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## MEXICO HAS EFFICIENCY LACKING IN OUR SHOPS

Country that U. S. Politician Want to Fight Is More Humane to Its Workers.

By PAUL HANNA.  
(Federated Press Staff Correspondent.)

MEXICO CITY. — In one of the long galleries of an ancient convent I saw today 400 Indian girls bending over electric-driven machines, which stitched together army uniforms at the respectable rate of 1,000 per day.

In another long, sunny gallery of the same old convent I saw other girls bending before machines which turned out finished underwear for soldiers. In another overcoats. In another, leggings.

More than 1,200 women and men are employed in this, the strangest and most attractive manufacturing establishment I ever hear about. The average wage of the girls is six pesos daily, which is very good for Mexico. The workday is eight hours.

Some of the women employed here are married and have babies. In another cheerful gallery of the factory building I saw a score of these babies. They ranged in age from three months to three years. Some of them were asleep in spotless swinging cradles, while others played about upon a thick carpet laid over with a washable cover. Three times a day the mothers of these babies are invited to leave their machines and come to this restful nursery to feed their infants at the breast. Two mothers were so engaged as our party passed the scene, while a third infant cried heartily for the mother who had already been sent for.

All the babies of women employed in this establishment are dressed at the expense of the government, which owns the factory. Every morning, as their mothers deposit them and depart for the sewing galleries, the babies are bathed, subjected to medical examination, weighed and dressed in fresh clothing. Food is supplied

by the management to all those old enough to take "government rations."

Three months before her child is born an expectant mother drops her work and remains at home. Her normal wage continues to be paid however. Such payments continue until the baby is three months old, at which time the mother is expected to resume work. Medical service is furnished the mother and child during those critical six months.

A small but impressively modern hospital, with physicians and nurses in attendance, is part of this factory's equipment. When the electric current is automatically cut off at noon the workers proceed to the factory restaurant to enjoy its cheap meals, unless through personal preference they choose to gather in one of the many sunlit courtyards and there dispose of the lunch they have brought from home.

In turning the old convent into a model factory the present management has been careful to preserve its rare architectural beauty. Innumerable charming cloisters remain as they originally were, save for the scrupulous cleaning to which they have been subjected. One gallery is being converted into a motion picture theater, and another into a night school for operatives.

The street approach to this factory is adorned by banks of blooming flowers, among which an American is pleased to find calendulas, pansies, and something very like our wild daisy, in great abundance. Within two minutes after a woman in our party had remarked upon the beauty of these flowers a smiling attendant had flung her arms with two bouquets of them. Soldiers' uniforms are turned out

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## RUSSIA GETS NEW 'NEWS' OF 'BLOODY UPRISINGS'

Capitalist Countries Tell Red Soviets of Revolts That Didn't Revolt.

(By The Federated Press.)

New York. — Russia is getting the "news" of her "bloody uprisings and revolts" from abroad, where these reports get most of their "facts." Meantime Moscow is placid and the one serious phase of the "rebellion" — that at Kronstadt — is well in hand, with the Russian fortresses rapidly putting an end to the revolt on the battleship "Petropavlovsk." This information is contained in a cablegram received here by "Soviet Russia," dated Moscow March 9, and signed by Santeri Nuorteva, former secretary of the Russian Soviet Government Bureau here, who has been in Moscow since last summer. He is Director of the Division of Entente and Scandinavian Countries, in the Commissariat of Foreign Affairs.

The cablegram follows in full: Moscow, March 9. — The fantastic stories abroad about revolutions, street fights and mutinies in Petrograd, Moscow and other cities are pure inventions. The Kronstadt affair is a separate incident without effect anywhere else.

A gang of Czarist generals and French spies took advantage of dissatisfaction among the Kronstadt sailors, whose extra rations

were temporarily revoked; but now that the counter-revolutionary schemes of the plotters have been revealed, the sailors are deserting the generals and their gang.

The reactionaries still control the battleship "Petropavlovsk," but our fortress guns are speedily ending the adventure. The reasons this was not done earlier is that we wanted to spare the ship and the men imprisoned aboard her.

The Soviet forces, under the personal command of Trotsky and Tuchachevsky, have the situation well in hand. Moscow is as peaceful as a Sunday in a New England village. Mild excitement, not unmixed with merriment, was caused by the receipt of wireless messages from abroad telling of bloody fights here. The alarmist reports are obviously aimed at preventing the attainment of peace between Russia and England and America.

Former members of the Russian Soviet Government Bureau in New York are all busy working in various offices. L. C. K. Martens will make a trip through Russia to get acquainted with conditions. Arthur Adams, formerly head of the technical department of the Soviet bureau in New York, is busily organizing factories with American emigrants, who are all eager to serve the Soviets.

## Where Are The Police?

Where are the police? And where are the state and federal troops? Where are the strike breakers and the detective agencies? Where are the mayor and the injunction judges? Have all these gone to sleep or to a banquet?

You were busy before when the workers closed the shops. You were quite indignant at the workers when they refused to work for under pay and too long hours. You came then with your clubs and your bayonets and your machine guns and your injunctions and your strike breakers and your gun men and your toughs and your plug-uglies. Then you drove us to work. Then you shot us if we did not want to work. Then you mobbed and murdered us.

And where is the press — that tenderhearted press that wept such warm tears for the dear "public?" That press that stood erect and demanded that every man who wanted to work should be given the right to work and not be interfered with by any union? That press that put on its holy robes and advanced as the guardian for the right to work and for the "public?"

Come out of your hiding you skulking scoundrels. Come on out. Ground hog days are past. Come and show yourselves.

Police! Open the shops so the workers may enter and operate the machines. You judges! Issue an injunction against the closing of the factories and unemployment. You newspapers! Come along with your sobs for the "public."

If it was your business to drive us to work when we protested against your robbery it is your business to open the factories now to give us a chance to save ourselves from starvation. Your duty is to the public. You must serve the public. If you refuse you must get out of our way. If you are unable you should vacate and give room to those who are.

Get busy now. We are holding you to your promises and to your vows and to your phrases of devotion to the public. We ask only the right to work and to get what we produce. Do you want us to ask for less? What sort of humans are you if you refuse to give us this? You are weighing yourselves in the balance. We are watching the scales. And we are hungry.

## LENINE SURVEYS SITUATION WITH KEEN INTELLIGENCE

Soviet Leader Is Hopeful of Making Russia a Model for World by Covering It With Powerful Electric Stations.

From The Christian Science Monitor.

LONDON, England.—According to recent advices received through the wireless stations of the Russian Soviet Government, Nicholas Lenin made an important speech at the Eighth Assembly of Soviets held in Moscow, on the restoration of Russian industries. Mr. Lenin is reported as follows:

"The war has now terminated and brought us a peace which is more favorable to us than the peace we offered to Poland before the war. Preliminary peace with Poland has been signed. The entente policy of armed interference for the suppression of the Soviet power has met with complete failure.

"The task which now confronts us is the restoration of our industries, but to realize this we must first of all restore our agricultural production to the old standard. Since 1918 our bread stocks have doubled every year; in 1918 they amounted to 50,000,000 poods, in 1919 to 100,000,000 poods, and this year to about 200,000,000 poods. We must, however, create a food reserve of 300,000,000 poods. We call upon all workmen and peasants to submit to a strict labor discipline. Special compensation must be granted to those who distinguish themselves on the economic front.

### Importance of Fuel.

"The next important problem is fuel. Owing to the heroism of the Baku workers, oil is reaching us in increasing quantities. The output of coal from the Don basin is also increasing, and according to our calculations, will increase from 25,000,000 poods to 50,000,000 poods a month. We have obtained a further considerable success in the domain of fuel, namely, the utilization of hydraulic power for the extraction of peat. By this method the number of skilled workmen required is reduced, and their work is rendered much easier.

"With respect to transports, the time required for their restoration

was estimated at five years, but in view of the successes achieved in this connection, the estimate has been revised to three and a half years. We must have definite plans in all economic domain, and all these plans must be harmonized and associated in a single economic plan. We are confronted with the task of uniting all economic commissariats into a single economic center. Further, the Assembly is confronted with the problem of improving the Soviet apparatus. The experience of the last few years will provide sufficient material for practical proposals, tending to an improvement.

### Art of Politics Learned

"Finally, the problem of electrification stands before the Assembly. In the near future not only politicians, but engineers and agricultural experts among others, will have a voice in the tribune of the all-Russian Assemblies. We have learned the art of politics to perfection. Now our main policy is to raise the creative power of our constructive forces. You will see from the report of the electrification commission what a large amount of work has already been done. The restoration of transports and agricultural and industrial production is only possible if our electrification program is gradually realized. We must put our industries, including agriculture, on a technical basis of large production, and electrification is the key to the attainment of this object.

"An electrification plan has been elaborated from a material as well as a financial point of view. The financial cost has been estimated at 1,200,000,000 gold rubles. We cannot, of course, cover this figure with the gold at our provisions for sale. We must, therefore, cover the cost of electrification by concessions and exports of timber. What we must achieve is that every factory, every electric power station shall present a hearth of civilization. If Russia is covered

with a network of powerful electric stations, our Communist system will become a model for the civilized world."

### Agrarian Question Important.

The communication states that the Congress of Soviets mainly devoted all its energies to the problem of liquidating the economic chaos, and to the preparation of the technical foundation upon which the Communist system will rest. The agrarian question was considered the most important and urgent in the economic domain. The decisions of the congress, it is said, will tend to secure adequate quantities of seed with the view of increasing the area of land sown. The second important task of the congress was the electrification of industries. The congress decided to supply electricity first of all to the Urals and the Don basin, the restoration of which was considered of special importance in regard to securing fuel and iron.

The message continues as follows: "The enemies of Soviet Russia declared that the soviet power was strong only so long as it was compelled to fight against its enemies. They prophesied that the cessation of hostilities would inevitably cause a split in the ranks of the Communist Party, and would deprive that party of the support of the non-party masses. The Eighth Congress of Soviets has shown that the contrary is the case. The Communists have never before been so united as at the present congress, where all decisions have been unanimous. On the economic front, Russia of the workers and peasants is more united than it was at the beginning of the armed struggle. This unity is our guarantee that the victory on the economic front will be as rapid and as brilliant as has been our victory against the white guards of the world's imperialism."

Task of Reconstruction  
In his final speech at the con-

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## COLLAPSE OF TRANSPORT SIGN OF SYSTEM'S END

Decay and Anarchy In Industries Alarm Masters While Masses Starve

The wage cut announced by the leading railroads overshadow all other events of the week. For in this is seen the cause of a struggle that will not end till the railroad industry is nationalized or the whole system of capitalism has collapsed.

Mismanagement and riotous charges and public plundering have driven the rail heads to such straits that the wisest of them stand aglazed before the problem of reconstruction. Falling off in traffic is so great that the revenue is far below what it would be under normal conditions even with the old freight rates. The dividends and rake off for the stockholders have been so tremendous that there is a threat of revolution among them if this is reduced to any considerable extent.

To ask for further increase in freight and passenger rates would in turn cause a still further slump in traffic and leave the income even below what it is now. The announced cut in wages apparently means a strike that will be the most serious catastrophe yet befallen this country.

Public sympathy cannot be rallied in favor of the railroads, for the public is paying too high rates and expect the workers to get a wage in proportion thereto.

Added to the huge waves of a railroad strike dashing up against the shores of American civilization is the threatened strike of 200,000 workers in the big packing plants. The bosses did not go to the trouble of asking the workers for consent to take the bread out of their mouths and the employees are planning to resist the robbery with whatever power they may muster.

The five million workers already out of employment now forming long bread and soup lines are daily increased by the anarchistic actions of the big employing concerns and the crisis is now at a stage that baffles the industrial kings of the country.

No relief is seen from any changes in Europe. Conditions there are growing worse instead of better. Europe's gold is gone and even if there were big supplies of it left it would not help to have

it shipped over here as there is no lack of that metal here.

That the very foundations of the whole industrial system are shaking is acknowledged by the most conservative of the business leaders. They ask frantically what can be done and look for remedies in overwhelming bewilderment.

## VANDERLIP RETURNS TO RUSSIA

NEW YORK.—Washington B. Vanderlip, California financier and promoter, who returned to the United States recently with colossal fish, oil and coal concessions in Siberia from the Russian government, has returned to Russia. Charles Recht, counsel for the Russian government, said Mr. Vanderlip's return to that country may have been partly on account of the recent expulsion of L. C. A. K. Martens.

It is not known whether the California promoter bears any sort of word, official or unofficial, from the new Republican administration. The mere fact that he has gone again to Russia, however, is regarded as significant, inasmuch as the financial group with which he is understood to be associated includes men known to be in close touch with influential Republican politicians. The magnitude of the trading developing project for which he is sponsor, and the possibility of fabulous profits should it be successful, is pointed out as giving color to possibility that he may be taking with him to Russia this time tangible if informal governmental proposals.

### Bosses Say No

SEATTLE, Wash.—Several shingle-mill owners of the Grays Harbor district have broken away from the employers' combination and have agreed to the scale of wages demanded by the International Union of Timberworkers, according to word received here. The scale agreed upon is based upon the selling price of shingles. The bosses' association had refused to agree to the scale.

## CLERGYMEN RAISE FUNDS FOR I.W.W. CONVICT FUND

Professors and Preachers Join in Protest Against Persecution of Workers.

(By American Civil Liberties Union.)

NEW YORK. — A group of prominent clergymen, authors and educators has just issued a public appeal for a fund of \$10,000 from American liberals, to assist the I. W. W. defense committee in carrying to the United States Supreme Court the three federal conspiracy cases, in which 165 members were convicted during the war at Chicago, Kansas City and Sacramento.

The group signing the appeal consists of Rev. Dr. Percy Stickney Grant, rector of the Church of the Ascension, N. Y. City; John Graham Brooks of Boston, author and honorary president of the National Consumers' League; Dr. Harry F. Ward, professor of Christian Ethics at the Union Theological Seminary, N. Y. City; Ernst Freund, professor of law at the University of Chicago; Henry R.

Mussey, of Washington, D. C., former professor at Columbia University; Mrs. Florence Kelley, general secretary of the National Consumers' League, N. Y. City; Professors Thorstein Veblen, author and teacher, and John Lovejoy Elliott, associate leader of the Ethical Culture Society, both of N. Y. City.

The appeal for funds characterizes the Chicago I. W. W. case as the "greatest free speech trial of the war" and places it on the same ground as the cases of Eugene V. Debs and others convicted under the Espionage Act for opposing war and conscription only by spoken or written words. The United States Supreme Court is now considering an application made on Feb. 28 by counsel for the I. W. W. to review the decision of the Circuit Court of Appeals at Chicago sustaining the conviction of 98 of the I. W. W. officials, editors and members.







## Mexico Has Efficiency

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at this government factory at a total cost to the taxpayer of \$8 each. And because the efficiency of the plant is being increased simultaneously with the rapid demobilization of the Mexican army, plans are being considered to make a part of its equipment available for supplying civilians news. A shoe factory is being installed, and one section of the plant is already devoted to the manufacture of army bugles, which hitherto have been imported, to the delight of foreign profiteers.

Luis Morones, president of the Mexican Federation of Labor and now director-general of all government factories, is primarily responsible for the social, mechanical and financial virtues which it displays. In immediate charge is Mr. Angel Zamora, aided by an enthusiastic corps of assistants. The factory is situated in the Tacubaya suburb of Mexico City.

Skeptical Americans, who are not impressed by the humanitarian phases of this extraordinary establishment, would do well to examine it at close range, to behold the speed and accuracy with which Mexican girls can work, the excellence of their output, the charm of their surroundings, the elaborate cost charts created by Manager Zamora, and, finally, to discover that this demonstration of modern industrial efficiency is the exclusive accomplishment of Mexicans. No alien has contributed to its creation.

## Lenin Surveys Situation

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gress, Mr. Kamenoff, speaking of the constructive problems to be solved by the Soviet, said: "We never boasted that we would build up a new proletarian world in a few weeks, or even in a few months. We always maintained that we were engaged not only in an uninterrupted struggle with internal and external counter-revolution, but also in a struggle against the remnants of the old bourgeois psychology which had permeated even the working classes in the course of centuries of oppression.

"The task of reconstruction of the Congress of Soviets is closely connected with the struggle against this accursed legacy, of the old regime, and the congress has shown a new way for the Soviet machine. In comparison with the state systems created during centuries of bourgeois authority, we regard the Soviet power as a most excellent means for giving expression to the will of the working masses. But still we do not regard it as perfect, and we strive as far as possible to improve it."

## Words and Numbers

The system of figure writing has proven interesting when viewed together with the prison number of Eugene V. Debs. Whether it be chance of the work of some inscrutable law of providence, I leave to wiser men than I to settle. In figure writing "1" stands for A; "2" for B; "3" for C etc. Debs' prison number is 9653.

9—I (the first letter in) Internationalism  
6—F (the first letter in) Fraternalism.  
5—E (the first letter in) Education  
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## HELP TO GIVE WORKERS START WHEN RELEASED FROM PRISON

### DINNER PAIL EPICS

By BILL LLOYD

This coming summer will see the release of some of the I. W. W. prisoners from the Federal Penitentiary at Leavenworth, Kansas. Several of the defendants in the Sacramento case will then have served their sentences. Later some of the Wichita and Chicago defendants will be eligible for release. It is imperative that financial aid be extended to these fellow workers as none of them will be strong enough physically to take up work immediately upon their release. Therefore, the General Defense Committee of the I. W. W. thinks it necessary to establish a "Rehabilitation" fund for the benefit of our released members and we hope that every class-conscious worker and all our friends and sympathizers will help us in making this fund a success.

The necessity of establishing this fund can readily be seen if we stop to realize that those for whom we appeal have already spent long months and years in jails and penitentiaries under the most trying and health-destroying conditions, and that they, as a consequence, will not be able for some time after their release to take up the kind of hard work which most of them were engaged in prior to their imprisonment and which they, as a matter of course, will eventually be compelled to seek. Also, they will be in need of clothing as that which is furnished by the government thru the prison officials is of the cheapest and most inadequate kind.

It should also be borne in mind that the powers that be may not be satisfied with the punishment already inflicted upon these workers, but may insist on deporting some of those who did not choose to be born in America, and should they succeed in doing this, our fellow workers would, if we do not rally to their support, land in the countries of their birth without a penny—a prospect which is at no time very pleasant to look forward to, but which looms up still more dreary when taking into consideration the fact that most of them have been away from their native countries for a period of time covering a number of years—and would therefore practically be strangers over there for some time after their arrival.

Another contingency which the General Defense Committee had in mind when it decided to establish this fund was that should a number of our members be released at the same time by a declaration of amnesty or pardons or commutation of sentences, we would not be able to provide them with funds enough to carry them over until such a time as their now impaired health had improved sufficiently to enable them to work again. Although we realize that at the present time there is very little to indicate that such clemency will be granted, we took the possibility of such an event into consideration so that in case the unexpected should happen, we would be able to extend the help we owe to those workers.

They sacrificed years of their lives and liberty for the cause of Labor. They were willing to give their all. Are you now willing to prove to them that they have not been forgotten?

Make your donations payable to the General Defense Committee, and send them to John Martin, 1001 West Madison Street, Chicago, Ill., specifying that they are for the "Rehabilitation" fund.

I see some fossils hope to grab us and force on us the old-time Sabbath. Don't we work hard six days each week, so on the seventh we can seek a little fun and take our ease, in spite of all them Pharisees?

Some folks has morals that is canned, sealed up, and marked in Gothic hand, to be rammed down your throat for sure, and guaranteed as Simon-pure.

Of course in saying we must rest on seventh day, then work our best, the joker which within it lurks, is they don't guarantee the works. If only they would promise us the six days' work, for every cuss, I think I'd know, without their say, how I should spend the seventh day.

The facts is these: they went so far in putting folks behind the bar, in shutting off all our free speech, and putting beer outside our reach, in forcing us to lick their stamps, and hanging some of us to lamps, they've got the bit within their teeth and can't now give us no relief. Us folks has took so much and smiled, the lead-domed crowd is awfully riled, if there's a chance that we will learn the saying that the worm will turn.

If they must regulate the way we spend our time on each Sunday, I simply wonder how they'd feel, if we should hand them out some deal, by which we regulated, say, the industries each working day, and claimed the right to always work and never be compelled to shirk. Against closed Sundays, let us drop a hint or two about closed

shop! If we get hold enough, perhaps, we'll just tell them to close their traps.

I wanta work, but when I rest, I wanta choose the way that's best, which may be movies or aswim, instead of Sunday school and hymn. Their propaganda is a fright; just like the rule to work or fight. When men was scarce, the rule worked well; now times is hard, and it is hell to find a job, no how you hustle, on which to exercise your muscle. All day I hunt for work; at night, I feel as if I'd like to fight!

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## THIS WARFUL PEACE

Even the capitalist press is beginning to show signs of seeing the joke in the peace business.

Frequently and often both the News Triune and the Herald of Duluth as well as the press in general talk about the peace that came in 1918 and carried with it more war than the world has ever seen. Says the Herald:

The world is at peace. An armistice ended the world war November 11, 1918. Yet look at the world today as it is reflected upon the front pages!

Germany, blubbering because her absurd proposals are peremptorily rejected, talks of appealing to the League of Nations while the Allies prepare a new invasion and march to take three Rhine cities as security for their bill against the nation whose mad greed for pillage put the world where it is — — —

In Ireland hate continues to grow its ugly brood of passion and murder and violence and destruction, with the situation growing blacker instead of better, with two good peoples growing wider apart who ought to be growing closer together in the search for the decent and right and just and Christian solution of their differences that can be found if it is searched for.

In America there is peace; yet there are jingoes white and yellow brandishing fists across the Pacific encouraging war between the United States and Japan; and just under the surface a tense and disastrous struggle between labor and capital shows signs of early breaking out into open conflict.

Even tiny Panama and tinier Costa Rica caught the contagion of belligerent unrest and had to be collared by this country, acting through Secretary Hughes, in order to get a teapot war stopped.

Peace? William Watson did not write of this time but described it when he said:

• • • Verily I do think  
War is as hateful almost, and welnigh  
As ghastly, as this terrible Peace, whereby  
We halt forever on the crater's brink,  
And feed the wind with phrases.

Apparently these papers are now anxious to have peace. They are afraid of war. The spirit has changed very materially. We are great of that. We welcome any word from the big publicity agencies in line with peace. We want peace—and in the long run we shall have it.

But it is quite clear that the peace expected by the capitalists is not very near at hand.

The big war is yet ahead of the world. There may be little or no bloodshed in that war. But it will be fought out to the bitter end and will result in a peace that is not merely on paper, but that is a reality.

That war will be between the old order of capitalism and the new regime of Communism.

Communism is in the air. It has gripped the working-class of the world and there isn't one chance in ten million that it will die down.

With want and hunger and unemployment and disease and death all around the people are fast becoming tired of the old system of incompetence and destruction and are going to plunge into the great experiment of the Communist commonwealth.

We know some of the things we can have under Communism. We know we can have work. That is a very much desired thing at the present. We want work. We cannot have it under the present system. We know we can have it under Communism. So we want Communism if for no other reason.

We also know we can have what we produce when we have Communism. That is also a very attractive element. For now we know that the more we produce the less we have. The present robber system takes away from us what we produce and we go hungry. So we want Communism in order that the product of our toil may be within our reach. That is a big incentive toward Communism.

These two things are mighty factors in favor of Communism. Think of a jobless working class now looking for jobs and denied them, and then knowing that if we usher in Communism we will always have jobs. Think of a robbed working class now confronted with a cut in wages to the very marrow knowing that every cent that is cut off from the worker goes to the beastly profiteer, and then being reminded of the fact that under Communism there will never be any cut in wages and no profiteer. That everything we produce will be ours and that there will never be any hunger or want or waste or war.

Yes, yes. You can make laws to prevent strikes and organization and free discussion of the Bolshevik system. But you cannot root out the idea that has come into the world that we are going to have the world for the workers and that we are all going to enjoy to the full all the limitless plenty of a new life.

Now capitalism is going to be stubborn about letting go. That is understood. The workers are not blind to that. The capitalists have put us next and we have taken the cue. So it is up to us to make the next move. That next move we will surely make. That move will be to overthrow the whole capitalist system and get it out of our way.

For as long as we let it remain we have nothing but unrest and uncertainty and war. War all the time and no rest. Peace, but a warful peace.

So we shall get rid of the outfit and bring in a system of justice and reason and opportunity. We have set our face toward the sun of the new day and no power on earth can turn us back.

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## AMERICA'S POLITICAL PRISONERS

It is hardly possible for us to believe that we have in America such a thing as political prisoners. The thing is so ugly and unseemly. The very idea of prison for opinion is revolting. It smells.

Yet right here in the land of freedom, in the refuge for the oppressed, the haven for the haunted, we have in prison hundreds of absolutely innocent people.

The excuse for putting them into prison was that they objected to war. They thought war was unnecessary, cruel, wrong. They thought that war was a crime against civilization. They thought war was for the purpose of making richer the master class and to kill off the workers. That it was a game played by the profiteers to make more profits for the profiteers.

Were they right? Did they tell the truth? Has not every graft investigation and every subsequent event pro-

ven that they were in the right? Who can say that they were wrong? Even the most hardboiled blackguards of the war mongers are admitting that the war was the greatest fraud and the greatest crime that has ever been put over in the history of human butchery.

For opposing this crime thousands of men and women were jailed. Some of them are out on bail, some of them are still in the dungeons of our country.

We must get them out. We must stir up such public sentiment over this outrage that the ruling class may see clearly the way the wind is blowing.

April 13th has been set as the national amnesty day in this country. All the people who love justice and decency will get together on that day and talk and think and petition. There will be parades and demonstrations and orations. The Communists and Socialists will be out. The I. W. W. and the trades unions will be out. Many preachers and lawyers and doctors and professors and teachers will be out. Masses of workers will be out. The farmers and lumberjacks will be out. All will be out who want the political prisoners out.

Harding and his cabinet will be out to see who is out. Congress and the legislatures and the bankers and gamblers and the political crooks and war lords will be out to see.

To prepare for this great day — the freedom day, the new 4th — in America, many workingclass papers are getting out extra Amnesty numbers. TRUTH has joined these papers and will get out a great Amnesty Number. It will be the issue of April 8.

We want you to send in an order for a bundle of that number. We want every reader to send for a bundle. We want you to distribute a copy to every one of your neighbors and your shop mates and your fellow unemployed.

Send in your order now. We cannot fill orders after we have gone to press. We must know before hand how many to print. We want orders for a hundred thousand. You can send in for that many. You should. Every reader can send for at least ten copies. They will cost you 25 cents. Many can get rid of fifty or a hundred copies, pay for them at the rate of two and a half cents a copy. They cost us that. Sell as many as you can at 5 cents to help you pay for the rest.

And you can also get new trial subscribers at 25 cents for ten weeks. Get two bits from that worker next to you. TRUTH will do the rest. He will never get over it. He will bless you as long as he lives for your effort to help him see the light. You can all get a ten-weeker. Every ten-weeker makes us stronger. Let's get ten thousand ten-weekers and distribute a hundred thousand copies for Amnesty day.

Make this a big thing. Begin NOW.

## HOW MANY TIMES?

"How many times shall my brother sin and I forgive him? Seven times?"

The question above is answered in Holy Writ by "not only seven times, but seventy times seven."

That make all in all about 490 and even up to 500 sometimes.

Now to forgive is generally looked upon as a virtue, and we have no objection to looking at it in that way.

The question that now agitates our mind is if lying is a sin. If so and if the liars have to quit lying after they have lied 490 to 500 times the rule will work severe hardship upon the newspapers.

They have gone the limit and will be violating the Bible and even some of the Bible passages they run as serials to make the people believe their lies.

Now we have not counted the times that the newspapers have had the new Bolshevik government of Russia crushed. We have not had time. And we are too poor to hire a stenographer and bookkeeper and buy a Comptometer and equip an office to keep tab on the lying lies of the press about Russia.

So to be honest about it we are not sure of the number of times the papers have lied about Russia. There is one thing, however, that we are sure about and that is that they have run out as far as the permit of the Bible is concerned.

Get a new licence, boys. You've run the limit. We may not be permitted to forgive you after a while. We have forgiven you too many times already. We are Christians, and do not want to go too far.

## NOT YET SUPPRESSED

No, the Bishop's book has not been suppressed yet. But it may be at any moment.

In sending in his order one comrade says: "I want them for dynamiting preachers to Wala Hala and waking workers to class consciousness. It's the best ever and I sell to everybody, parasites as well as toilers."

"Communism and Christianity" by Bishop Brown, 25 cents a copy; Six Copies for \$1. Order of TRUTH, Duluth, Minn.

After we get amnesty for our political prisoners we will be in shape to get employment for the jobless. Let's show our strength.

# The 'Dneprovets' Commune

(A Letter by Alexander Kostenko, a Member of the Commune)

In the district of Starodubsk, province of Gomel, there is an agricultural commune called "Dneprovets". This commune was organized after the Germans left the province of Gomel. Its members were recruited, for the most part, from the middle peasants. The land occupied by the commune had formerly belonged to a big landholder—about 300 dessiatins\* of arable land and 50 dessiatins of pasture land, but the livestock and implements as well as the buildings had been completely looted and destroyed.

After the years of activity, the members of the commune have almost completely restored the estate to its previous condition. They lack only cattle for breedings. The commune has reintroduced the nine-field system. It acquired a steam threshing machine and a locomobile. The crops are gathered with the help of harvesting machines.

The sowing of the grain is being done exclusively by regular sowing machines. This year a dessiatin of rye yielded 100 poods\*\* (about 3,600 pounds) of pure grain. There was an unusually rich buckwheat crop. This year the commune collected 3,000 poods (108,000 pounds) of rye from an area of 33 dessiatins. Planting of corn has been introduced.

Altogether 117 persons of both sexes and different ages live in the commune. Besides, about 40 men from this commune are in the Red Army, some of them occupying commanding positions.

The commune is giving special attention to the education of the children. It has established a creche and a kindergarten, and the children of school age are taught in the district school of the commune.

## WHAT WOULD WE SAY?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks spent \$20,000 for doctors for dogs while their children were dying for lack of medical care?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks had twelve hour shifts in their steel mills as we have in Swab's Plants?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks made 4 million children slave in shops while 5 million men walked the street looking for jobs.

What would we say if the Bolsheviks passed a prohibition law and spent ten million dollars in fake prosecutions of booze rings?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks printed long passages of scripture in their daily paper and then lied like hell about us Americans?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks paid the same judge \$7,500 for dealing out justice and \$42,500 for covering up gambling?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks cut wages for the workers and raised profits for the profiteers?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks concocted an income tax like ours?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks had such street car service as we have in Duluth and Minneapolis?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks had tar and feather mobs?

What would we say if the Bolsheviks had millionaires in their cabinet?

Order your Amnesty Bundle now. Tomorrow you may be in the pen.

## HARDING'S DOCTOR

Harding's doctor is giving out some very fine advice. If followed by the president there will be much health in the white house. Says this eminent doc for publication in order that no one may think that there is lack of brains in and about the frequently brainless city of Washington:

"Let every man allow himself a reasonable length of time in the open air, at some exercise that does not strain him and still gives him the opportunity to profit by all that the outdoors can contribute toward relaxing him. He will then remain well."

Spread the good injunction. Let the farmers of the vast prairies ponder upon this while they mosey along the road with their load to town nineteen miles away form their farm. Sub zero weather will seem less biting if, they remember that Harding's doc has recommended "open air."

"Exercise that does not strain" is also to be kept in mind when he lifts off the nine-by-sixteen hayrack and picks up the wagon box and tosses the grain sacks and pulls the mired cow out of the pond in his daily routine. We are honest when we suggest that the same kindly kind of a physician should be employed by the husky slaves in Schwabs steel plants where the twelve hour day blesses the peons and gives them "exercise that does not strain." If these slaves only knew the rules of health they would go out every few hours for a little "open air" and not stay cooped up all these twelve hours in the stuffy mills. These fellows should be made to understand that they ought to engage a wise doc like the president's to give them advice about their health.

The unemployed are lucky. They get "open air" without taking orders from their doc.

Your renewal and one new yearly sub sent in now give both of you a copy of the Bishop's Book.

## GLAD ONCE A WEEK

Willow River, Minn.

Dear Editor of TRUTH:

I am glad once every week and that is when I get my mail and find TRUTH in it and I don't stop until every line of it is read, for there is good stuff in that little sheet. And I am still more glad when I read of the world's movement and see how the workers are forging to the front. For my part I would like to walk over the cruel tyrants rough shod. Keep the fires burning among the workers. Enclosed find \$2.25 for another year of TRUTH and for the Bishop's book.

Yours for Freedom,

J. Dredla.

Out in the country all alone with his revolutionary spirit this comrade still keeps the fire of revolt against a vicious system burning and is spreading the gospel of freedom as far as he is able.

Scattered over this country are thousands of readers of TRUTH who should push this paper with all the vigor of their being. There are two offers open for you now: Trial subscribers at ten weeks for 25 cents, and the Bishop's book as a premium for yourself and for every new yearly subscriber you send in.

We are in a fearful crisis and we must get the right reading matter to the workers. It is of the utmost importance that you hustle and help bring the light to the masses who must act and who will act wrong unless they are informed. Send in a list of subs now.

## DOG CRAZY

Dogs are fine animals and most of us love dogs. But there are little beings more lovely than dogs and there is such a thing as proportion in affection. Moreover, there is such a thing as Preference.

England's population of children is starving for want of food and dying for want of care. In the midst of that condition it is not encouraging to the optimist to find reports like the following by lady Decies:

LONDON, March 12.—Fees amounting in some cases to \$20,000 a year are being earned by a newclass of dog doctor which has sprung up in England since lapdogs came into fashion. I am personally acquainted with several members of this new profession, which is one of the stangest and most remunerative ever devised.

Treating toy dogs certainly brings considerably more money to the specialists than the average medico handling human cases can hope to earn.

The secret of this is that fashionable women will make any sacrifice rather than allow their pampered pets to suffer pain or take on the untidy appearance of a mongrel.

I know a lady in the West End of London who has her butler feed her Pekingese with breast of partridge served on a gold platter.

In most cases the lapdog specialists contract for large fees to pay daily or weekly visits to their canine patients. The Peke's nails are manicured, his teeth brushed with special bristles and his silken tresses brushed, in addition to his general health being cared for. By contract \$750 annually is the lowest fee asked and obtained.

The dog doctors also advise as to diet and the amount of exercise to be taken daily. I have a Blenheim spaniel friend named Penelope (she is not mine), who is ordered two hours' walk every morning and another two hours every afternoon in order to keep down her figure. Her diet is wing of chicken carefully boned, and meat essence with toast at night.

Fido, a Yorkshire terrier, must not walk more than five minutes three times a day, and his hair must be kept in plaits so that when he is shown at our big exhibitions no tangles may be found in his coat. His only food is fish.

Pom-pom—a Pomeranian—is given heart pills twice daily, and because of his heart weakness, he is not allowed to bark much. His diet is chicken.

China Poof, a Pekingese, must wear goggles specially provided by the dog doctor in order to protect his eyes when he goes automobiling with his mistress. His food is raw meat, well minced, so that his pearly teeth may not suffer.

Women owners also keep their own canine medical cabinets, containing tonics, heart stimulants, malted milk, codliver oil and disinfectants from doctors supply these cabinets from \$1,000 up. Fees for occasional visits are from \$16 upward, and eight of such visits can comfortably be made daily.

The Ten-Weekers are no weak-enders. Get a bunch of them. Ten Week for 25 cents.

## AN INSULT TO JOHN D.

Right now when the income tax is about due some impolite persons have flared forth that John D. Rockefeller is worth from 3 to 5 billion dollars. One of his friends comes to his rescue and says it isn't so. That he has very little money and hardly any income. It is Mr. B. C. Forbes that speaks and he knows. He says he knows that Rockefeller has no such a thing as a whole billion dollars. That he has only 50 million dollars or maybe up to even 700 million, but not over that as far as he knows, for John D's income has not been over 60 million a year now for a long time and the oil king has to have something to pay his corn beer and cabbage with. So there cannot be much left.

In 1918 his income was estimated at 33 million dollars on which he almost had to pay income tax. It was a narrow escape and he is not going to run any risk of letting government officials in on the secret of his income any more. Can't they hear what he says that he has no income, that he has given away several dollars already to charities and universities.

To talk about his 60 million dollar a year income right now when the tax snoopers are around is a sheer insult that should be prohibited by the Volsted Act.

TRUTH crushed to earth will rise again and get the political prisoners out. Come on and enjoy the outing.

## Where the Social Conscience Is

That the rule of great wealth is awry of the false.

Must come of the system in vogue.

All the sciences prove and the open fields teach:

False systems must harbor the rogue.

As the scent of the rose and its beauty imparts

A common unfolding of weal;

So, a social concept within man should upbuild

Its life, everlastingly real.

While the fruit of all labor seems never to fail—

Alas! as to use, it is lost

In the system's mad race for the tinsel and brass;

Which blights, as a mid-summer's frost.

In the heat of it all a fair Conscience remains

With workers, who foster its life.

In the fields of ill-fame where the masters abide,

It dies, of the selfishness rife.

As the roots are the base of the blossom's full glow;

Alive, in the wonderful soil—

So the spirit of man, if a spirit of worth,

Must come of the wonders of toil.

Yes! the social instinct of a great working class,

Shall light and a-bloom the new role—

See the rays in the east, of a Conscience in bloom—

The Light, of a Workers' Control!

D. S. Dietz.

## THE BOOSTERS

When we cry or work we are boosting civilization. The idlers who exploit us are not the boosters.

When we call for what we earn we boost for the world Those who rob us do not boost.

When we oppose oppression we boost. When we organize the workers and get them ready to take possession of the industries we boost. When we ask a fellow worker to join the I. W. W. we boost for humanity. When we go to prison for our principles we boost for the liberty of future generations.

The capitalists are not the boosters. When they boost profits they commit a crime. When they boost war they pull civilization back. When they gamble in the markets they degrade the people. Then they play politics and run riot with the people's property they drag us down.

The capitalists boost for anarchy and decay and suffering and want and ignorance and death.

The workers boost for order, growth, comfort, joy, happiness, life.

Some day shall all be worker and boosters.