight booze and the boss at the same time, but we want to point out the fact that the temperance or the prohibition movement and the Socialist movement is not one and the same thing. The prohibition movement is founded upon the principle of the abolition of the liquor question. The Socialist movement is founded upon the abolition of the wages system in industry. Quite a difference. The relative IMPORTANCE of the two movements can be seen at a glance, when reduced to terms of money. The average expenditure for liquor in the U. S. amounts to 26 cents per WEEK per family, while the average robbery of the wages system amounts to over EIGHT DOLLARS per DAY for EACH ADULT! No, temperance agitation is NOT Socialism. It MAY be a step in that direction, for it stands to reason that the working class will be in a better position to THINK when sober, but in itself Temperance agitation is NOT Socialism. Francis Willard, the greatest temperance agitator the temperance movement ever produced, realized before her death the relative importance of the two movements. She is reported to have said that if one had to live in hell, she could not blame him for wanting to keep drunk, that if she had to live in hell she would rather be drunk than sober. Just before her death she said "If I had my life to live over again I would devote it to the Socialist movement."

The reformer is NOT a Socialist. We have, as the Communist Manifesto well calls them, "hole and corner reformers of every imaginable kind." His hobby may be "lower taxes" thus indirectly aiding the Capitalist exploiters of labor. It may be child labor laws, it may be free water for washerwomen, it may be municipal ownership of coal docks, or ice cream foundries, or of garbage cans, but whatever it may be it is NOT Socialism. Here in Duluth, locally, we have heard considerable about the ownership of a certain Marmion car, said to have been donated by the steel trust to the local chief of police. Many men who have successfully POSED as good Socialists have fallen for the "bull" peddled by certain of the INTERESTED POLITICIANS and have made far more fuss over this TRIVIAL incident than they would ever make over the daily robbery of the wages system. We hold no brief for this local "Big Chief". He was instrumental in throwing us in the "bull pen" along with the drunks at the time of his illegal and unwarranted raid upon the "Scot" Nearing meeting. He probably has no love for us. We certainly have no love for him, BUT we hope we have brains enough to realize that the same causes which would make one good man bad would under identically the same environment make another

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(By FRANK S. HANNEN)

In studying the works of men like Marx and Darwin we cannot fail to perceive that one of the chief characteristics of a trained intellect is that when its possessor enters upon the consideration of a subject, his training enables him to point out the fundamental principles of the subject, and to show the connection between those fundamentals and the need of the persons or of the cause in whose interest the discussion of the investigation is carried on.

Now, each of us admires a work of this nature skillfully accomplished, and every intelligent person appreciates it and wishes that he could do the same, but unless he has studied closely the processes by which it is accomplished, he usually fails to realize that he also is fitted by nature to do such work if only he will train his faculties for it.

Let us here work out a problem analysis—a problem which has not yet received the exhaustive treatment accorded to the various branches of science, all of which are subject of this process which is so almost universally neglected—and learn that we too can learn to do such work as well as those smooth, wise, wordy guys who used to sell us papers and pamphlets of their own manufacture, by the bundle and basketful, instead of teaching us Marx and Morgan and Ward.

Analysis starts with investigation, examination of the known conditions of the problem. Investigation involves inquiry. In common language, inquiry means questioning.

Therefore, our first move is a question. So let us start with a question, and let that question be: "How can we most rapidly promote, acquire, and secure Industrial Democracy?"

Now, what are some of the essentials, necessary to the establishment of Industrial Democracy?

Every one knows that we must have workers. And every one knows just as well that we have them, plenty of them to manage all the industries. We know this because we see that the workers are doing all the work of all the industries. No exceptions.

We need an earth and natural resources. Here it is, inviting us each morning to reach out and take it.

We need machinery, improved machinery, machinery with the multiplied power of a thousand Hercules, machinery with fingers of steel so nimble and so accurate that mistakes are never made in producing the food and fabricating the clothing for multiplied millions of human beings. We have it. Go into any factory and our attention is drawn as if by magic, transfixed by the marvelous manifestations of the ingenuity of man's brain and hand.

We need a density of population sufficient to make possible great ease and rapidity of communication of ideas. We have it. Let a member of the ruling-class but speak, and the word is carried east and west on the wings of the lightning, and the messages meet on the other side of the earth in an hour.

We have instruments and materials for recording and transmitting thought so rapidly that the most insignificant whim of the masters or of their be-made lickspittles is read by millions before the air ceases to vibrate from its first expression, may sometimes even before it is expressed at all.

We need an intelligent majority educated in at least the fundamental principles of economics and sociology, in order to have an industrial democracy. We need a majority of men and women educated to know at least their fundamental rights in society as it is at present constituted and organized. Could we with less knowledge, in any possible way establish with the material at hand a new arrangement of social affairs? And even if we could, would and ignorant majority, full of class-inspired lies and prejudices, permit us so to do?

Here we have come across a very essential element in the establishment of an Industrial Democracy, and we have it not. If we were asked to name the most important essential in the building of a democratically controlled industry, is not this the greatest of them all? a majority with a much higher degree of intellectual training than the majority have at present in this the most sordid, the most arrogant period of the rule of gold?

PART TWO.

Having found what element is missing in our plan to build a so-

cial democracy in the actual industry of the world we work in today, let us proceed to solve our problem on paper, and, like the builder of other structures, when we have our design, our blue print of the architect's plan, we will then know that, when certain material is wanting, we must prepare and provide that certain material before we can complete our structure.

And are we, you and I not the architects of the future democracy? and in some degree, its builders, also? Of course, social and natural forces and war may spoil our plans, but what we think and say will influence in some small way the shaping of future events. And, truly, isn't it better to have tried and failed, than never to have tried at all?

Before proceeding farther, let us take an inventory of our resources:

We have a few books, a printing outfit, some brains, the ability to talk and write; the right to assemble and discuss the sciences, if you say it carefully; the social development of a thousand centuries, and the analysis of the process of that development by Darwin, Morgan, Marx, and Lewis.

But have we prepared ourselves—I mean you and me, and Comrade Smith, and Comrade Olson, and you, and you, clear around—to use the books, and the pen, and the press, and the fundamental political rights our predecessors fought so nobly for, and the analyses that Darwin, Marx, and others have given us? Have we? And right here is a duty pointed out to every one of us, for we cannot provide this wanting material for our structure until we first prepare it by preparing ourselves. The duty is there, not because any one has said it is there, but because it is. That is the way an intellectual work has to be done, from the very nature of the case, and ours is an intellectual work.

And right here is the heart and core of our problem, and of its solution. When we decide this and act upon our decision, we have removed the mountain, so far as our individual part is concerned. We are then in a position to act, to move with power.

And now, My Dear Comrade, have you considered well this fundamental fact? That no one ever knows a thing well and surely until he has taught it to some one else? We are never sure of our ground until we put our thought into words, and when we teach, that is what we learn to do. You see we learn more ourselves when we teach than the other fellow learns from us. But he learns some. And isn't it fine, almost wonderful, that nature has so constructed us that when we learn best ourselves, some one else also learns something at the same time? It looks as if Mother Nature really intended us to be Socialists. But instead of acting to the fullest extent upon her suggestion, we most of the time confine our strongest and most beautiful thoughts, to ourselves, and say only the most insignificant commonplace things we can think of to our brother heirs to the great heritage of science. And sad to say, we neglect, most of the time, the splendid works of the masters, and fasten upon ourselves the habit of being content with cheap imitation and hollow nonsense. And sadder still, we refuse to give the gems of thought wrought out by master minds over to our brother whose lot in life makes it impossible for him to delve in those mines of intellectual joy, and we shirk from one year's end to another the duty that even nature herself has tried to force upon us. We shift the burden of responsibility on to the shoulders of those to whom to remain silent when the world needs the word of enlightenment so terribly as it does today, is torture to force upon us. We shift the burden of responsibility on to the shoulders of those to whom to remain silent when the world needs the word of enlightenment so terribly as it does today, is torture to force upon us.

Comrades, if we shirk much longer, some body's children are going to have an awful time of it. We may shirk until their doom to the end of time. Remember we have war today, and censorship, and suppression, and repression, and if these become chronic, if we permit them to become chronic, worse still will follow in their wake!

PART THREE.

We do not expect all to be particularly interested in political action and social questions. What we want, what we do expect, and what we will yet see, is that those who are already heart and soul and mind interested in these very things will shake off that vice-like clamp which modern methods and the slippery modern deceit of the glib ones have forced upon these earnest souls. They will yet gather courage to face the dan-

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good man had. WE KNOW that the State is the Executive Engine of the Capitalist Class. Who the particular engineer of that engine may be is a matter of little consequence to us. It is the engine we wish to abolish. Reformers would only change engineers.

We do not have the space to list all the foolishnesses of the reformers. Reformers would only add a patch here and there to the outworn garment of capitalism. Take Fred Warren's advocacy of government ownership of gunfactories as an example of the whole mess. Why did he advocate them? For the benefit of the working class? Doesn't that sound fine "government ownership of gunfactories for the benefit of the workingclass?"

"Prison Reform for the benefit of the working class" for the benefit of the working class? BOSH! Reform movements are not SOCIALIST movements.

What is Socialism?

Socialism is, (and here somebody pops up with the question "is it?"). We neglected to state the brand of Socialism which hoped to go off all by his lonesome and there on a space six miles by three establish a little Icaria, a Home Colony, or a New Jerusalem, but then as there are more varieties of wishy-washy Socialists than Heinz ever got out in his pickle industry, we are naturally prohibited from mentioning them all. Space does not permit it. EVERY colony ever attempted to be established by so-called Socialists has been a conspicuous failure. The latest and most conspicuous failure being that of Job (pronounced Job, or one who would job you) Harriman at Llano, Cal. There is a scientific reason why this is always true. The answer is in the classical Socialist literature, the "Manifesto", and "Socialism, Utopian and Scientific."

What is Socialism? As far as our limited information permits us to know, the best definition ever written, was written by Frederick Engels in his Socialism, Utopian and Scientific, wherein he says: "Modern Socialism is, in its essence the direct product of the RECOGNITION on the one hand of the CLASS ANTAGONISMS existing in the society of today, between proprietors and non-proprietors (and this holds good whether it be tailor shops, clothing stores, municipal ice-cream foundries and coal docks or gigantic industrial plants, Ed.) between capitalists and wage workers, on the other hand of the anarchy existing in production."

There it is in the language of a mastermind. "Anarchy existing in production". That means, Workers making all the luxuries and living on bare necessities. No system except a robbing system. No coordination between production and consumption. Producers in want, Non-producers in idleness and ease. The struggle of the classes everywhere apparent. Socialism is founded upon the class struggle. "On the ground of the class-struggle we are invincible, away from it we are lost" said Liebknecht. History has proven the truth of his assertion. And that is what Socialism is.

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committee on war and militarism as the St. Louis Convention, who was found guilty and sentenced to five years imprisonment for alleged seditious utterances in a speech at Bowman, North Dakota, last summer.

Mrs. O'Hare was formerly a member of the national executive committee and also international secretary. She is one of the most powerful woman speakers in the party.

Light South Dakota Case.
It was decided to put up a strenuous fight in behalf of William J. Head, Mitchell, South Dakota, sentenced to three years in the federal prison at Leavenworth, Kansas, for circulating a petition to congress asking for the repeal of the conscription law and expressing an opinion that the law was unconstitutional and could not be enforced.

Plans to secure justice in this case were left in the hands of Adolph Germer, party national secretary, and Seymour Stedman, the party counsel.

Morris Hillquit was asked to represent the committee in behalf of the four Socialists as Albany, N. Y., convicted to distributing "The Price We Pay."

Aid Women's Work in West.
The sum of \$150.00 was voted to carry on special organization work among women in California.

It was also decided to send Ella Reeve Bloor into New York State, where the women have just been enfranchised, where she will conduct an organization campaign of at least 60 days.

Anna A. Maley was appointed to arrange for field work among women in co-operation with National Secretary Germer.

Take Over Young People's Magazine
Plans were made of a conference with Meyer London, the lone Socialist congressman, at the next meeting of the committee. In the meantime Seymour Stedman will confer with London on proposed legislation during the present session of congress.

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SOCIALISM AT LAST?

Finally, after many years, the dream of Chaw's Edward Russell, the New Appeal and all the various types of hole-and-corner-reform socialists, seems to have some truth. The U. S. is to run the railroads now! Of course the fundamental fact that the wage slaves who herded the box-cars will now be exploited by one big exploiter, instead of a host of lesser ones will not keep the reformers from shouting about their GREAT victory.

Incidentally we have noticed that the government proposes to guarantee the railroads an income based upon their pre-war earnings (!) You see Henry when railroads are drafted they are to be paid on the basis of what they USED to receive. When you were asked to go YOU received NO SUCH GUARANTEE—but then as we have remarked before in these columns, government is but the executive committee of the capitalist class to safeguard capitalist class interests!

MORNING LIAR MAKES A GREAT DISCOVERY.

The astuteness and political vision of the capitalist press is once more justified by the assertion of our morning liar, that the Russian Workingman's government, the Industrial Workers and certain of the radical Socialists aim at a complete overturning of all existing governments! This is certainly a wonderful discovery for the Liar to make—especially as the central fundamental fact of the robbery of the present system of society forms the basis of all the platform lectures and propaganda put out by these organizations for so these many years. Poverty and Capitalism go hand and hand. Millionaires and paupers grow on the same bush. We DO aim to change all existing forms of government—change them from organizations kept up to exploit wage-earners to organizations for the administration of the affairs of industry.

THE WIND SHALL BLOW ONLY FROM THE SOUTH FROM NOW ON.

Governmental tinkers and price fixers have yet to learn the fundamental economic truth that prices are governed by natural laws and all sorts of schemes and short cuts to the New Jerusalem are in their very nature doomed to defeat and disappointment.

CONSCRIPTION OVERTHROWN IN AUSTRALIA.

That was the news recently heralded by the capitalist press. RUSSIA SENDS DELEGATES TO U. S.

Seattle, Wash., Dec. 22—It is formally announced that the Russian Workingman's government is anxious to get in touch with workers of all the world; with the revolutionary forces in Europe and America and as far as we can see their delegates are now here for that purpose.

THE TRAGEDY OF IT ALL.

On Christmas morning the writer of these lines had the pleasure of witnessing the raptures, the supreme ecstasies, the joys unconfined of a little boy whose stocking was well filled and who had received upon the great gift day the presents his little heart had yearned for, and as we viewed his unalloyed joy and particularly the things which filled his heart with rapture we were particularly impressed with the STUPIDITY of the working class in general.

Here was a little shaver, born into the world, just a normal healthy boy, who was transported to the supreme heights of joy by receiving an imitation of a submarine, a toy cannon, and a mosquito-bar stocking filled with a paper horn, a paper whistle, a paper jumping jack, a little rubber ball and a few nuts and some Christmas candies! And as we watched the joy of the youth we could not help but speculate and wonder upon the colossal STUPIDITY of the human work beast. Here is an animal that can fashion the material representatives of the fabled Angels of Heaven. Here is an animal that can measure the stars, trace the orbit of the suns, tunnel the mountains and bridge the rivers. Here is an animal that makes all the common necessities and all the luxuries. His young, well pleased with a paltry imitation stocking, with less than a dollar's worth of gifts all told and yet raised to the heaven of ecstasy, his neighbor's boy, who is also a human animal, also capable of the same enjoyment, robbed, denied kept from even the simple pleasures afforded by the simple gifts, and as we looked we wondered, How Long? Oh, how long will it be before the human animal will rise to its title, and DESERVE its title "wise".

Comrades—Use for Study Class work the educational articles in this issue. They should be STUDIED. Save them for Class Work.

Emancipation from WAGE SLAVERY is Freedom's other name.

The only Socialism that the capitalist fear is the Socialism which has for its object the abolishment of the WAGE SYSTEM.

The Socialist Party is divided into two groups, revolutionists and reformers. Which are you?



GOOD LUCK TO YOU—AND GOOD BYE.

With issue the present editor closes his work in Duluth and vicinity and will leave at the end of the week for Ohio to assume his new responsibilities. We wish at this time to extend to all our friends and sympathizers, who have done so much to make our work possible the seasons heartiest greetings. We ask for our successor, (whose name we do not yet know) the same loyalty and solidarity which has so generously been accorded to us. May he aid you in solving your problems and may you unitedly and loyally aid him in solving the various problems which necessarily go with a working class venture in the midst of Capitalism.

We leave our study classes with regret and it is our earnest wish that those now interested will keep up the interest and continue the classes. May new members be added to them until all the workers in this vicinity are familiar with the fundamentals of Proletarian Science. Again thanking one and all for past favors and wishing Truth and its large army of readers continued success I am, Yours in Comradeship, W. E. Reynolds.

THE WHY OF IT.

"The strength of the fighter is the strength of his faith" said Fredrick Scott Oliver. (We guess he said it, anyhow it was a screamer over the top of Duluth's most reactionary newspaper). Dynamic opinion; based upon KNOWLEDGE produces dynamic ACTION. That is why "the heart of a revolutionary Socialist never beats a retreat". (That last quotation is taken from the stationery of the Socialist Party of Ohio).

HAPPY NEW YEAR.

That phrase was probably repeated a million times in Duluth during the past week. Out of the entire number of word and phrase moulders, just how many will really make any attempt to make it possible for anybody to have a real Happy New Year? Personally we overheard one of the greatest exploiters of labor in Duluth wish an underling a "Happy New Year", and we KNEW when we heard it that if that same underling had attempted to ORGANIZE, had gone on strike for shorter hours or higher wages, we knew this same phrase-monger who said "Happy New Year" so glibly would have been the first to have called for the home guard or other strike breaking agencies to keep the worker from receiving that which would enable them to really and truly have a "Happy New Year". Whenever WE wish anybody a "Happy New Year" we want them to know that WE are doing all we can to make it possible for EVERYBODY of the WORKING CLASS to have an OPPORTUNITY to be happy.

HAPPY NEW YEAR!

ARE YOU EXPLORING A CREEK OR THE MAIN STREAM?

A story is told of a certain explorer who made a mistake when he attempted to explore a certain river. He started all right, branched off from the main stream at the first creek and explored the creek. We have many, many creek explorers in the Socialist movement. Our advice freely and gladly given is this: Keep your eye on the main stream. We have tinkered with reforms ever since the Yiddisher of Nazarene bade the woman to go and sin no more. As we see it however our only cure is the complete and final abolition of the wages system.

Hoover advised eating fowl. Did you eat too much turkey on Xmas?



WHO IS THIS MAN?

The man that named our country. The man first to advocate independence of our country.

The man who did more to achieve this independence than any other man, giving his pen, tongue, sword and pocket book to the cause.

The man that in the darker hour of the Revolution wrote the "Crisis," commencing with the words, "These are the times that try men's souls."

Do you know that General Washington ordered this mighty work to be read to the army once a week?

The man who was joint author of the Declaration of Independence with Jefferson.

The man who borrowed ten million dollars from Louis XVI to feed and clothe the American army.

The man first to urge the making of North America in order to supply the army.

Napoleon said in toasting him at a banquet, "Every city in the world should erect a gold statue to you."

The author of the "Rights of Man" acknowledged to be the greatest

work ever written on Political Freedom.

This masterpiece gave free speech and a free press to England and America.

The man that first said, "The world is my country, to do good is my religion."

The man known as "The Great Commoner of Mankind," the "Founder of the Republic of the World."

The man first to urge the making of our constitution.

The man first to suggest the Federal Union of the states and to bring it about.

The man first to propose the Louisiana Purchase.

The man first to demand justice for women.

The man first to plead for the dumb animals.

The man first to advocate international arbitration.

The man first to propose old age pensions.

The man first to propose "The land for the people."

The man that invented and built the first iron bridge.

That man was Thomas Paine.

ACTION BASED ON EDUCATION

When the I. W. W.'s were called upon to fight fire and save the timber in Idaho and Washington, what accounted for the promptness with which they acted? We say "Action based on Education." Why did they not wait for the "Leaders" of the strike to say whether they should save the property which, legally, belongs in absolute title to the capitalists against whom they were striking?

One of the most splendid examples of working class intelligence—or of human intelligence we ought to say (but in reality the two terms cover the same scope)—is our answer. These men, every one, understand that a strike is a feature of the class struggle; they know exactly what they are striking for, when they strike. But they also know just as well from where come the food, fuel, clothing, and shelter for the human family. They know every one of them, that the earth and its resources, timber, land, mines, and water and sunshine, are the eternal, unending source of man's life and happiness. Just as they understand that a strike is one means of securing conditions for a more just distribution of the wealth, that labor wrests from nature's grasp, they know that so long as the bodies of men have their present physiological constitution, avoidable destruction of the sources of this wealth is a crime.

When we say they know, we mean just that, and we put the emphasis on "they know." They do know. In other words, they are educated. And their education is real, scientific education, practical and practicable as well as theoretical. Their education is the basis of their action.

Does any one question this conclusion? Does any one think we are not quite justified in our assertions? Well, let him think for just one moment of the workers of the 18th century upon whom the procession of passing events thrust the responsibility of meeting the spinning jenny and the power loom. Let him think for an instant of the actions of the Food Hogs of today in allowing potatoes to stand on side-tracks in ear-load lots until they rot, while the "committee of the ruling class" tell us we must count the potatoes our children eat. We shall venture to say that he will conclude with us that all these groups have acted on the kind of education they possessed and that we are amply justified in calling special attention to the fact, that these actions of the I. W. W. are "Actions Based on Education."

We wish that they were better educated. But so do they. There is one thing else that we wish still more fervently. That one thing else is that more of the workers were as well educated. Speaking from the viewpoint of education, the trades unionists are merely so many sheep following the lead of their old decoy, Compters; while the members of the Industrial Union are men of ideas, men of self-reliance, men of action. One group is busy licking up the soup thrown out by the paid henchmen of the ruling class, while the others are acting on their own initiative made useful by knowledge of the science of economics and of history. One knows nothing that helps him economically; the other has grasped firmly those ideas which form the very essence of power in the Class Struggle.

The laws underlying proper organization and the laws of social science are the same. When men know the laws of science and the causes of the Class Struggle, those men are capable of action, whether they are in an "official" position or not. Every such man knows the principles upon which the movement is based, and he knows how to apply those principles to new sets of facts just as well as the other fellow does. Hence, when the "leaders" are made captive, the "rank and file" go on just the same, applying the principles to whatever circumstances arise the following day. They make use of their knowledge of social science, and they base their actions on their education. Their education will stand the strain.

Our main reason for wishing them to be better educated is the same reason for wishing all others better educated. The world will be free when the world is enlightened, and it is being enlightened just as rapidly as its teachers are able to spread the light of truth concerning our social life. But the truth concerning social life is found in science, beginning with geology and chem-

istry and extending through economics and beyond. We need more teachers in order to enlighten the millions of slaves in the A. F. of L., among the professional pedagogues, the farmers, the miners, the workers everywhere who are not yet educated in the truth of today.

Give us enough teachers who know thoroughly the basic truths, and we shall soon all be able to meet the responsibilities of today's social and economic conditions with eyes open and heads erect, and all be capable of Action Based on Education.

FRANK S. HANNEN
In the Marxian Messenger.

EDUCATION AND THE WORKERS

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gers of their own fear and the blazing fagots of their scorn, tear loose their tongues and pens, and with a steady poise put their burning thought into the best words they have, and speak out those gems of working-class ideas in a way that will rally our working-class brothers by the million to the class-conscious intelligent world conquering banner of Industrial Democracy.

I catch now the eye of one over here, who is stepping forward to take his place in the ranks of those who have decided with a determination that knows no defeat, to sharpen through practice and study, and more study and practice, their intellectual weapons to the finest possible edge, and to use them for forcing the freedom of the working-class.

Over there I see another, and still others. My mind's eye sees in the near future thousands upon thousands of courageous workers, who, in spite of the stifling influence of class-ruled books and churches and papers are matching their matchless intellects, hitherto held dumb by the flashing appearance of inferior pretenders, with the cultured polished products of the conventional halls. Speaking and writing and teaching the inspiring truths of science.

With calm, steady brain and unflinching courage in the frozen face of the pimp-eyed pretending, pretitudes of plutocracy's gold, they are inspiring their brother slaves with a new vision of life. A vision constructed from the ideas of modern science by means of which man's intellect has broken its shell ignorance and is freeing itself from the fetter of superstition bound so tightly upon the brains of the workers by those lovers of darkness, the limps and retainers of the ruling-class.

These will awaken other thousands of workers who are robbed of the opportunity to learn in school the magic power of language and of thought. And they will awaken other tens of thousands whose minds in the tenderness and innocence of childhood have been dulled in the grinding mill of lifeless death-dealing machine processes by which the joy of children's lives has been nailed in school, to the cross of empty forms.

There are millions of workers who can learn to know and to teach the truths of science. No one but a worker with a worker's experiences, and a worker's sympathies can well and truly learn these truths today. Only a few hundred will learn today. But tomorrow, those hundreds will enlighten thousands, and on the glorious dawning of that splendid day-after-tomorrow the flashing, joyous transcendent light and life and beauty of scientific knowledge will dart like chain lightning from brain to brain of all who are found among the workers of the world and industrial democracy will be proclaimed amid gladness and song the fundamental basis of social, intellectual, free human life.

In the minds of many, this plea for more education, if it finds the responsive chord which it is seeking, will arouse the question "How?" and we would feel that we had neglected our duty did we not point the way—one way—to the accomplishment of the work of a teacher.

Choose a masterpiece in history, or in economics, one in biology, one in geology. If we may go one step farther toward the position of adviser, and suggest what books depend upon, we will say.

Communist Manifesto in History. Value, Price and Profit in Economics.

Primitive Man, by Clodd or Evolution of Man, by Brelsche, in Biology, and Compend of Geology, by Le Conte, in Geology.

Take each book, read it and study it, paragraph by paragraph, chapter by chapter, page by page; per-

THE HELL BOX

BOOSTS, BRICKBATS and BOKAYS
Open to all. Limit 300 Words.
Contributions Invited.

Dear Comrade Reynolds:

The Spectre is becoming a Reality! The prosti-plute press is beginning to mix in a few decent words and an occasional sensible thought. Recognition by the American people of the power and dignity of the only Entente ally in which the voice of the people is supreme, is forcing the bellyachers to use some reasonable language.

The courts are heeding the rumbling of the Social Revolution, and discrediting the autocratic acrobatics of the puffed up clowns of censorship. The class-conscious vote of the working class is now rid of its "Leading Men", at least for the present, and is taking on a healthy growth—a feat that it should have performed, and would have performed before the war if the workers hadn't been foolishly transfixed by the flashing phrases and the brilliant oratory of "radical manufacturers of radical literature." "Truth" is being recognized by those who were too close to snobocracy to recognize ordinary people, until Burleson, Lamar and Co. brought the levelling arm of convincing power across their white-collared necks. Pride goeth before a fall, and the more upish the pride, the greater the fall of the subject thereof.

All hail to our Editors! Comrades, you have labored long and faithfully for us and our cause! Those of less courage would have become peeved and given up, when those who grafted on the movement were having their brazen names heralded from lip to lip of the hypnotized Dubs of the "radical literature" spell. But now you are beginning to reap the reward of your perseverance, your faithfulness, and your determined efforts to teach Henry to study so he will understand that in a knowledge of the basic principles of social science lies his salvation.

We get a little bit of individual consoling, revengeful satisfaction out of the demand by the Non-partisan League for state-operated paper mills. "We told you so" that the small newspaper would be the evangelist and saviour of our political souls en masse. What a field of opportunity the immediate future unrolls before the worthy young rebel who is studying the sciences, and teaching the sciences, preparing himself for the roll of—not the world famed orator—but the local teacher, the organizer of study-classes for and of workers, the sure and steady expounder of fundamental principles which every rebel must get before he will ever be anything but a disappointing horn-croter with his feet in the air and his mind's eye fixed on fame.

Fraternally

FRANK S. HANNEN.

Superior, Wis.,
December 23, 1917.

Mr. W. E. Reynolds,

Editor "Truth".

Dear Comrade:

Enclosed please find two subs and postage.

I know nothing that I could add to or take away that would make "Truth" any better paper, I have practically read every paper in the United States even to the "Commoner" and I consider "Truth" the most perfect paper for "truth" and "intelligence" I ever read. I would like to see every working man in the United States that has one spark of principle a subscriber to "Truth" and no doubt there would be a great many of them after reading a few copies, who would probably be able to hold a more sensible conversation.

I consider "Truth" the best sheet published in the United States so let us make it the largest. Look out for some more subs, from

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Follow him carefully, day after day, week after week, year after year. Each day you will find yourself coming nearer and nearer to your author's thought and your author's style.

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