

DEMOCRACY IN POLITICS AND AUTOCRACY IN INDUSTRY MAKE OF CAPITALISM A HIDEOUS FARCE OF SCREAMING CONTRADICTIONS. ---EUGENE V. DEBS.

WE stand in the presence of a revolution—not a bloody revolution; America is not given to the spilling of blood—but a silent revolution, whereby America will insist upon recovering in practice those ideals which she has always professed, upon securing a government devoted to the general interests and not the special interests.—Woodrow Wilson in the New Freedom.

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BATTLE TO SAVE MOONEY IS ON IN SUPREME COURT

Two Appeals for New Trial Denied—Pres. Wilson Urged to Act.

San Francisco.—The tedious battle for Tom Mooney's life is still in progress in the state supreme court on appeal from Judge Griffin's denial of the writ of coram nobis. The supreme court has already denied two appeals for a new trial, one made by State Attorney General Ulysses S. Webb and the other made by the defense counsel.

This court is constituted of lawyers and openly hostile to organized labor. There is consequently no hope of ameliorative action at their hands.

Judge Griffin's Excuse.

Judge Griffin stated in his court, in answer to the demand of defense council for an immediate trial for Mooney in his court, that he could not grant it. He said:

"If I proceeded with a new trial and Gov. Stephens acted adversely on President Wilson's request for a new trial, I would be placed in an awkward position. I hope the governor acts favorably on the president's request and grants a reprieve, so that a new trial may be had. I have done all I can toward that end."

July 28 Mooney Day.

All the cases were then postponed for 60 days. The supreme court decision, in all probability, will be given by the end of the week.

The organized labor movement of the entire country has taken up the celebration of Mooney Day, Sunday, July 28, with a will. John H. Walker, of the federal mediation board, president of the Illinois Federation of Labor, and Daniel C. Murphy, president of the California State Federation of Labor, will be the principal speakers at the San Francisco demonstration to be held in Dreamland rink.

Plans Series of Meetings.

From all sections of the United States have come messages of encouragement. Union men everywhere are planning meetings.

A form of pledge has been circulated which will be taken at these meetings and reads as follows:

"I pledge allegiance to my flag and to the republic for which it stands. One nation, indivisible, with liberty and justice for all—including Tom Mooney."

One such meeting is expected in every large city, and many small towns are arranging for them. As a result of this public protest, a delegation of labor men will proceed to Washington to appear before President Wilson on July 29.

To Wait on Wilson.

The purpose of the visit will be to urge the president to comply with the resolution passed at the A. F. of L. convention, to take the entire matter out of the hands of the courts of California and transfer it to the jurisdiction of the federal government.

The president has the power to do this, it is claimed, by the rights vested in him as commander-in-chief of the army and navy.



Then rise as you never rose before!
Nor hoped before!
Nor dared before!
And show as was never shown before,
The power that lies in you!
Stand all as one!
See justice done!
Believe, and Dare, and Do!
—Charlotte Gilman.

LIBERTY

By WALT WHITMAN.

Those corpses of young men,
Those martyrs that hang from the gibbets—those hearts
pierced by gray lead,
Cold and motionless as they seem, live elsewhere with
unslaughtered vitality.

They live in other young men, O kings!
They live again in brothers ready to defy yop!
They were purified by death—they were taught and
exalted.

Not a grave of the murdered for freedom, but grows
seed for freedom, in its turn to bear seed,
Which the winds carry afar and resow, and the rains
and the snows nourish.

Not a disembodied spirit can the weapons of tyrants let
loose,
But it stalks invisibly over the earth, whispering, coun-
ciling, cautioning.

Liberty! let others despair of you! I never despair of
you;
Is that house shut? Is the master away?
Nevertheless, be ready—be not weary of watching;
He will return soon—his messengers come anon.

DEBS REFUSES NOMINATION

Physical Condition and Busy Months Ahead Given as Causes.

Eugene V. Debs, Socialist leader of Terre Haute, Wednesday noon declined to accept the nomination as Socialist candidate for congress in the Fifth Congressional district.

In a letter sent to John Edwards, district chairman of the Socialist party declined to accept the nomination.

J. Harvey Caldwell, a member of the notification committee, stated Wednesday noon that another district convention will be held soon to nominate another candidate, as the party will be represented in the coming campaign.

The letter of Debs in refusing the nomination is as follows:

"Dear Comrade Edwards:
"Very fully d - appreci-

ate the nomination for congress tendered to me by my comrades, especially under the circumstances in which the nomination came to me, and very gladly would I accept the honor if I were able to do so. But there are reasons in my present situation, physical and other, which make this absolutely impossible. The coming months promise to be very busy for me, and I have already more in hand than I can well manage, and am, therefore, compelled, much to my regret, to decline the nomination.

"Under all ordinary circumstances I realize it to be my duty to serve the cause in any way my comrades may think best and to yield willing obedience to their wishes, but my situation at present for obvious reasons forbids this, and I am reluctantly obliged to inform you and through you the district committee and the comrades of the Fifth district in general that greatly as I appreciate the honor they have conferred upon me, and the confidence it implies, that I cannot possibly in justice either to the party or myself accept the nomination.

"Allow me to express to your committee and to each comrade in the district my hearty thanks for the kind partiality and generous consideration shown me. I need not assure you that I am with you in all things that may be undertaken to vitalize the Socialist propaganda, wage a successful working-class campaign, and spread the light of socialism among the masses.

"What is now needed above all things is sound education, the kind that clarifies the minds of the workers and enables them to see the international struggle of the working class against their exploiters and oppressors, and teaches them to organize their industrial and political forces and develop their power as a class that they may abolish the prevailing capitalist system of exploitation, emancipate the toiling masses of all nations, and bring democracy and peace, freedom and self-government, brotherhood and love to a war-torn, blood-drenched and distracted world."

BRITISH MINERS TO ASK
NEW TRIAL FOR MOONEY

London.—The Miners' Federation, during a conference Wednesday, decided to cable President Wilson and Gov. Stephens, California, urging a new trial for Thomas Mooney, under sentence of death for alleged complicity in the "preparedness parade bomb plot." John Smillie, president of the federation, in introducing John Mooney, San Francisco, said: "Mooney's brother is under sentence of death. I believe the case is a frameup of capitalists against labor."

THEY cannot stay the International organization of the working class.

TOM MOONEY AND EUGENE V. DEBS

We are not addressing those who are members of our movement, we know too well where your sympathy lies in respect to the above two comrades of our movement. It is you, Mr. Worker, you the one that really believes that it is the ordained task of the editors of the capitalist papers to tell you what is right or wrong.

Listen for a moment. Suppose for a moment you wandered into the federal court and you heard a case being tried? Suppose you heard witnesses tell absolute falsehoods and afterwards it was clearly proved that they lied? Suppose the district attorney told these people to lie? Suppose also that it was clearly proven that the prosecution had tried to bribe witnesses? Would you as a jurymen convict the prisoner being tried? Would you not think that a grave mistake was being made, if he was being sent to prison? Of course you would!

Well, in San Francisco County Jail there lies a man named Tom Mooney. He is now under the sentence of death. In a few days, the black cap will have been placed upon his head and with the passing of a few seconds his lifeless body will swing from the scaffold. This man is innocent. His prosecutors have lied and bribed, to obtain evidence. Every prostitute, gunman or dope-fiend was got to convict him. For being true to your interests, TOM MOONEY HAS BEEN CONDEMNED TO DEATH.

We want to appeal you to send a letter of protest to the Governor of California. Do it at once or Tom Mooney will hang. Men, we are appealing to you now, as we never appealed to you before. Before our eyes we can see the lifeless body of Tom Mooney hanging from the scaffold. We can hear the shriek of his heart-broken poor old mother. We can hear the demoniacal laughter of his persecutors. Let your red blood flow and show that you are at least a man. The world today has advanced a long way, but not far enough to banish barbarians from our midst. There are some left in San Francisco. Will you stand idly by and watch this outrage carried out? Men, you that have sons; you that have fathers; women, you that have sweethearts; women, you that have husbands; women, you that have fathers—you will not let Mrs. Mooney be robbed of her own boy? May our words write themselves upon your heart with all the acid pains of the social injustice that is being perpetrated upon Tom Mooney. Do not delay but write at once to the Governor. If you can afford, wire. Every second counts. Stay the pulling of the rope. This you can do. Will you do it? Sure.

On July 30th, a wellknown lovable comrade of our movement will be tried. The chances are that he may have to go to prison. The one we refer to is Gene Debs. Say, men and women, words of mine can never convey to you the real character of a man like Debs. Say, read this, we will let the man speak for himself:

"Children! What a holy theme! Flowers they are, with souls in them, and if on this earth man has a sacred charge, a holy obligation, it is to these tender buds and blossoms of humanity."

Say fathers, say mothers, would you feel safe in placing the care of your children in the hands of such a man? Guess you would rather place your children in the care of such a man than in the hands of the child slavers, who are making huge fortunes out of child labor. Guess you would rather trust Gene Debs than the men who tell you that child labor laws are unconstitutional.

When they drove the unfortunate women out of Terre Haute, the only man whose heart opened out to those poor unfortunate outcasts was Gene Debs. He took one into his house. Debs did not care what people thought. The woman wanted a home and she got a good one. We want to appeal to you, to support Debs in his trial. We want all of you to send a dollar to Adolph Germer, 803 West Madison St., Chicago, Ill. Germer is looking after the defense fund of Debs. You will do this. Do it just for once in your life.

Men and women, you do not know Debs like we do. It has never been your good fortune to shake that fine old man by the hand. You do not know what a man can do, until you know Debs. You cannot measure the depth of love and real feeling that lies in man, until you have met Debs.

Comrades, will you send that dollar along? Send just one dollar. Send it now and you will do something to make your movement worth while.

When the fields are full of happy children and they dance around the green, then in that joyful day we will all realize the worth and work of Gene Debs. When the brothel doors are all closed and womanhood is held sacred and women no longer weep, guess our hearts will go out to dear old Gene. The fight is hard for a young one like us, but what it must be for a man like Gene. Read the following:

"And in the close intimacy of our brother-comradery I have found no fault in GENE; for he is as faithful and tender as my dear old Mother, who loves him, blessed him and bade him kiss her, as brave as a lion, as gentle as a woman, as honest and straightforward as a little child, as white, clean and sweet of soul as his elder brothers, LINCOLN and CHRIST—and these are Nature's noblest noblemen."—W. E. P. French, U. S. Army.

"Eugene V. Debs! This is one of the greatest names of the century. No one—not even a political enemy—has ever said that Debs is not sincere to the core of his heart. It is an event to meet this courageous friend of man. The grasp of his hand is comforting, the look of his lighted face is an inspiration. In that one look you are taken into the door of his home, seated at his table, warmed at his chimney fire!"—Edwin Markham.

Many others can be quoted, but space will not permit. Will you send your tribute in the form of a dollar bill? Of course you will!

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SUPERIOR NEWS

EDITED BY ARVID NELSON.

SOCIALIST CANDIDATES.

The following is a list of the candidates recently nominated by the Socialist Party of Douglas County for the coming fall elections:

For congressman from the eleventh district, John P. Jensen.

For state senator, C. L. Carlin.

For assemblyman from the first district, John Nummivirt.

For assemblyman from the second district, Wm. H. Cleveland.

For county clerk, Arvid Nelson.

For county treasurer, Otto Arlund.

For county sheriff, Thomas Horner.

For county coroner, Dr. M. A. Lee.

For clerk of the district court, Severi Alanne.

Nomination papers are now being circulated and will soon be filed with the county clerk, excepting the nomination papers for congressman and state senator, which will be forwarded to Madison.

MILLION DOLLAR CAMPAIGN.

The campaign for funds for the Socialist Party Million Dollar Campaign Fund is still in progress under the direction of the Superior Central Committee. The Committee has now requested that the solicitors turn in what funds they have collected so far to be forwarded to the National Headquarters and continue soliciting until advised further. On Sunday a total of \$132.27 had been turned in to the treasurer of the Central Committee, it being the proceeds of two entertainments held by the Finnish Branch and the sums collected with two subscription lists. Over ten lists are still in the hands of solicitors.

In accordance with the plans of the Central Committee, the English and the Scandinavian Branches are yet to hold an entertainment for the benefit of the Fund and the local campaign will then wind up with a joint benefit by all the three branches. It is now certain that several hundred dollars will be realized into the Million Dollar Fund from Superior.

SOCIALIST PICNIC PLANNED.

Superior socialists are planning a picnic to finance the political campaign in Douglas County this year. All the arrangements are in the hands of a sub-committee appointed by the Central Committee. The date has not been decided upon at this writing. It is the intention of the committee to bring in an outside speaker and to make the event a success in every particular.

CAPITALIST SYSTEM FAULTY.

Government Doctor Bares One Phase of Wastefulness and Inefficiency.

Physicians of Superior will have to "pool" their practices so that some of them may enter the service of their country. A rearrangement is expected to take place in the near

future, according to Dr. R. M. Sleyster, who spoke to physicians of Superior and surrounding towns at the Commercial Club.

Dr. Sleyster is examining and enlisting men in the medical reserve corps of the United States army. He stated furthermore that beyond a doubt the age limit for registrants will be raised to 45 by next fall. Dr. Sleyster is medical aide to the governor and often has corresponded with the provost marshal general on subjects of vital interest. He has a thorough and detailed knowledge of conditions in Wisconsin.

"The situation in this state is really serious," said Dr. Sleyster. "There are towns from 500 to 1,000 in population that have not a single physician. We want the doctors in the smaller towns to stay there. They are needed badly just now. If the doctor in a small town leaves, the community is in danger. We are recruiting physicians from the larger cities of the state. The time is coming very soon when the physicians of this city and other cities will have to 'pool' their work. As it is now, a physician will go out to one end of the town to attend a patient, and perhaps another physician will go out to the same part of the city to attend a patient across the street. Such a condition results in a waste of time and labor and will have to be remedied."

Local physicians at the meeting agreed with Dr. Sleyster on this point, and one of the physicians declared that the pooling of the work would do away with the need of at least half of the physicians of the city.—Superior Telegram.

THE HOUSING PROBLEM IN SUPERIOR.

There are 123 vacant houses in the city and but 10 of the entire number are fit for habitation.

The foregoing is the gist of statement made by Mayor Baxter based upon results obtained from a thorough canvass of the city carried on under the mayor's direction during the past week. Two young men covered every nook and corner of the city and reported every vacant house they found.

In the report the location of the building, condition, and owner's or agents name are included. This survey will give the Emergency Fleet corporation at whose request the investigation was made, an excellent means of seeing the problem of housing in Superior.

—Superior Telegram.

All cities under the capitalistic system of administration of public affairs have stupendous housing problems on their hands. The problem is manifesting itself more keenly at the present time in large industrial centers, where the industries are operating to the full extent of their capacity and large forces of labor are employed.

The corrective phase of the housing problem—the providing of better houses for working people—opens up a large field of activity in itself.

The places where many of the workers now live are only called houses by courtesy. They are small and cheap—built to rent, not to live in. They are almost entirely lacking in modern conveniences. They wouldn't show a porcelain bathtub if they saw it waddling down the street on its four short legs. They are heated with primitive stoves. The word "heated" is also used by courtesy. As a matter of fact, the occupants shiver and half freeze throughout the cold weather. Often even gas cooking stoves and electric lights are lacking—to say nothing of the many other conveniences that a modern residence contains.

Then, many of them are badly located—where there is as much noise and thrash and dust as possible. Some of them are situated where the occupants can listen to the sweet music of the freight trains as they go rumbling by.

They are likewise too often built close together—so close that summer breeze would get curvature of the spine trying to weave among

Old rattle-trap tenements also play their part in this human tragedy of the greed of capitalism. For that is what it is—a tragedy of the greed of capitalism. It is wholly due to private ownership.

And the remedy is the anthithesis of private ownership—public ownership.

Forced to it by the war, the government has appropriated \$60,000,000 for the purpose of housing war workers. It was compelled to do it in order that it might get the necessary ships and munitions produced and other necessary war work done.

Naturally, and rightly, it will give its first attention to the provision of proper housing for working people. We hope it will proceed to build the right kind of houses or flats—and that it will be able to overcome all of the many obstructions thrown in the way by obsolete laws and by selfish private interests.

Rent is one of the species of unearned income.

Thousands of people are not financially able to own their own homes, and so they have to rent. Thousands of others do not feel safe in buying homes because their work or their business may compel them to move.

If, therefore, becomes a necessity that someone should own homes—and places of business as well—and rent them to the people.

Private parties are not to be blamed for having done this—it is a part of the system. They have taken advantage of the circumstances in order to make money. Whenever the circumstances will permit, they screw up the rent and exact still more from the tenants. They are allowed by law to make leases that give them every advantage over the tenants.

Multipled millions of dollars are paid to them over and above the expenses of upkeep, etc.—unearned millions.

Instead of blaming the landlords, however, we should blame ourselves for being such dunces as to put up with that sort of thing. It will last just as long as we are fools enough to stand for it—and no longer.

NOT EXAGGERATED.

We differ with Comrade Nelson's assertion, that criticism of the internal affairs of the Socialist movement is out of place in a SOCIALIST paper. We believe that only by a frank and open discussion can we obtain a real knowledge of the fundamentals of Socialism.

It is strange that Comrade Nelson should state that criticism is out of place in a Socialist paper, yet he himself sends his criticism to the Socialist press.

We advocated revolutionary tactics before we met the present editor of Truth.

Comrade Nelson read our report of the convention of the State Socialist Party, before the criticism of the editor of the Truth had appeared. We merely stated facts. Facts

that cannot be disputed, because they only state the truth of what really transpired at the State Convention. We stated that the Convention went on record as compromising with the Nonpartisan League. Furthermore, they refused to endorse industrial unionism. Will Comrade Nelson show to us where we exaggerated the facts?

Our English delegate Ben Marsh, a man with a splendid character, but unfortunately not well grounded in the Socialist principles, became disgusted with the compromising tactics of the Convention, and resigned from the party. He is now a candidate on an old party ticket, believing that if we want reforms, the old parties will give them to us. This is the fruit of the party's failure to agitate for the real solution of the social problem and wasting its time on reforms.

It is my personal opinion, that:

One editorial to enlighten the workers is worth more than a thousand votes obtained under false pretenses. We are not satisfied with the showing of the German Socialists in the present war. Despite the fact that they could count on millions of votes and had 111 "socialist" members in the Reichstag.

The German Socialists failed because they were divorced from the industrial machine. There was no direct contact with the workers, after their parliamentary tactics had failed. If they had had a strong industrial organization of their four million voters, they would have the necessary power to back up their political demands. The failure of the German Socialists should act as a warning to us in America.

Our aim must be the ABOLITION OF CAPITALISM, not PETTY REFORMS.

Joseph R. Booth.

(Comrade Nelson, if he so desires, can reply to the above. With his reply the discussion will close.—Ed.)

BROTHERHOOD RAILWAY CARMEN OF AMERICA

Superior Lodge No. 662. Superior Lodge No. 662, B. R. C. of A., in session, has passed the following resolutions:

Whereas, The B. R. C. of A. has been in existence for the past some thirty years, for the sole purpose of bringing about better conditions for the carmen and public in general, and

Whereas, The carmen in general of the United States have not been unpaid, but have been only half paid, for their loyal service and faithfulness to the Great Railway System of the United States, and to the public in general. We cannot speak too highly of the officers and members of the B. R. C. of A. as to their loyalty; and

Whereas, we beg to call your attention to the discontent and unrest of organized labor, brought about through this unjustly delayed wage-commission controversy; therefore be it

Resolved, That we, as a body, beg to advise you, that the decision rendered by this wage-commission either means life or death to our organization. If they give us a creditable decision, it means life; if a discreditable decision, it means death, and we as body of useful servants would not think of a strike, while our country is at war, as we know from past experience that strikes are a failure to the working class; therefore, be it

Resolved, That if we fail to get justice through this one supreme test of the strength of the B. R. C. of A., that we pledge our sacred "Word and Honor," that we will use our power with a much greater effect than the thoughts of a general strike; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we have fought the battle and lost, we will then pledge our whole support and co-operation, not only with the "One Great Industrial Union," but also politically, for the sole purpose of abolishing the whole wage-slave system of this country; therefore, be it

Resolved, That we will join hands and march on, on and on triumphantly, until we banish wage-slavery

off the face of the earth. We will then give all profiteers, all prostitutes of labor, all parasites and all men, that have derived immense fortunes off of the unpaid toilers a chance to fulfill their teachings of some two thousand years, a chance to "earn their bread by the sweat of their brow," and when this has been accomplished, we will then raise our banner of Industrial Unionism, with gratitude to the unpaid toilers of the world, and declare, "Peace on Earth and Good Will to Men." Now, therefore, be it

Resolved, That copies of this resolution be sent to W. G. McAdoo, Director General, Washington, D. C., and to the B. R. C. of A. Journal for publication, and also a copy placed on our minutes.

Yours Fraternally,

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PHILOSOPHY OF A FOOL

(Continued From Page 4)

Death gathers the seeds of the New Time, that they may grow.

With decaying systems it manures them; with putrefying civilizations it enriches the fields from which will be gleaned the harvests of the Better Day.

Death is our greatest good. It protects us from the petrifying influences of old age; it dowers us with the gift of perpetual youth.

Exempt it, therefore, from your revolutionary studies, O woman of Russia.

For I assure you, with all the sincerity of one who was not born to foolishness, but achieved it, that the day you teach man to live without death you make a winding sheet of his intellect and coffin of his heart.

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Socialists of Nation Called Upon to Unite in Defense of Debs and Aid Big Struggle for Free Speech.

(Special Correspondence.)
Chicago, Ill., July 18.—"Is the anti-free speech legislation recently adopted by Congress constitutional?"

That is the big issue at stake in the indictment of Eugene V. Debs, for whom nearly one million votes were cast as Socialist candidate for president in 1912.

Debs believes that the gag put on free speech by legislative enactment is unconstitutional, declaring that if the United States supreme court nevertheless holds the law constitutional then the constitution itself is unconstitutional.

Oliver C. Wilson, congressional campaign manager of the Socialist Party and financial director of the MILLION DOLLAR FUND, has just returned to Chicago after a conference with Debs, at the Socialist veteran's home at Terre Haute, Indiana.

Wilson made all arrangements to have the National Office of the Socialist Party take over Debs' defense and direct this struggle for the preservation of the right of free speech.

"This is a national issue and I am glad to have the national Socialist Party take charge of the case," said Debs, in readily agreeing to the arrangements that had been made.

"This is a fight for free speech," he continued. "If it was a matter that affected me alone I would not hesitate to go into the case without a lawyer and wait the decision of the court. But this attack is not directed at me. It is not a personal matter. It is a blow at free speech. It is the government's big case, into which it will put all of its energy and we must stand up and meet the attack."

The Cleveland dailies declare that the indictment against Debs was not returned until Attorney General Gregory had been consulted at Washington. This, in addition to the fact that the indictment was drawn under the new law, puts the entire government censorship of speech policy on trial. If Debs is acquitted that will mean that the government's suppression of speech has been repudiated by the courts, and it is not unlikely that the many anti-free speech cases now pending will be dismissed, while prison doors may open for those already convicted and serving sentences. If Debs is convicted that will mean that the department of justice will have a free hand to go ahead and crush out all semblance of free speech everywhere.

"The crisis is a big one and demands united action not only on the part of the 100,000 dues paying members of the Socialist Party, but also on the part of the million voters who cast their ballots for Debs, and on the part of every lover of the fundamental liberties embodied in the constitution of the United States," is the

OUR INDICTMENT

We desire to thank the many friends who came to our assistance in our recent conflict with the authorities. We cannot mention the names of all that assisted, space will not permit, but we feel sure that you will understand that we appreciated all what they did.

To have children of five, saving up their pennies, so that we might be kept out of prison, meant more to us than words can ever tell. There is something in life worth striving for, when one gains the love and esteem of little children. It makes one unafraid, and feel all the more inspired to go on and fight for the system that will make life worth while for the children who follow.

As regards finances, we shall not be tried until January, 1919. But we do not want our comrades to lie down and think that all is done and finished with. Send your dollars to National Office and see that dear old 'Gene Debs is getting all the support at your command. Those who know 'Gene will not need any urging from us to contribute to his defence. To those who have never met 'Gene, we can promise you that when you do you will meet a real comrade. A comrade whose heart is overflowing with a real love for humanity. So comrades send ALL YOU CAN to Oliver C. Wilson, 803 W. Madison St., Chicago, Ill., and so assist 'Gene Debs and all those who today are lying in prison. The fight is a hard one, you can make it a lot lighter by your whole-hearted support.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ASSIST THE DEFENCE OF EUGENE DEBS?

declaration of Oliver C. Wilson, who will direct the efforts to raise funds for Debs' defense in this epochal court struggle.

"This case is so vital to all the American people that I feel safe in predicting that we shall have succeeded in raising all of THE MILLION DOLLAR FUND to fight this and other cases. The American nation, more than Debs, is on trial, and we want the decision to be a decision upholding the rights of American democracy, the basic rights of free speech, free press and free assemblage. "The Cleveland comrades showed their spirit by raising \$1,000 at the picnic that Debs was about to address Sunday, June 30, when he was arrested. Attorneys Seymour Stedman and Morris Hillquit, both prominent Socialists, will have charge of the legal aspects of the case. Although the trial has been set for July 30th, a postponement will no doubt be allowed to make the very important preparations necessary."

Charles L. Drake has been placed in charge of the Lake Erie district by the MILLION DOLLAR FUND, to help finance the Debs' defense. His jurisdiction will include such cities as Detroit, Cleveland, Buffalo, Akron and Toledo. He has already entered upon this work.

Debs is in the best of health and will do everything that he can personally to prepare for his trial. He will speak in some of the larger cities in the nation in behalf of the great free speech struggle that was forced upon him thru his indictment.

TERMS

Commonly Used—and Abused—in Connection With Radical Labor Movements.

These brief definitions given to avoid confusion and misunderstanding. They are necessarily incomplete.

Capitalism: The present system of privately-owned industry, operated for profit.

Socialism: The ownership of all socially necessary industries by organized society, and their operation for service, not for profit.

Syndicalism: The ownership and operation of each industry by the workers in that industry,—the political State to be abolished.

Guild Socialism: The ownership of all industries by the State, with operation by "guilds" or trade-unions of the workers in each industry.

Anarchism: The conception of a free society without force or compulsory control in any form. Syndicalism expresses its principle in the industrial field.

Sabotage (or "strike on the job"): Any practice designed to slow up or impede production in industry.

Direct Action: The organized industrial power of the workers. (Used to distinguish from political action.)

Craft Unionism: Organization of the workers by trades (carpenters, plumbers, etc.). Used to distinguish from industrial unionism, organization of the workers by industries (mining, building, etc.), regardless of their trades.

THE BRITISH-CANADIAN DRAFT LAW

We wish to inform those who ask our advice regarding the above law, which came into effect last Monday, July 15th, that we have only one advice to offer, and that is to obey the law.

Exemptions are granted to all those who are Irish or Australian.

The Socialist Party does not advocate anarchism, therefore it is a waste of time for any person to write and ask as to how they can escape the draft.

We know that there are many genuine inquirers, but we also know that certain stool-pigeons are endeavoring to trap us. The Socialist Party is a LEGAL political party. We have been preaching for many years the absolute necessity of workers organizing industrially and politically. Our advice has not been considered worth while, hence the many reactionary laws that find their way upon our Statute Books. If your doctor advises you to carry out certain rules in regard to your health and you refuse to listen to him, then you have only yourself to blame.

The evils of today find their origin in the system of society that we live under. That system is industrial autocracy. The only way you can rid yourselves of industrial autocracy is by industrial democracy. When the workers own and control industry, then we shall have industrial democracy. NOT UNTIL THEN.

Therefore organize as industrial unionists and by joining the Socialist Party you can prevent the wolves of capitalism from destroying your industrial organization. 'Nuff sed.

VON MIRBACH ASSASSINATION A MOVE TO OVERTHROW RUSSIAN SOVIET

—John Reed.

Former War Correspondent Sees Politics in Slaying of German Ambassador.

That the assassination in Moscow of Count von Mirbach, German ambassador, is a move on the part of Russian reactionaries toward the overthrow of the soviet government, was the statement of John Reed, writer and war correspondent. Reed was in Russia during the overthrow of the Kerensky cabinet and the organization of the soviet government under Lenin.

"The problem of the capitalist governments is to get rid of the soviet government which is spreading revolutionary propaganda to such an extent that Austria is ready for revolution and Germany is becoming so and the Socialist and labor movements in the allied countries are growing bolder every day," said Reed.

"Russia may be forced to yield for a time to Germany if this state of affairs goes on. She prefers that course to yielding to Japan. Germany has a potential revolutionary force while Japan has none."

"One thing is certain, Russia will never re-enter the war on the side of the entente. She may fight Germany or some other nation, but she will fight to defend Socialism, not the war aims of any capitalist country."

Germany's Hands Full.

"However, it was not through Germany that Von Mirbach was killed. Germany now has her hands too full with other things to undertake the task of 'pacifying' Russia. The task would require 1,000,000 men and Germany cannot spare them. Neither is the anxious to send more soldiers into Russia to become filled with Bolshevik ideas. But Germany's desire is to see the soviet rule overthrown and since she can not do it herself, she would like to see the allies do the job through the Japs. The more intelligent imperialists among the allies would like to see Germany do it. "That the Bolsheviks had no hand in the assassination is clear because the soviet government wants to devote its time to reorganization. It is not contemplating any action which will bring any other nation upon it."

Should Recognize Soviet.

If President Wilson wants to "stand by Russia as well as by

THE MAN WITHOUT AN ENEMY.

You can't hold convictions and avoid strife. Life is strife. To rise above the average means to rouse resentment, dislike and envy where you disappoint the expectations, defeat the hopes and upset the calculations of others who meet a setback in your victory.

If you have no enemies you're probably such a colorless, compromising, puny, piking lickspittle that nobody finds it worth while to notice your existence.

While there are crooks, sneaks, snides, cads, shyters, smart-alecs, traitors, grafters and rotters in the community, one can't be everybody's friend without condoning, upholding and sympathizing with everybody's acts. It is discreditable NOT to have enemies.—Miners' Magazine.

LIBERTY DEFENSE UNION.

"I am an old man and this dollar represents one day's toil, but I give it gladly to help in the fight for liberty."

"I make only \$12.00 a week as a printer's apprentice, and have to help out at home, but you can count on me for a dollar a month as long as the need lasts."

These are typical messages received last week at headquarters of the Liberty Defense Union, 138 West 13th St., New York, in response to the countrywide appeal issued by that organization in its effort to raise a fund of \$50,000 to provide legal defense for persons under prosecution for exercising their constitutional right of free speech.

"We are particularly anxious to secure monthly pledges, no matter how small the amount," said Frederick A. Blossom, treasurer of the Union, "as it is evident the fight to maintain free speech and free press is going to be a long one."

Among recent pledges received by the Union was one of ten cents a month from a barber in Columbus, Ohio., with a family of seven to support on \$50 a month, also one of a dollar a month from Roman Romm, "until free speech has been established again in this country."

Horade Chambery, from Michigan, sent \$15, taken from money he had earned to pay his way through college. Five dollars came from Louise Hunt, of Portland, Ore., who, having recently been dismissed from her position as librarian on account of her convictions, knows what freedom of opinion means.

At a dinner held recently in Philadelphia, under the auspices of members of the Fellowship of Reconciliation, Rev. Norman Thomas and Dr. Judah L. Magnes addressed an audience that crowded the hall to twice its normal capacity. Between four and five hundred dollars was raised at this meeting to help in the defense of Chas. T. Schenck, secretary of local Philadelphia of the Socialist Party, Dr. Elizabeth M. Baer, and other party workers now under indictment.

With hundreds of Socialists and labor leaders in jail or out on bail awaiting trial in various parts of the country, the Defense Union is urgent need of funds for legal defense. Contributions should be addressed to 138 West 13th Street, New York.

A MAN

The financial report of Secretary Alonzo of the Porto Rico Federation of Labor includes among "receipts" the salary as senator of A. F. of L. Organizer Iglesias. Under the law Porto Rico senators are allowed \$7 a day for 60 days every two years.

Iglesias is the first trade unionist elected by the workers of the island. He is paid a weekly salary by the A. F. of L. and takes the position that in his election by the workers to the lawmaking body he is only an instrument used by them to benefit general conditions and that any salary received while being paid by them should be returned to the workers for organizing and educational purposes.—Seamen's Journal.

THIS IS NO JOKE.

In these days of high cost of living the following story has a decided point:

The teacher of a primary class was trying to show the children the difference between the natural and man-made wonders and was finding it hard.

"What," she asked, "do you think is the most wonderful thing man ever made?"

A little girl, whose parents were obviously harassed by the question of ways and means, replied as solemnly as the proverbial judge:

"A living for a family."—Pittsburgh Chronicle-Telegraph.

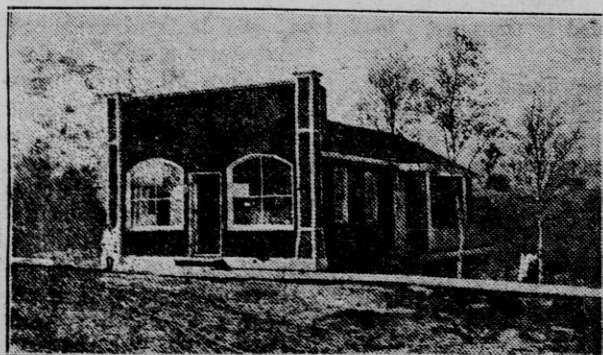


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MARXIAN SOCIALISM

The Bolsheviks of Russia have stripped to the bone one pet theory if not the basic principle of Marxian Socialism. This is that all wealth is the product of labor. There never was a falsar statement, but never one that had a stronger appeal to sheer ignorance.

If Marx lived today, he would be too wise to attempt to uphold it. Modern times have shown what is practically the opposite to be true. It is intelligence, not mere manual labor as Marx's theory in interpreted, which must be credited with the production of the bulk of the world's wealth. The cotton gin alone has taken the place of thousands upon thousands of hand laborers.

It was the product of man's brain. It is more than three-score years since Marx announced his economic theories and it is as senseless to cling to them literally as to still maintain that the earth is flat. Then machinery as now known, was hardly in the bud. Now it is the laborer and in its handling requires a ratio of three to one of intelligence as compared to physical labor.

A man watches a machine work. His brain tells through his senses any fault in operation and it is brain power with but a modicum of physical strength, that makes the correction. It is intelligence, not muscle that draws the large wage because it produces the greatest portion of wealth.

Today every belligerent in this war is planning to make the physically incapacitated wealth producers and so independent. The brain can work even though the eyes are blind, the ears deaf, the hands gone or the legs missing. Muscle plays the minor part and so called common labor—that which demands the least intelligence—commands the lowest wage.

The Bolsheviks took Marx literally. They have attempted to put German Socialism into operation exactly as stated. It is found to be necessarily the opposite of democracy. It is the autocracy of the least competent, of ignorance.

It gives the lie to itself by accepting as leaders, men who never did a stroke of manual labor. It denies all authority, all consideration to everyone who possesses property and then makes all those who had been unable to acquire property, the owners and possessors of all those forms of wealth that those others had acquired by any form of labor, combined with intelligence and thrift.

This is simply overthrowing one set of bourgeoisie to set up another. It is putting the least capable, the most ignorant and the least able, in the place of the more intelligent, the more capable and the more effective. It is putting one class in the place of another. It is denying all rights to a large portion of the population. This is class autocracy and nothing less and can exist only under a dictatorship backed by armed power, which is the present Russian condition.

What then becomes of Socialism if Marxian is dead? No one denies that all advance, all social evolution has been Socialism ever since the days of Marx. It is more real today than in his time. What is the answer to the riddle?

We believe that the answer is co-operation, in its broadest sense. It is some form of economic adjustment that will give to each one more equably than under democratic capitalism as we now know it, his fair share of the wealth he actually produces according to the degree of the intelligence of his labor.

—News-Tribune.

In last Sunday's issue of the News-Tribune the editor endeavored to refute the Marxian theory of value.

In the first place, in order to make the task easier, he twisted the definition as stated by Marx. Nowhere in any of Marx's works can there be found the following as claimed by the editor, "that manual labor was the producer of all wealth." If Marx did state such was the case, then the editorial is justified. But the editor will have to furnish the necessary proof that Marx did state what he attributed to him.

Suppose we take it for granted that Marx did state that manual labor was the producer of all wealth. Even if we grant the editor so much, the fallacy of his whole position as contained in his editorial will be easily exploded.

He states "that intelligence, not mere manual labor, as Marx's theory is interpreted, must be credited with the production of the bulk of the world's wealth." In the first place, what is intelligence? The dictionary (Websters) states that intelligence is the capacity to know, to understand and to comprehend.

Now that we know what intelligence is, let us proceed further and find out how intelligence is acquired. Let it be clearly understood that in endeavoring to find out how intelligence is acquired, we must deal with the truth and not mere reasoning. For thousands of years men, in their desire to understand the world they lived in, and aware that their senses often deceived them, turned to pure reason. Mankind had not reached the stage wherein they could use instruments that were more sensitive than the human sensory organs. To illustrate this point, let us use the thermometer. Mankind in the early days gauged the temperature by a sense of feeling. This method was unreliable and rather inexact. Along came exact science and gave them the thermometer and so we found the exact temperature. In this case manual labor was necessary to produce the necessary raw materials to give us the thermometer. Therefore no matter how intelligent the scientist was, his intelligence was of no use without the manual labor necessary to procure the raw materials. Therefore the discovery of the thermometer was the result of manual labor with applied intelligence.

We saw where intelligence was the capacity to know. In other words, how is this capacity gained? How does a blind man know that milk cans are round? By sense of feeling. How does a blind man distinguish the various flowers? By their smell. How can a blind man tell you the various drinks? By their taste. Therefore the

capacity to know is gained by the co-ordinating or generalization of the perceptions of the various senses, including in these perceptions the faculty of thought itself as a material fact.

Generalization, which includes simultaneously differentiation, is equivalent to systemization and is the essence of conscious theoretical understanding. Therefore if by the thought process based upon sense-perceptions, we can identify profit, interest and rent as differentiations of surplus value or unpaid labor, we have gained that much understanding of economics.

Now, every student of Marx's capital knows that there is not a sentence in the whole stupendous work not based, in concrete statement, on sense-perception, nor a single abstract statement which is not a generalization of those same sense-perceptions.

But economics as put forward by Marx can do more than that. Economics is a natural science. The reason why we state that economics is a natural science, is because its subject matter is the naturally evolved economic status of the human race in previous ages and today. Take for example geology, of unquestioned standing as a science, teaches us, on the basis of sense-perception, that there have been periods of subsidence and elevation of the land, and periods of advancing and retreating glaciation, but it cannot prove these facts by experiment. On the other hand every sense-perceived economic phenomenon treated or mentioned in Marx's Capital is capable of demonstration by actual experiment.

The foundation of Marxism is the Theory of Value, which the editor of the News-Tribune sought to refute with a few vague statements.

When the News-Tribune editor writes of wealth, what does he mean? Does he mean the amount of beauty contained in a ride around the Boulevards? Or does he mean the amount of commodities in society and what they will realize. By wealth the editor means the immense collection of commodities that exist today. For instance, wealth of the Steel Trust is contained in the amount of steel rails etc. that are produced. Same applies with relation to the Standard Oil and other trusts. Wealth is not the amount of paper bills they have in their possession, but the amount of commodities. Now let us find out what are commodities? To be a commodity a thing must present at the same time two phenomena: that of being a use-value and that of being an exchange-value. Why must it have these essential qualities? Because persons buy the things that they can use and the mere fact that the things they buy can be sold gives them an exchange value. Use-value, therefore, is the natural form of things and remains the same in all forms of society. Exchange value is the generalization of things as regards their concrete relations with each other in the act of exchange, in which things are represented by their owners. Exchange-value therefore is the social form of things and exists only in a commodity-producing society.

There is one quality which makes all commodities alike, and that is the abstract human labor power contained in them all. The abstraction "human labor" is derived from concrete labors, such as mining and other work. When we use a typewriter, we touch the concrete labors of the miner who dug the ore to make the metal for the machine. Also we touch the ivory which the native obtained by killing the elephant and so obtained his tusks. Labor is the father and nature the mother. As a mother cannot have children without the male, so with nature. Her raw materials are of no consequence without the application of labor. Therefore in determining value, nature plays no part.

The unit of abstract labor is common labor.

Commodities then are related one with another, quantitatively, viz., as to the quantity of labor embodied in each. This quantity is measured by the time socially necessary for the production of each commodity.

We know that—

The substance of value is labor.

The measure of value is labor-time.

Therefore will the News-Tribune editor prove to us that labor does not produce all wealth?

As regards intelligence receiving the highest wage, Will the editor tell us how is it that Harry Thaw receives more wages than the highly educated editor of the News-Tribune. Mind you, Harry Thaw is in an asylum.

As regards the cotton gin. How many cotton gins can be produced if the unskilled workers of America went on strike?

Another thing, who made the machines? How many machines could be made, if the miners refused to dig the ore?

If intelligence produces the bulk of the world's wealth, how is it that some newspaper editors make a living?

Finally, what books did the editor of News-Tribune ever read that were written by Marx?

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ASSIST THE DEFENCE OF EUGENE DEBS?

AN IMAGINARY COURT SCENE

We will now introduce to you our chief witness.

Your name, please?

Federal Trade Commission.

Where do you work?

All over U. S. A.

Who employs you?

United States Government.

Tell the public what you know in relation to the above charge.

We have here a complete report of our investigations as submitted to the United States Senate on June 29th. If it will be in order, your honor, we beg leave to suggest that it be printed in TRUTH.

His Honor. Your suggestion will be carried out. Call the editor of Truth.

The poor editor walks into court and is told to publish the following:

MEAT PACKING—Profits of Armour, Swift, Morris, and Cudahy of war years 1915—1917 aggregated \$140,000,000, of which \$121,000,000 represents excess over pre-war profits.

FLOUR MILLING—Profits of 52 cents a barrel, or 38 per cent on investment in first half of 1917; many millers exceeding government maximum of 25 cents profit a barrel, profits running as high as 45 cents a barrel on 4,000,000 barrels investigated; many millers exceed government maximum in hope of passing income and excess profit taxes to consumer.

STEEL—Enriched by profits without precedent; net earnings of United States Steel reached 24.9 per cent on investment in 1917, net income reaching \$478,204,343, and net profit after deducting income and excess profit taxes aggregated \$244,738,908.

LEATHER AND LEATHER GOODS—Unusual profits by large proportion of tanners; profits in 1916 being two, three, four and five times as large as 1915, when they showed an increase from 30 to 100 per cent over profits in 1914, some of the big meat packers, notably Armour and Swift, sharing in these profits.

SALMON CANNING—Average net profit of the industry for 1917 was 52.8 per cent on the investment, while some of the big packers allied with the meat packers made more than 200 per cent.

CANNED MILK—Unusual profits, running in some cases as high as 65 per cent.

COPPER—Very large earnings by high cost companies, reaching in some cases 107 per cent on the investment with an average of 24.46 cents.

SULPHUR—Two companies monopolizing industry have taken advantage of war situation to raise prices, profits in 1917 aggregating 236 per cent on investment.

PETROLEUM AND PRODUCTS—Average profits of oil industry advanced to 21 per cent on the investment, as compared with 15 per cent in pre-war years.

COAL—Low cost producers of bituminous coal making very large margins under system of government fixed prices, while high cost producers made small margins, the bulk of production, however, enjoying the large margin; average margin on bituminous between the claimed f. o. b. mine cost and actual realization from sales being 54 cents a ton as against a pre-war average margin of from 10 to 15 cents.

LUMBER—Southern pine companies in 1917 made a profit of 17 per cent, considered unusually large, as average for 1916 was 5.2 per cent, some profits running as high as 121 per cent.

Before you leave the court, Mr. Carney, have you any witnesses you would like to call?

Shure, your honor.

His Honor. Name them!

The President himself, sixty thousand hungry children, one thousand unnecessary deaths from starvation and the hundreds of boys who died in this war.

We will allow you to call the President.

Your name, please?

Woodrow Wilson.

Your trade?

President of The United States.

Will your Excellency please tell the court what the nature of your appeal was?

Which appeal?

The one you made on July 12th, 1917.

May I suggest that I give to the court just a brief synopsis of what I said.

Shure, your Excellency.

Well, I appealed to the manufacturers not to make any unnecessary profits. I asked them to work with as much devotion to the cause for which we are fighting as the boys are doing in France. I ask the question, "Whilst they are giving their lives, will he not give his money?" That appeal was met by the manufacturers in a most disloyal way. My officers inform me that profiteering is still going on. You will find evidence of that in the report placed before you by the Federal Trade Commission.

His Honor. I am of the opinion that this case should never have been brought before this or any other court. Therefore, gentlemen of the jury, you are requested to retire and bring in a motion to dismiss the case. As regards the defendant, I am exceedingly sorry that the case has been brought and also trust that he will bear no illfeeling against any member of this court. To mark our approval of the good work that he is doing as editor of Truth, the court will invest one million dollars in the paper known as TRUTH.

(Gosh darned that 98 cents alarm clock!)

This, dear reader, is an imaginary court scene. The evidence submitted by the witnesses is the absolute truth. The Federal Trade Commission report and the appeal of the President are Government records and their integrity cannot be questioned.

Still we will be prosecuted next January.

WHAT HAVE YOU DONE TO ASSIST THE DEFENCE OF EUGENE DEBS?

PHILOSOPHY OF A FOOL

By TOUCHSTONE
"Those that are Fools, let them use their Talents." — Twelfth Night.

Would it be a good thing, do you think, if death could be abolished?

Judging by the desperate efforts the vast majority of mankind make to avoid it, your answer will almost certainly be:

"Yes! it would be a very good thing indeed to get rid of death." And as I happen to hold a different view on the subject I'm going to try to express what's in my mind.

I read recently of a young Russian woman who claims to have devised an electrical apparatus by means of which dead rabbits have been brought to life again.

The experiment was carried under the most scientific conditions. The witnesses were persons of the highest ability and integrity. The rabbits were as dead as they could be made, and the life to which they were brought back was the genuine article.

It was added that while undoubtedly this wonder had been wrought in the case of the humble rodent, there were certain other difficulties to be surmounted before the supreme miracle of raising human beings from the dead could be performed.

Well, personally, I am of opinion that that young Russian woman has gone QUITE FAR ENOUGH. She may do what she pleases with Mr. Bunny, but when it comes to Mr. Man, she is rushing in where angels are not game to tread.

I hope she will not succeed in striking a fatal blow at the undertaking industry, and putting death right out of business.

We would gain nothing by the bestowal upon us of a premature immortality, and we'd lose a lot. At the present stage in our development everlasting life would be a serious misfortune, for it would fix our imperfections and render our mistakes immutable.

This is no bald assertion of my own. All the Master Fools are agreed upon it.

Death, they say, is Progress. It is the impulse of evolution, which without it would soon expend its force and fizzle out in futility.

It is in living that we age and ossify. Senility is the price of sensibility. Existence ends inevitably in drivel and decay.

We must die in order that we may be young again. The gift of youth, once lost, can only be recovered in the grave.

Take care what you are doing, you young Russian person!

The nation to which you belong is filled with a passion for change. I am with it in that. When it plucked your blood-stained Czar from his throne, and cast him into the rubbish bin, I rejoiced. When all the ancient institutions of your land were tumbled in the mire, I looked on laughing.

When Russia spat in the face of Tradition, and pulled the nose of Authority, I gave thanks that at last there was something doing in the old world, and the Angel of Freedom was gathering in his dues.

But LEAVE DEATH ALONE, or all the good that history will credit to your breed shall not suffice to balance that great evil on the debit side.

No more dying, say you? If ever that unhappily should come to pass, the world would be peopled with galvanized corpses—animated mummies, dead within, though outwardly wearing an in-

decent semblance to life.

No more dying?

If it could be so, the congregations of the wise would doubtless call you blessed.

We Fools, however, would curse your name. We would disinter from the mould of the by-gone all the most terrible anathemas, to hurl them at you.

Are you not aware, rash Russian woman, that death is the supreme vitalizer of creation? Do you not know that but for its fertilizing operations we should be blighted with a living sterility?

Death is the pregnancy of the Present, and the fruit thereof is the Future.

Listen to this! It is inscribed in letters of brass above the door of All Fools' College:

"ALL MUST DIE THAT ALL MAY LIVE."

That is the Law of Regeneration, and he—or she—who causes it to be abrogated, or to become obsolete, is assuming a frightful responsibility.

Death therefore has been the giver of life. Those of us who are most alive have died many times.

We can look back at a long ancestral line of former selves. The men and women we were have perished, and from their tombs have emerged the men and women we are.

There is no mystery worthier of contemplation.

WHERE IS THE MAN I USED TO BE? I have hardly a memory of him, and what I do remember makes but small appeal to the Fool I now am.

He is dead. The man died, that the fool might be born. The Fool in turn will yield up the ghost, that from his ashes may arise the Master.

All nature—the whole universe—is against you, Russian woman!

In the very constitution of humanity it is ordained that we shall die at least every decade for the benefit of our health and the good of our souls.

At ten the infant joyfully breathes his last. At twenty the youth expires willingly. At thirty the young man proudly takes farewell of the world. At forty there is another profitable funeral.

After that it is hard to die to advantage. And the difficulty increases as the years pass.

That's the reason so many people, walking about, exhibiting symptoms of life, are nevertheless as defunct as anything in the cemeteries, and not nearly so lively as much in the museums.

Only the best are capable of progress after their fortieth year, and the time arrives when even they can go no further. Then comes death.

Mereifully they are stricken down, and cast back into the bosom of the Universal; and the race makes a fresh start; one that is rich with the promise of superior results.

By death we are saved from the stagnation that sooner or later afflicts all living things.

A generation passes away. It is well, for it had reached the limits of its capacity, and its nerveless hands and bony brains would only have held back the race.

A new generation succeeds it, inheriting from it whatever is of value; leaving to rot in the grave with it much that is worthless or harmful.

THUS IS PROGRESS ACCOMPLISHED.

Thus man climbs from the lower to the higher. Thus old, exhausted ideas are got rid of, and virile innovations win their way.

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