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"Preparedness" Means Warming a Venomous Viper at Your Own Fireside!

By Henry M. Tichenor

Never since the civilization of Rome tottered and tumbled headlong into the Dark Ages has society been so dangerously near destruction as it is today.

Socially, politically, morally, economically, religiously, we stand where Rome stood, poised to the verge.

A few more staggering steps along the same highway of inhumanity and injustice - of Hate, Hypocrisy and Hypocrisy - and we have been traveling, in these many years, and over the precipice we plunge into barbarism and black night.

Already half a world has fallen, and the hosts are without in a hall of their own making. To them is lost all sense of humanity; they are as demons, chained in despair.

And on the tremendous brink of this abyss of death and destruction stand the plundering powers that be, an American, menacing, shaking to this people to follow on.

Then, lulled lulled with the devil's wine of war, these profit mongers feed the mass of the bloody death.

PEOPLE, ARISE IN RIGHT HOUR! REVOLT AND STAMP INTO THE DUST THE RED DEVIL'S HEAD!

LET AMERICA ANNIHILATE THE MONSTER THAT

WOULD DRAG ALL HUMANITY DOWN TO RUIN!

The time is short. Act quickly! The poisonous fangs of the war dragon has already struck millions into slavery.

You, of the working class, who are still sane, delay at once your

congressman with letters of protest against the proposed crime of the capitalist class to doom this country with the curse of militarism.

Tell him that you will know what preparedness means, that the map of Europe pictures it in all its hideous fulness.

Moreover, tell him something else that you will know, that this war is a war, and Europe has wrecked and bleeding from every pore, that you, you of the working class, will have more deadly enemies at home, anxious and willing to crush you, than can be found across three thousand miles of water, and that the proposed preparedness is far more liable to become some day against the revolting workers of America than against a foreign foe.

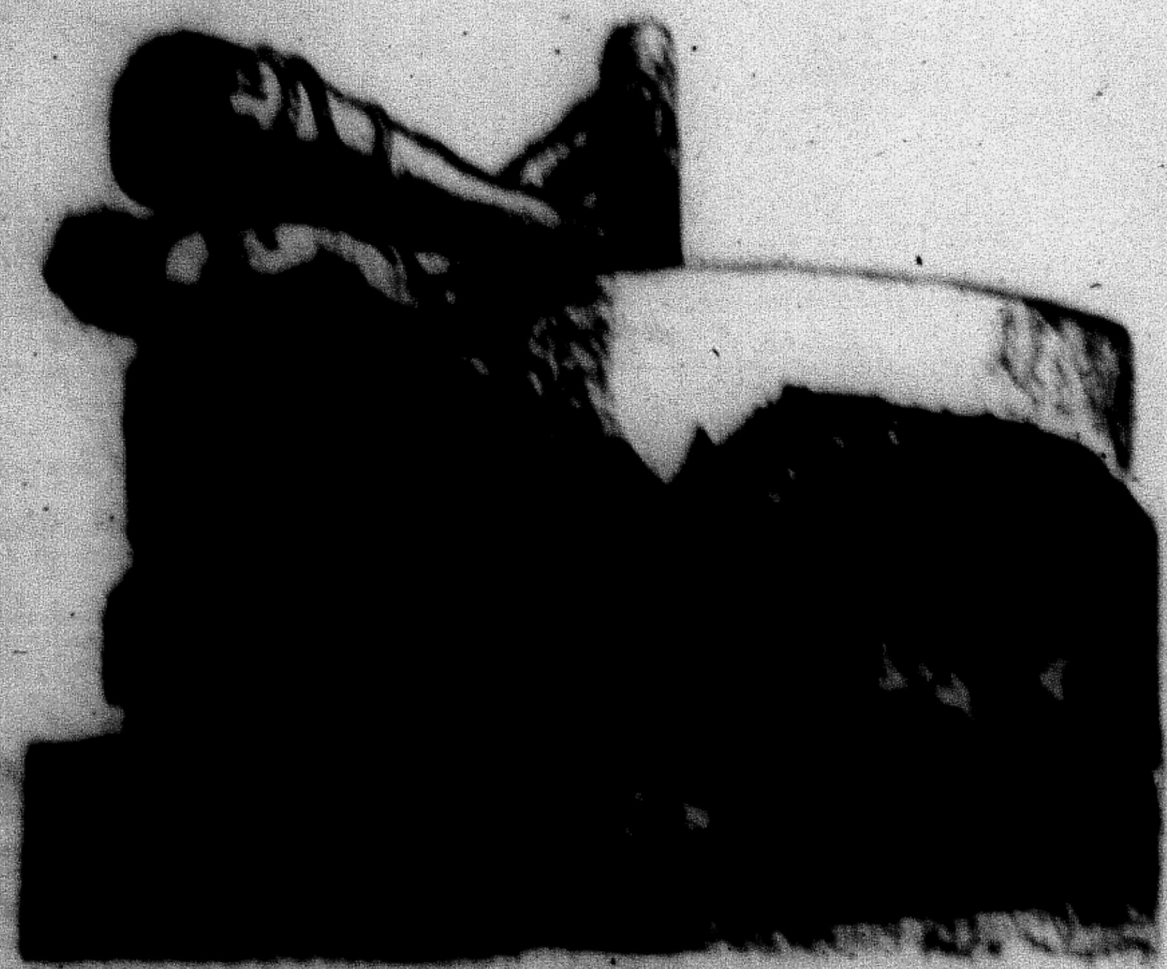
Tell him that you can plainly discern the "finger" leading to the woodpile of this damned world, ready to make a military show of this nation.

Tell him that to keep the masses of all the world fed, much alike, that King George or Kaiser Wilhelm could not turn you any closer to the time than Napoleon did, nor shoot up you and yours more than Rockefeller did at London.

It's the turn of the balance, people, and the VOLUNTION and REDEMPTION of outraged humanity depends upon the work of the workers of the world.

For the love of the common race, do not feed that snake down until all is lost in the bloody chaos of war madness.

Preparedness means warming a venomous viper at your own fireside!



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Editorials

By Eugene V. Debs

THE YOUNGSTOWN STRIKE

The short and cruel strike of the iron and steel workers at East Youngstown this early in January and which resulted in three persons being killed and many injured and the destruction of a million dollars worth of property constitutes another thrilling chapter in the annals of the brotherhood of capital and labor.

The strike consisted of the employees at the Youngstown Sheet and Tube Company and the Republic Iron and Steel Company. Eighteen thousand employees went out on a demand for a paltry increase of wages amounting to \$7.50 for ten hours. The company offered an increase of half of what the men demanded and this was refused. The company would make no further concession, notwithstanding its enormous net earnings due to the tremendous "prosperity" growing out of the war.

The steel trust had already granted a ten per cent increase to all its employees because of their largely increased earnings but the "independent" concerns at East Youngstown that were likewise reeling in profit refused even the paltriness of prosperity to their hard-worked slaves. Then came the strike. Of course the company had its armed guards on the ground even before the employees walked out and these guards fired the first shot without the least provocation, and they are responsible for the riot that followed, the killing that resulted, and the property that was destroyed. The responsibility for these crimes is entirely with the company, for had not the criminal guards instigated the riot it would never have occurred.

The strikers moved peacefully toward the bridge that leads to the plant across the railroad tracks when a guard on the bridge fired his revolver at them and instantly the riot was precipitated and a reign of terror inaugurated for which the company and its hirelings should be held strictly accountable.

Of course the state militia was soon on the ground and peace and quiet were speedily restored. The effort of the capitalist press to have it appear that the strikers were a drunken mob will not deceive those who have had experience in such affairs. It is not in the least surprising nor to their discredit that these hard-worked, cruelly exploited slaves became desperate at last and took matters into their own hands, and if those people of refined sense who pour out their abuse on them had to fill their empty shoes for a fortnight they would curb their censure and quite likely preserve their silence.

The strikers have since returned to work, except, of course, the leaders who have been singled out for discharge and added to the roll of martyrs in labor's struggle against its oppressors. The strike was not entirely lost, however. No strike ever is. Always something remains to the credit of the strike and to the benefit of those who sacrificed in it or those who come after them.

In this instance the companies involved increased the wages of the employees to the extent of half of what they struck for. This was not much, but it is something. Besides this, the workers are wiser for the experience. Had they been organized they would have won all they struck for and the loss of life and the destruction of property might have been averted.

All the workers may profit by the experience of the strikers at East Youngstown. Let them organize industrially and develop their power of solidarity and when the crisis comes they will be the masters of the situation and victory will always be inscribed upon their banner.

Exports from this country have broken all the world's records during the last two months and now reach the astounding aggregate of five billion dollars per year, or about three billion dollars in excess of imports. And yet there are millions of human beings verging on poverty and destitution. Capitalism certainly "moves in a mysterious way its wonders to perform."

Judge Dayton is coming into public notice again. This is the fool of the corporations on the federal bench who has been persecuting the miners and came near being impeached for his gross abuse of power. If justice had been done he would have been laid to rest from the bench in disgrace. His name is a stain on the nostrils of decent men.

WHY FIGHT FOR THE EXPLOITERS

Are you a workman? If so, what interest have you in fighting for your boss?

Do you not know that in fighting for him and his you fight against yourself and yours?

Your boss is strong for patriotism and preparedness and war, why shouldn't he be? Why shouldn't you?

He has everything to gain by war and you everything to lose, including your health, your arms and legs and even your very life.

Why should you fight and bleed and die for what belongs to the capitalist? Does he fight and bleed and die for what belongs to you? Does he fight and bleed and die for even what belongs to himself?

The country you live in belongs to the capitalists, why should you worry over its defense? Why not let the capitalists themselves do the worrying?

The country you are called upon to fight for is ruled by the capitalists, why not let them also do the fighting?

The workman who will fight for a country of which he does not own an inch and in which he has not even a job he can call his own is a fool if he does it willingly, and if not, he is a slave.

Do not be deceived by the fraudulent cry of alarm that the country is in danger and that it is threatened with invasion. The country has for years been in danger and suffered from invasion and the invader has skinned you to the bone. This invader is the capitalist who robs you of the fruit of your labor. This is the invader you have to prepare to fight, and no other.

No foreign invader could hurt you nearer the marrow than has already been done by our own home talent, and no foreign invader could by any satanic ingenuity devise more barbaric methods of torture than our own Rockefeller have inflicted on the working class in Colorado and other states of this union.

Fight? Yes, by all means, but not for the capitalists, but for yourselves.

Why should workers of various lands slaughter one another at the command of their masters?

Why not get together in an industrial union and a political party of their own, hoist the flag of the social revolution, and march forward in armed ranks to their emancipation?

The indications are that there will be a lively time among the "patriots" in congress before the present session is over. Already the compliments of the day have been exchanged and if it keeps on it will not be long until Pat's description of the wake will fit the situation. "There was only one whole nose left in the party after it was over and that one belonged to the tax kittle."

M. A. SCHMIDT'S CONVICTION

The trial of M. A. Schmidt at Los Angeles, charged with complicity in the destruction of the building of the Los Angeles Times, resulted in his conviction and his sentence to prison for life. The verdict, although not unexpected in that community, is nothing less than an infamous outrage and every labor union should rise in protest against such shameless perversion of justice.

Harrison Gray Otis is doubtless satisfied. He has exacted his pound of flesh and the heart's blood of his victim. This ought to appease his anti-union hate and his blood-lust for a time at least.

until Kaplan, who is equally innocent, can also be given a life sentence in capitalism's holy temple of law and justice.

Schmidt testified in his own defense and told a flawless story from beginning to end. The cross-examiners of the manufacturers and other corporations, masquerading as public prosecutors, tried in vain to shake his story. He had told the truth. He was innocent of the crime charged against him and yet he was convicted for life by the picked jury which, it has since been shown, were pampered and entertained at theatre parties, etc., etc., by the prosecution during the course of the trial.

A beautiful and pathetic feature of the case was the loyal devotion of Schmidt's sister Katherine, who was by his side from the opening to the close and never once wearied of her self-appointed task of sharing with her brother the cruel ordeal that fell to his lot. The attorneys for the defense filed a motion for a new trial and this served to stay the execution of the sentence. The union men on the Pacific coast owe it not only to Schmidt, but to themselves to see that justice is done in this case.

Another victim of capitalist miracle goes to prison an innocent man and another nail is driven straight home in the coffin of the capitalist system.

It is certainly true that "The journey of high honor lies not in smooth ways."

The miners in Arizona are fighting a great battle and we are hoping earnestly that victory may perch upon their banner. The big mining pirates are very wrath because Governor Hunt will not do their bidding and break the strike with the militia as other capitalist governors are in the habit of doing.

BARON WILLIAM WALDORF ASTOR

Hats off to the Baron!

Our own willie wallie astor has at last been recognized by king george and his court and is now "It."

The newspaper call it willie's "elevation." We don't know what it is and it doesn't matter, for willie is so light that it doesn't matter what direction he happens to blow in.

And yet light as he is, insignificant, nincompoopish and contemptible beyond words, he is still the boss of the American working class and they work like slaves to produce the wealth this insipid, shallow-pated sissy, this pandering, disgusting parasite lavishes upon the rotten royalty of Europe for the scavenger privilege of licking their stolen boots.

The millions "Baron" Astor continues to draw from the working class of America and squander among the rakes and vampires of the old world are all granted to him freely, patriotically and enthusiastically by every working man who votes the republican, democratic, or progressive ticket and thereby gives his sanction and support to the capitalist system which breeds one willie wallie astor who is crowned a "Baron" to every ten thousand slaves that are crowned tramps, hoboes and outcasts.

Preparedness is the program of the power that plucks the proletariat and plunders the people.

The munition manufacturers are shouting hallelujah in one mighty chorus. The profits of slaughter are rolling in upon them in a perfect torrent and their joy knows no bounds. What are a million corpses or a million cripples or a million broken hearts to a million glittering dollars in the eyes of a Christian capitalist?

ROOSEVELT AND PROGRESS

The name of Theodore Roosevelt has in recent years been closely associated in the public mind with progressive government and reform in politics. In the last national convention, he was the standard bearer of the so-called progressive party for the presidency of the United States. He had turned his back, the people were assured, upon the republican party which had made him president, because of its crookedness and reaction and its domination by big interests, and he was now set upon leading the progressive hosts of the common people into the promised land to feed on honey and browse on clover forevermore.

For a fine line of political buncombe, this has never been excelled. Roosevelt in the White House was the pal of the rottenest of corporation beetles and Wall street politicians and they poured millions into his campaign fund in return for which he gave them "my policies," under which the trusts grew and flourished as they had never grown and flourished before and all the time that Roosevelt was beating the tom toms and having his clackers rattle the pans at the White House to scare away the corporation goblins, the corporations and trusts were fattening undisturbed looting the nation.

Now these same pirates, would like to have Roosevelt in the White House again. His progressiveness (!) is of the old Tom Platt school from which he graduated with the highest honors and it exactly suits Wall street and the gang of looters that furnish the campaign

hoods to put their tool in the White House, and if the people will only continue to look upon Roosevelt as the mighty political reformer, the political pirates will again knock the persimmon and the people for four years more will get good and plenty what they voted for.

A few days ago, E. H. Gary, head of the steel trust, gave a swell dinner at which Theodore Roosevelt was the guest of honor. Besides Gary there were present August Belmont, Daniel Guggenheim, Clarence Mackay, George Perkins, Jacob Schiff, Cornelius Vanderbilt, Frank Vanderlip and others of the "common people" that Roosevelt is so fond of, and willing to fight and die for, fifteen in all, WHO WERE WORTH IN THEIR OWN NAMES A BILLION DOLLARS AND WHO REPRESENT ONE-TENTH OF THE ENTIRE WEALTH OF THE UNITED STATES, and these are the gentlemen who are behind the Roosevelt boom and bent upon putting him back in the White House because he is the arch-foe of big interests and the heroic champion of the common people.

Think it over!

Write your congressman at once if you have not already done so and call on him to support the measure providing for the publication and distribution of the report of the United States Commission on Industrial Relations.

Theodore Roosevelt is pining to draw his sword and to have himself painted in heroic size charging frantically up a hill when he is miles away.

RAILROAD SLAVERY

We have a report of a confidential nature which advises that the management of one of the principal railways in the South is carrying out a carefully prepared plan to keep their employees in slavish submission. In pursuance of this plan, the railroad has its representatives, wolves in sheep's clothing, at every meeting of the engineers, firemen and trainmen and if anything is said or done in which the company is interested it is promptly reported at headquarters the following morning.

When a brakeman or fireman joins either of the brotherhoods representing these crafts, he is called to the office the following day and given his discharge. Of course he is supposed to be joining a secret organization, for that is what the brotherhoods call themselves, but nevertheless railroad spies and spotters are on the inside of them all, attend every meeting, and not infrequently hold official positions.

When some important matter is to be voted upon, such for instance as joining the Southeastern Association, which has been organized to make concerted action possible, the ballots are sent to the members by the secretaries to be voted, signed and returned, instead of allowing the members to vote by secret ballot and thus protect their jobs. It is hardly necessary to add that members take no chances voting against anything to which the company is opposed.

Some of these company tools even have the nerve to attend the state legislature and plead the right of the company to increase its tonnage and double-headers and impose other excessive burdens upon the cowed and intimidated slaves.

The men who are being discharged by this company for joining a union are hired by other companies because they are first class men; these latter companies look upon the former as a kindergarten in which raw recruits are trained into skilled trainmen and then fired for their benefit.

The literature of socialism is passing from hand to hand among the employees of this particular railroad which for the present will remain unnamed, and some bright morning the management will wake up to find that they have been cultivating a great crop of class-conscious socialists.

The fifteen plutocrats with whom Theodore Roosevelt was seated as the guest of honor at the now notorious Gary dinner owned wealth approximating a thousand million dollars and represented one-tenth of the entire wealth of the nation. Oh, yes, the hero of Kettle Hill is the deadly foe of "swollen fortunes" and a great champion of the downtrodden masses. As the nominating conventions are drawing nigh, it will now be in order for Roosevelt to make another trip through the anthracite and to be accidentally discovered by his press agent and camera artist eating from a bare table in the shanty of a Pennsylvania coal digger.

"LACK OF CONFIDENCE"

Recently the Pennsylvania Railroad posted notices in public places to the effect that the management would like to know "What causes lack of confidence in railroads?" Responsive to this inquiry, inspired doubtless by the suspicion, entirely warranted, that the people are "getting on," the Altoona Times, published where the great shops of the company are located and in a community absolutely controlled by the company, fires a broadside of pertinent rejoinder which the managing officials will have no reason to object to on the ground that it is not plain, candid, and to the point.

Says the Times: "It is a belief on the part of a great portion of the public that amounts almost to certainty that the railroad has not been strictly on the level with the people—that is, has been disloyal to its own employees, who have been discriminated against time and again; that it is disloyal—not to say dishonest—with interests that should have its first consideration after the welfare of the public has been conserved—its stockholders."

Then follows a scoring rarely administered to a great corporation by a capitalist newspaper. The Times is eminently right when it charges the company with the abuse of its own employees, as every one knows who has ever been at Altoona and who has had occasion to examine the industrial penitentiary there by courtesy called the general shops of the Pennsylvania Railroad company. The twelve thousand more or less employees there are in truth the inmates of an industrial prison. They dare not say their souls are their own. They are suspicious of each other and afraid of their own shadows, and well they may be for they know that the company spy infests every shop and that an indiscreet utterance means the loss of the job.

These twelve thousand industrial convicts of the Pennsylvania Railroad Company are not allowed to organize for their mutual protection. To even whisper of a union behind these prison walls is treason and punished accordingly. Meanwhile the corporation controls the state government, furnishes the title and toga of the senator who is to represent it in the legislature that is supposed to represent the people, and maintains at public expense an army of mounted Cossacks to keep its slaves in subjection.

Lack of confidence in the railroads? Ye gods, what assurance it requires to even venture the inquiry in the light of the notorious facts of corporation misrule!

Let the people own the railroads and operate them for the benefit of the people and then there will be no lack of confidence in either the railroads or the people.

THE WORKINGMAN'S PSALM. Number "23" With Apologies To David. [Paul H. Castle.]

The Capitalist is my employer, he shall not want; he maketh me to lie down with an empty stomach; he leadeth me to the ballot box to vote for him; he taketh the product of my toil, he leadeth me in the paths of labor for his profits' sake.

Yea, though I walk through the valley and the shadow of want, he feareth no evil, his silver and gold comforteth him; his pocket runneth over.

Surely, if I vote the ticket of my master, poverty and distress shall follow me all the days of my life and I shall dwell in the house of Henry Dubb forever.

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CO-OPERATORS—ATTENTION!!!

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Intercollegiate Socialist Society
70 5th Ave., New York City.

The Easiest Way—MOTHER (ad-nayed) "I don't see, Elsie, how you can be so naughty."

ELsie—"Why, mama, it isn't a bit hard."—BOSTON Transcript.

AWAY FROM THIS HELL!

By Henry M. Tichenor, the RIP-SAW Poet.

Our country, all the earth,
Our race, of every birth,
Our God, all Nature;
Our creed, Humanity—
Justice—Equality
To every creature!

There, shall the war drums cease;
There, shall we live in peace,
Where no tyrants dwell,
No one to whom we bow—
Our heaven HERE and NOW
Away from this hell!

THESE, TOO, WERE MEN

These, too, were men! these corpses
ranged in rows,
And piled in ghastly heaps on mounds
and fens.

These silent hosts we fools accounted
foes.

These, too, were men!

How slow we learn! How slowly man
outgrows

The traits of beasts that dwell in
cave and den,

And rises o'er the brutes his history
shows.

Shall we not blush and hang our shamed
heads when

Our rulers boast new triumphs, deadly
blows.

And foemen slain, if we remember
then—

These, too, were men!

In "Labor Leader"

No Luck—"Do the Germans ever
leave anything valuable behind them in
the trenches?"

VETERAN—"Never a drop, mum!"

LONDON MAIL

Cured—BROWN—"Back to town
again? I thought you were a farmer."

GREEN—"You made the same mis-
take I did."—JUDGE.

Current Problems—Socialism, Etc.

2. Revolution or Reform?

By Walter Thomas Mills

Author of "The Struggle for Existence" and
"Democracy or Despotism."

NOTE: This is the second of a series of articles by Walter Thomas Mills; the first appeared in the January RIP-SAW, being entitled, "What's the matter, anyhow?" Correspondence, with criticisms and suggestions, is requested and important questions will be given consideration in following articles.

It has been agreed that there is something the matter. It has been agreed that that thing is the private appropriations of rent, interest and profit.

It has been agreed that the one way of escape is to abolish all that share of what is usually called interest and profit which rests on no service but only on theft, and to publicly appropriate for the common use the ground rents which are publicly created and which in the nature of the case, cannot be abolished.

The way of relief must bring up the purchasing power of labor, and bring down the selling prices of the means of living, until useful service shall be able to buy all of the products or services of those

only to start another.

Revolutionary measures must not only deal with rent, interest and profit, as the means by which labor is exploited, but they must deal with all of them else the winning of one battle and the losing of another may in the end lose the war. It is victory in the last battle that determines the final issues of every conflict.

The reformer is not the man who by moderate measures seeks to win great victories.

The revolutionist is not the man who with violent language or radical proposals deals, after all, with only the surface of the social problems.

A reformer may be the most erratic of men. A revolutionist may be the most moderate of men. It is not the style of speech or the peculiarities of the men which distinguish the one from the other. Any progressive measure which leaves the wage system, that is exploitation through rent, interest and profit, untouched is a reform measure only. Any measure which attacks rent, interest and profit and seeks to deliver society from the exploitation of any or all of them, as a part of a program to make an end of exploitation through any or all of them, is a revolutionary measure, because any such measure must lay anew the very foundations of the industrial and commercial world.

The distinction between a revolution and a reform is not fanciful but real.

There has frequently been blood shed without a revolution. There has been great revolutions, but without disorder.

There can be no greater current problem or more urgent, than is this question of exploitation through rent, interest and profit.

There can be no deliverance from this exploitation except by the destruction of all needless monopolies and the public ownership and democratic management of all the rest.

But that is Socialism.

Again, it is seen that this greatest of social problems cannot be considered except socialism is also involved.

Socialism is not an abandonment of the great current, urgent social problems.

Socialism offers the only immediate and effective method for the solution of these problems.

The next article in this series will consider "A CONSTRUCTIVE REVOLUTION."

who render service of any sort.

To consider by what sort of measures this may be accomplished, is the purpose of this article.

Any progressive measures which leave rent, interest and profit untouched, may be fairly called reform measures, for the reason that while they may seek to improve conditions, they do not seek to abolish needless monopolies, or to make public enterprises out of those monopolies that cannot be abolished.

Any measures that would make an end of charges in excess of the cost, or would make public revenues, not private incomes, out of ground rents, would be revolutionary, because they would remove entirely the foundations of the wages system, and make an end of the exploitation of modern capitalism.

Again, revolutionary measures must not only deal with the fundamental matters of rent, interest and profit, but they must make an end of the stopping of one leak

Some More "Ford."

Kate O'Hare Makes Second Visit To Detroit

Tragedies of the capitalist system averted so far as a capitalist with a heart can avert them. Experiments with the "down-and-outers"—the so-called "fallen woman"—the child worker—the "criminal"—and the "improvident."

EDITOR'S NOTE:—Nothing printed in the RIP-SAW in recent months has been read with greater interest than Kate O'Hare's story in the January RIP-SAW entitled "HAS HENRY FORD MADE GOOD?" Mrs. O'Hare's spent three more days at Detroit in January, and makes a second contribution herewith. A hundred interesting stories were discovered.

When one calmly considers the result of the two years' experiment that Ford has made, in paying common or unskilled labor \$5.00 per day, and skilled labor at higher rates, he is compelled to see that after all Ford is the smartest business man in America. Ford admits that his automobiles cost \$17.00 less apiece to make with highly paid willing labor than on the old plan of competitive wages. By working his men only eight hours a day he has them when they are fresh and full of "pep." There is less waste of time, less waste of costly material, less "overhead" expense of superintendence, and fewer accidents; only one fatal accident among 24,000 employees in a whole year! Of discharges there are practically none, and resignations are few, so the constant cost of "breaking in" men only to lose them is cut out. A strike is inconceivable, as the demands of the most "unreasonable" union are met in full—no piece work, no bonus system, the eight hour day, sanitation, more than the union scale.

And Henry is foxy—it may look like "benevolence," but is the shrewdest common sense when he insists that the employees use the "profits" to provide for their future, for the rainy day. The scale for common labor is 34c an hour for men, 30c an hour for women and boys. After the first six months, those who have dependents, men and women and boys alike, draw "profits," making their earnings \$5.00 per day. The idea is that they shall live well, spending their wages and as much of their profits for that purpose as necessary, but that a good-sized share of the profits shall be tucked away in the savings bank, invested in insurance, or intelligently invested in homes. Then in case of sickness, accident or death and old age, the Ford employee or his dependent will not have to apply for charity.

Then again, in case of an industrial depression which would affect the Ford company, who would be in better shape to weather the storm, the men with a few thousand dollars tucked away, or the men who had lived up to the limit of their \$30.00 per week income?

The Ford experiments, covering 24,000 employees, affecting directly 100,000 people, (one-tenth of one percent of all the population of the United States) are on a large enough scale to be conclusive. They confirm every Socialist theory that they touch.

That common labor with adequate equipment is capable of providing a better living for the humblest man than skilled labor is receiving today;

That men can be weaned from "crime" by the temptation of a pleasant and well paid job;

That the average man likes to work hard when he is stoked up on good beef steaks and has some incentive;

That it is unnecessary to exploit child and woman labor; that the child or woman, working with the best machinery is equally efficient with the strongest men;

That the "man of the house" is capable of supporting a whole family;

That there is an important job suited to the strength and intelligence of every one, from the strongest to the weakest, from the most intelligent to the dullest.

All this is the story that you hear over and over again from the lips of the Socialist agitator. It took Henry Ford to prove these theories on a large scale. That is the reason these Ford Stories are printed in the RIP-SAW. That is why they are of interest to Socialists.

The philosophical principles of Socialism—"economic determinism," "the theory of surplus value" and the "class struggle," are not affected by the Ford experiments. Granting that every employer should pattern after Ford, and a benevolent capitalism should become universal—the effect would be to simply clear the way for a Socialist movement that would concentrate itself on one or two essential points—the discussion would be freed of a thousand subsidiary questions that now befog the real issue.

The issue would then be fought-out between two intelligent groups—owners and workers, as to whether private or co-operative ownership should prevail—as to whether monarchy or democracy should rule in industry.

In the following stories, Mrs. O'Hare has purposely avoided using real names.

By KATE RICHARDS O'HARE

In this second installment of stories contrasting conditions in the external world with conditions at the Ford plant, I am able to touch upon some more of the problems that have been handled so successfully by Henry Ford. As I write this, I contrast in my mind the wide difference between the Ford plant, where not a single worker receives less than a living wage, and conditions in a line of industry I have just investigated where not a single worker receives a living wage. In a forthcoming issue of the RIP-SAW I will tell the readers of the RIP-SAW of the conditions in this other business, whose name is a household word, where eighteenth century methods of exploitation still prevail.

COMING BACK

Terrance O'Dowd was a rather expensive citizen to the city of St. Louis. He grew up in Kerry Patch; the gutter was his playground, the principal sport of his day and class was "rushing the can" in the alley; his heroes were ward heelers, his battlefield where deeds of valor were performed, was the polling place on election night and his natural enemy was the policeman who walked the beat.

When Terrance was about twenty-two the "gang" was "shooting the can" in an alley; a free-for-all fight started and Terrance, who was strong and husky and had an Irish temper, "beat up" one of the "gang" most unmercifully. He was arrested and charged with assault with intent to kill. Young fellows like Terrance were valuable to the ward heelers and a good stiff fight was put up by the politicians for his freedom. The "gang" stood by him loyally, but there had been a lot of newspaper talk about that time, about "crime waves" and lawlessness and police inertia, so Terrance became the "goat" and "went up" for two years.

O'Dowd served his time and came out of prison with a clean record as a convict. He went back to Kerry Patch and while the

moral and social lines were not very closely drawn there, now and then some self-righteous person took pains to remind Terrance that he was a "jailbird." Patrolman Sullivan, who remembered the many harrassing raids Terrance had made upon him and the peace and dignity of Kerry Patch in the past, would haul Terrance down to headquarters every now and again just to show his zeal in keeping his eye on the ex-convicts and "desperate" criminals of his district. Terrance was a first class workman, a blacksmith, strong as a bull and full of energy and he could always get a job. But usually when the police run him in on suspicion, the boss would be annoyed by having a forge left without a workman, or resented having to go down to head quarters to get Terrance out. It was easier to "fire" him than to sign his bail bond, and—well—he was a convict anyway. So time after time, he was fired from the job. Finally Terrance shook the dust of St. Louis from his feet and went over to the coal fields across the river and went to work at his trade for a coal mining company. At the cheap hotel where he boarded there was a little waitress just over from Donegal, and Terrance fell headlong in love with her. Lovers are the same the world over and you can supply the love story of Terrance and Kathleen by just remembering your own. They tied the alarm clock to the heads of their beds and scrambled out at five o'clock and trotted off to mass for the joy of the sweet half-hour alone rather than the consolation of religion. Terrance took the pledge from Father Phelan and love's young dream made even a sordid coal camp beautiful. One day a detective from the St. Louis force chanced to go to the little coal mining town, discovered Terrance and not only told his employer, but every one else who would listen that Terrance was an ex-convict, a jailbird, and a bad man generally. No one knows just what happened then, but Terrance lost his job. Kathleen went about her work with red and swollen eyes and dropped many a tear in the boarders' soup and Terrance, bitter and sullen and ugly, came back to St. Louis. He went on a spree that lasted as long as his money and when that was all gone went to work for

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a former employer. A fellow workman taunted the drink and sorrow-crazed man about being a convict and Terrance smashed him over the head with an iron bar. There was a second long and expensive trial and Terrance went up for five years. Again he served his time, got the reduction for good behavior, and came back to St. Louis.

This time he changed his name, moved over to the opposite side of town from Kerry Patch, dropped all his old associates and went to work in a shoe factory. Working on the next bench to Terrance was a widow, Katrina Schmidt, who managed with the scanty wage she earned, to feed in some sort of a manner, her four children. One day Terrance married the widow Schmidt and told her to "stay at home and mind the kiddies and he would hustle the eats." For two years all went well; Terrance worked like a Trojan, the widow grew plump and rosy, the children shined from much scrubbing and trotted off to school each morning with well filled stomachs.

When the eldest boy finished common school, Terrance appealed to the only friend he had, a political boss whom we shall call "Mike Maguire," to secure a job for the boy. Maguire is a person at the mention of whose real name every properly pious and respectable St. Louisan immediately elevates his nose, but Maguire's heart is as big as a barrel, and it is to him that every "underdog" turns in time of trouble. Terrance knew what environment can do for a boy and he wanted his stepson where he would be in decent surroundings and meet decent men. Maguire was able to secure the coveted job for the boy, and things were pleasant at the little flat.

One night Terrance was invited into a saloon by a couple of fellow shoe workers. No one knows just what happened, but there was an altercation, and when the smoke of battle cleared away Terrance was dead. Then next day the St. Louis papers appeared with flaring headlines telling of the passing of one of the most noted of the city's "bad" men. There were conflicting stories told in the underworld as to the real facts. But not one paper mentioned the plight of the widow who would be forced back into the factory at starvation wages for the profit of some of our most pious and godly citizens, nor of her four children, thus robbed of a real home.

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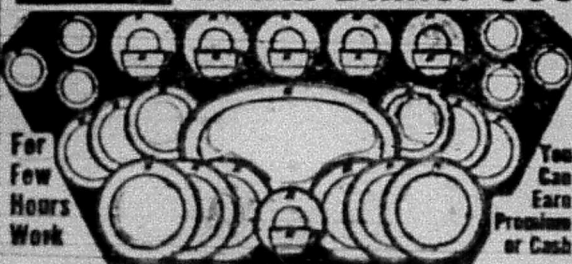
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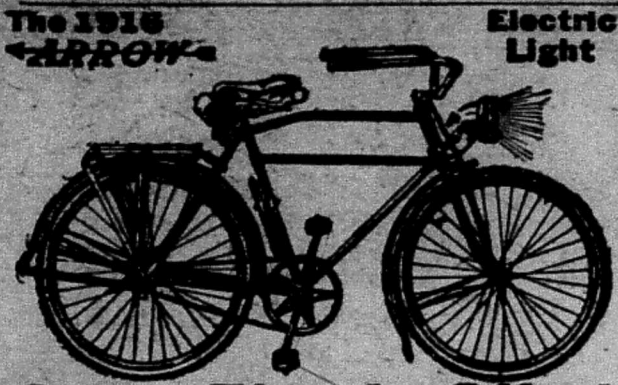
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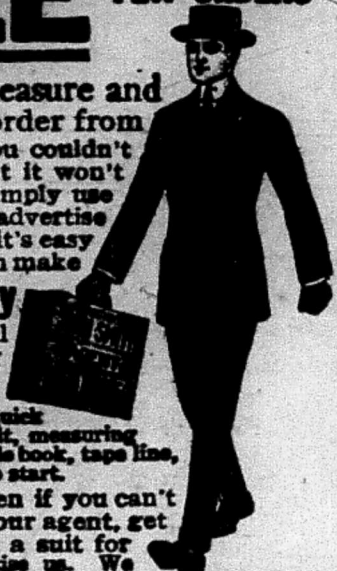
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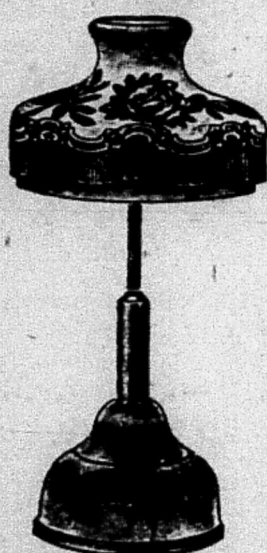
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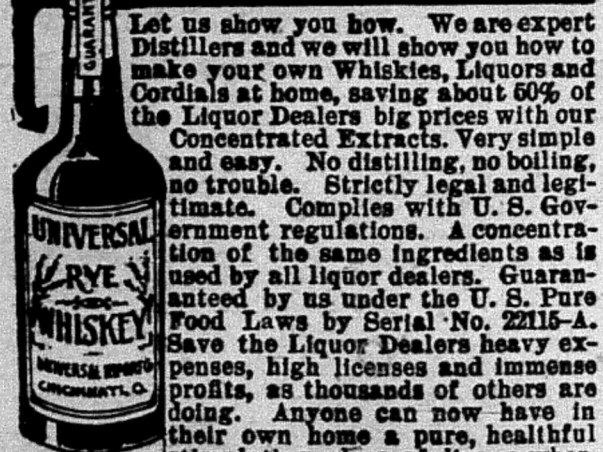
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HOPE!

Conrad read a story in a magazine in the prison library about how Henry Ford had taken some convicts and put them to work in his factory and given them a chance to "come back." So with the first breath of freedom Conrad traveled straight to Detroit, walked into the office of the Ford company, and told his story to an official. He knew that his only chance for life was to secure employment with a boss who had a social vision and wealth and power enough to protect him from the bloodhounds of the law. He got his chance, went to work in the Ford factory, and from that day to this Detroit has had no more upright, law-abiding citizen than this man who has served three terms in prison. He is married now to a little school teacher who had given her youth to teaching other people's children as Conrad had given his to paying the price for society's stupidity and ignorance. It is doubtful if there is a happier or more contented man in Detroit.

THE TWO MAGDALENES

Mayme Barton was a scarlet woman, one of the six hundred thousand who infest the "Red Light" districts and lurk at the alley's mouth to contaminate our boys and curse our grandchildren with the "black plague." I met Mayme first one morning in the grimy, sordid police court where I was looking for "local color" for a story. Mayme had met the night before a young farmer in town to see the sights and had "trimmed him for his roll," but perhaps he was a little less drunk than she thought and he "squealed" and she was "run in." The old turnkey who had charge of the prisoners, and who was a good friend of mine, let me talk to Mayme, while the Judge kindly waited for her

"pimp," a local ward politician to come and sign her bail. To be exactly accurate I talked and Mayme cursed, and to this day little shivers of goose-flesh creep up my spine when I think of the cold-blooded, blood-curdling quality of the oaths Mayme droned out as she sat huddled down in the corner of the long bench where the damned waited for judgment to be pronounced. Her tawdry clothing was smudged and rumpled from a night in the "bull-pen," her peroxide-burned hair hung in limp strings about a dead white face, smeared with bits of crimson lip-salve and smudgy eyebrow penciling. Somehow I always associate oaths and curses with the heat of passion or burning hate, but there was no heat, no passion, not even burning anger in Mayme's curses—nothing but dead, cold despair and hopelessness. The ward heeler, who owned Mayme had attended a poker party the night before and objected to being routed out of bed to sign her bond, so we sat through the long forenoon waiting and finally over the stale sandwiches we muched for lunch,

THE OLD STORY

I got the story of a soiled and broken life. It was not a new story, it was pitifully common. Just the simple, stark history of tens of thousands of America's poor daughters. Mayme's father was a track walker for a railroad company, until one day he stepped from one track to escape the big freight engine snorting down the road and directly in the path of the Limited, hurtling up the other track and that is the end of his story. Mayme's mother took in washing and she had to stop school at the fourth grade to carry water and iron the flat work. One winter the grippe got Mrs. Barton, and when the cheap pine coffin was paid for and the masses said, Mayme faced life with this equipment: A beautiful face, a young body hungry for life, untrained hands and an uneducated brain. She drifted from factory to factory, always an "unfit" worker, and messed through her job on a dying, but not a living wage. Details are not necessary; one day she found that she had "loved not wisely, but too well," and in due time her baby was born in the City Hospital. Of course, Mayme could have left the encumbrance on some doorstep or dropped it in the basket at St. Ann's Foundling Asylum; but Mayme came from mothering Irish stock and loved her baby quite as much as proper, respectable mothers do. So the poor silly girl put the baby in a "Home" where charitable ladies would keep it for two dollars per week and then she started out to feed herself and get two dollars in addition every week for baby. Factory work was out of the question, for the wages paid in the average factory that employs girls won't feed a girl, not to mention a baby also, so Mayme tried being a servant in the homes of the well to do. She had been raised on corned beef and cabbage, so she knew nothing of preparing sweetbread saute, and the sisters at the parochial school had taught her that cleanliness was next

Used the bathroom!

to godliness, and Mayme took a bath in the only bathroom in the house and the mistress was so indignant that she fired her on the spot. Mayme naturally didn't want to lose her job, so in desperation she blurted out the story of the baby. This was fatal, for Mayme's mistress was a pious, godly, Christian woman whose husband was a gay old boy and whose two young sons were "hitting the pace," and she simply could not have a loose woman about. Wherever Mayme went, looking for a chance to do other people's "dirty work," she was required to give the name of her last mistress and the last mistress was not only a Christian but she was strong on telling the truth, so Mayme never got another chance to help solve the "servant problem." Driven back to factory work, she had to take a "gentleman friend" to help her out on the baby's board—and—well what's the use of telling the balance of the story? Every one knows the road from a "gentleman

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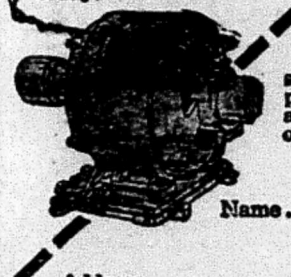
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friend" to "the street" is a short and downhill one, and once a girl hits the street she is compelled to take on a "male parasite" to "fix" her with the police. So I left Mayme waiting for her "fixer" to arrive, and I hurried over to Christ's Church to cover a

meeting of the Amalgamated Association of Talcum Sprinklers who were to be addressed by the Rev. Augustus Smugley, on "the Fallen Woman."

Olga is a peasant woman, transplanted from a village in Southern

Poland, to a work table in the Ford Motor factory, via a devious route that led through many kitchens where she worked as a servant girl. No one seems to know just how or when she made her appearance on the job on which she pounds away with such dogged perseverance, but it was before the days of profit sharing in the plant, and for more than two years Olga has stood at her table day after day pushing the work through with nervous energy and standing aloof from all other girls, black-browed, sombre-eyed and sullen. Perhaps the cruel suffering heaped upon the Polish peasants by the brutal tyranny of Russian despotism may have turned the milk of love and human kindness to gall and wormwood in her soul, or possibly her experience as a helpless, ignorant servant girl in American homes may have had its effect, but whatever the cause, she walks always a soul from other souls apart.

When the profit sharing plans went into effect the investigator who handles the girls, asked Olga if she had any one dependent on her for support and she curtly answered "No." All attempts by the investigator to get in touch with her life were futile and all efforts to gain her confidence and friendship failed. So Olga went on the thirty cents per hour rate and did not share in the profits which are given to the women who have others dependent on them. One day Olga was missing from her table, a thing that had never occurred before and an investigator went to her home to see if anything was amiss; she was not at her boarding place, but through the winding paths of the Polish quarter, he traced her and found her kneeling in sombre eyed intensity by the bedside of a beautiful three-year-old boy wheezing with the croup. For two days she sat beside the boy and when all danger was past, came back to her table, silent and aloof as before.

Rigid questioning brought the admission that the child was her's and had been born out of wedlock, but all the terrors of the Inquisition could have wrung no more from her lips and all the tact and gentleness that could be brought to bear could not bring from her the story of that sealed portion of her life. When she returned to the factory she was called up to the investigator's desk, to discuss the case and she appeared white and shivering with dread, fully expecting to be "fired" instantly and stood silent and sullen, ready to accept her fate without a word of protest.

The investigator who handles girls in the Ford plant is a jolly, but matter-of-fact man that Henry Ford hustled out of a nice, comfortable job in the factory and bade unsnarl the life problems of seven hundred girls. Most men find that one woman is all that he can manage, so pity the poor chap with seven hundred on his hands! For a long moment the sullen, fear-stricken girl and the man of many cares gazed at each other and then he blurted out; "Olga! why in thunder didn't you tell me you had that boy? He is yours and you are supporting him; you should have been getting your profits all the time. Here is a check for your profits and don't be such a darned bullhead next time." A few days later the investigator called Olga to his desk and said: "Olga, do you ever think what might happen to the little tad if you died? You take out a life insurance policy and we will have to see to having some right minded chap appointed guardian for the boy, so if you were to die he would not go to a foundling home or get robbed of his insurance by some pious grafter." And so it was arranged. Olga and her boy both board with a nice, elderly Polish couple and they live well on the fifteen dollars per week she draws as wages, and the fifteen extra dollars of profits are carefully saved so the boy may have his chance in life, even if he was born without a name.

"EASY MONEY"

Sandy Guinn was a "squaw man"

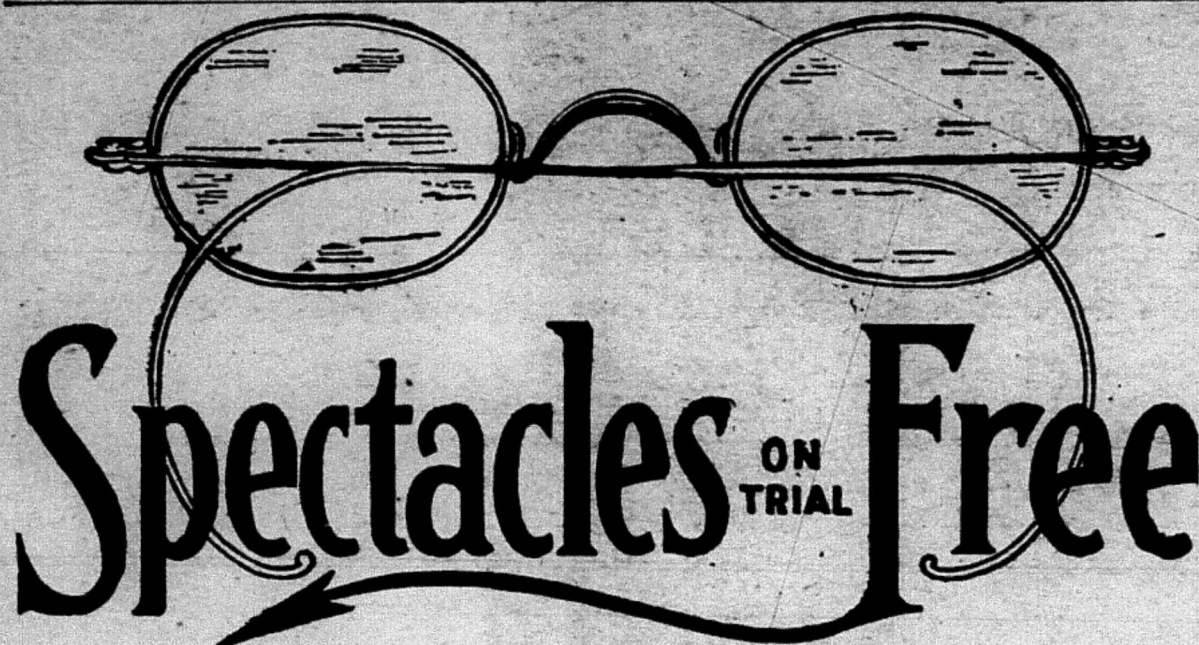
who lived on a farm near us when we were doing the "simple life" in Oklahoma ten years ago. Sandy was the prince of good fellows, big hearted, open handed and lovable; his Cherokee Indian wife was one of the best neighbors I ever knew and the six little Guinns were as likable a bunch of little scamps as ever played "hookey" to go fishing for "shiners." In the good old days before the white men overrun the Indians' domain, Sandy was a horse trader and the family lived in flourishing, if somewhat crude comfort. When the government divided the lands of the Cherokee tribe, Sandy's wife and each of the children found themselves in possession of from 320 to 640 acres of some of the finest land that ever rolled from the mold board of a plow. In fact they had so much land that they were "land poor" and possessed so much wealth that they had a hard time getting enough to eat, for, though the U. S. government had loaded them up with land it did not teach them how to use it, or conserve it, and the white grafters swarmed over the country like a plague. Coal operators grabbed the coal rights, swindling oil lease men filled Sandy up on bootleg whisky and cheated him out of his oil leases, harpy loan agents plastered the land with mortgages and the corrupt government officials made new rulings every year, to make it easier for the thieving grafters to pick the Indians down to the naked bone. One day Sandy took an extra drink of bootleg whisky and sat down on the well curb and died, and then the white harpies came down on the widow and children like a flock of vultures, and when they were through there was nothing left worth fighting for.

Ten short years have passed since we first knew the Guinns, but their birthright is gone. It fills the pockets of thievish political grafters and the land that should have been the heritage of their grandchildren, is now the plantation of a politician or a banker who operates it with poverty-stricken tenant labor. Mrs. Guinn is running a cheap boarding-house in a mining camp, the boys work at day labor when they must and loaf about the poolrooms when they can; the two girls married; one, a race track tout and the other a gambler, each of them deserting their wives when the money was gone. The story of Sandy Guinn and his wife and children is not an isolated story; it is but the composite story of untold thousands of Indian wards of the United States government, and it proves that the best of men and women must have either experience or intelligent guidance if suddenly acquired wealth is to help them to a higher condition of life.

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Bill Jones works on a screw machine in the Ford plant. He is just the ordinary or garden variety of the American Henry Dubb, that blossoms in profusion all over this country. Bill was working for two dollars and a half per day in the Ford plant, before the profit sharing went into effect, and as he was a married man without any noticeably bad habits he got his profits from the very first; but for some reason Mrs. Bill and the little Joneses did not seem to get in on the profits to any extent.

Bill wasn't a bad fellow, but he was just a dub, that's all, like thousands more of his type. He didn't seem to be able to make the extra money give him or his family extra comforts or security; it just slipped through his fingers like sand and left nothing of value behind. There are plenty more like him. When the Ford company started profit sharing, they found that among the more than twenty thousands employees there were many thousand who seemed to know just what to do with the extra money; they moved into better houses, bought homes, took out life insurance, started savings accounts and educated the children; but a few thousand were like Bill Jones or worse and that is how the investigators happened to happen. So things drifted along for several months; Bill



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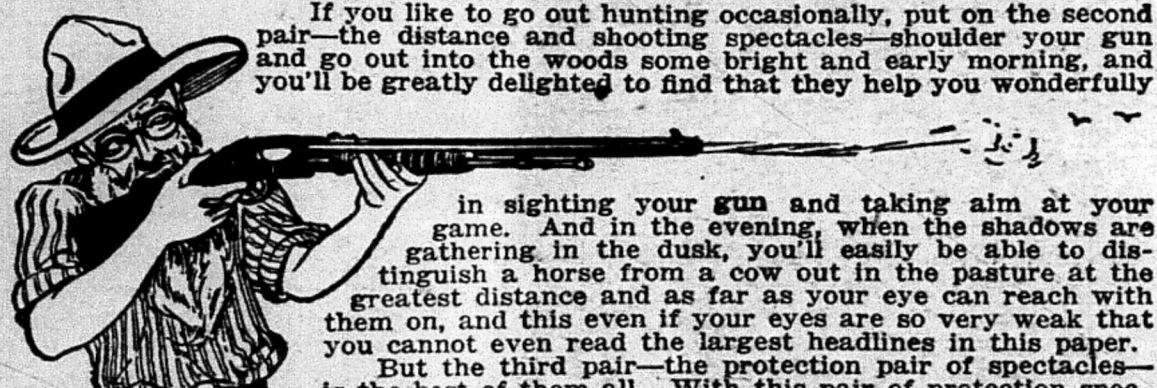
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got his profits, but the family received no benefit and Bill was getting rather "tubby" looking from too much beer. The investigator called him to account several times, and at first he was most apologetic and glibly promised to do better, then he got cross when the subject was mentioned and at last sneering and ugly. Finally he told the inspector that it was his money, he earned it and he intended to spend it for anything he pleased and if the company didn't like it they could go hang.

The next time Bill drew his paycheck his "wages" were there, but the "profits" were missing, and how he did roar and storm and swear! and when he found it all to no purpose, he threw down his badge and quit. The investigator tried to reason with Bill and tell him he was making a mistake, but Bill's American spirit was sadly riled and he was determined to show his independence.

A month later Bill walked into the investigator's office, but it was a sadder and wiser Bill. He had lost his bay window, his cheeks were gaunt, his trousers frayed and his feet on the ground. He had hunted a job for a month and found ten men for every job. Bill begged for his old job back again and offered to work six months' without pay if only he were re-instated. The investigator shook his head and said "Bill, I am mighty sorry, I told you, you were making a mistake, but you thought not; now you will have to go over to the employment office and make application like any other man who wants to work here." Poor Bill found that there were more than ONE MILLION men whose letters of application were ahead of his, and then it dawned on him how valuable a job in the Ford factory really is. Completely crushed, Bill crept home and that night the investigator called at the house. He said, "Bill, I think you have learned a valuable lesson. We don't want to punish you; come back tomorrow morning and we will put you on and to show you that the company wants to deal square with you. Here is a check for the profits we held back. I will give this check to your wife, and if you make good, the wife can come down to the office every pay-day and draw your profits."

Bill was on the job bright and early the next morning, the happiest man in the shop. He has never been on the carpet since, but Mrs. Bill, along with several hundred other Mrs. Bills go down each pay-day and draw the profits check; Bill is a changed man now, and he takes home his wages every pay-day and turns them over to the "little woman" to spend for as Bill beamingly remarks, "she sure has some head for figgers."

MIKE AND JIMMIE

Mike Moran is a typical red-headed, freckle-faced messenger boy. Mike stoutly declared that he was fourteen years old and never having seen his birth certificate I could not deny it, but I know that he was not as large as our twelve-year old Dick, but what he lacked in size he made up in worldly wisdom. On the grimy face still touched with baby softness were the hard, cruel lines etched by the age old wisdom of the streets and in the shrewd grey eyes, the crafty cunning with which the whelp of the under dog fights the brutal city for his putrid bone. Mike's father was non-existent and Mike was non-committal concerning him and I learned long ago that it is neither wise or kind to question too closely the parentage of those who serve you. But I found that Mike's mother was a scrub woman in one of the great office buildings. When the last desk had slammed shut and the last typewriter ceased clicking and the great office building becomes an empty beehive, then Mrs. Moran came with broom and dustrag, pail and mop and for a dollar a day, thirty dollars per month, cleaned up the dirt that more fortunate folk had made. In the grey hours of the early morning, she dragged back to the two dark, musty rooms she and

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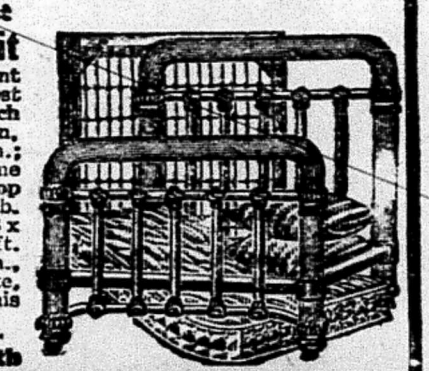
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room I found myself bewildered by the unfamiliar surroundings and was at a loss which way to go to get my car. A messenger boy came pelting around the corner; it was Mike. Very severely he eyed me and said: "Say, whot in 'ell youse doin' down 'ere dis time o' night? Dis aint no place fer a loidy, I'll take youse to yer car." I finally convinced Mike my being there was quite legitimate and that I was also very hungry. He agreed that since I had an escort it would be all right for us to stop for a bite in one of the little restaurants nearby, and while we munched our "sinkers" and coffee, he told me of the year that had passed since last we met. As nearly as I can reproduce a sort of expurgated version of Mike's story it ran like this:

"Sure! I hated to quit youse up der in de Pontiac; youse wuz a darn nice bunch and treated me white but my old woman got de rumatiz in her pegs crawlin over wet floors and chasin' home in de cold at night, so it wuz up to little Mike to git more jitneys. Day work ain't no good, office blokes don't jar loose wid a piece of mon fer de messenger kid. If ye want easy money ye got to work de night shift and hustle notes frum de married sports to de Lizzies down in de district. Say! toike it frum me, dem old tightwads what bawls out der own wives fer blowin' demselves fer a sundae will coff up a iron man fer the kid that totes American Beauties to his Lizzic. Gee! De Lizzies are white too, dey know what 'tis to be on de rocks, so dey will allers stake ye to a few coffin nails, sling a cocktail in yer to keep out de cold and slip ye a piece of mon. Me an' my old woman is on Easy Street now, we're gittin tree square feeds a day and de old woman's pegs is gittin' limbered up. I got a cinch! I aint tellin' many 'bout it, but youse and de Mister was white an' I'll put youse nixt. Ye know dat 'Harrison law'? It sure raised 'ell down ere in de district. Dope is 'bout all dey got to live fer down here an' when dey wuz shut off, 'ell was poppin. Gawd! 'It makes me sick to me stummick to tink uv it. But laws aint made ter stop folks doin' t'ings, it's jist ter make 'em coff up de coin and toike it frum little Mikey de pore devils down here is coffin' up some. I got next to a Doc wots on de job an' he writes de perscripts an I git 'em filled an' we are sure pullin' down de coin."

I remonstrated very earnestly with Mike, and tried to show him that he was breaking the law and would surely land in jail for peddling cocaine, but he only looked at me sorrowfully with his old, old eyes and said:

"Say, Missus, I know yer heart is all right, but yer headpiece is full uv mud. Folks like us aint got nuttin' to do wid yer law abidin' bunc; youse kin talk dat stuff to yer own kid, he's allers had a belly full uv grub, but when youse hev lived on wind puddin' most of yer life, yer goin' to git de eats. See!"

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Jimmie Flynn is a typical red-headed, freckle-faced ex-messenger boy who one time carried messages in Detroit, and who got in some sort of trouble and was placed in charge of a probation officer. Jimmie's mother is a widow and she had helped Jimmie hustle a living by making shirts in a shirt factory.

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cator." As the guide was showing us through the great office rooms, Jimmie's spotless neatness, shining face and air of heavy responsibilities gravely borne attracted our attention and I asked "What does that boy get?" The guide replied "Five dollars a day, he gets his profits." We then asked the guide if the Ford Company thought such a course wise and if there was not danger of the youngster being ruined by drawing such a wage before he knew how to spend it. Our guide simply laughed and said: "Don't worry about Jimmie; he is all right. I'll wager he has one of the cleanest

records of any man in the shop. You see he is the man of the house and supports his widowed mother, and I assure you his mother knows just where to put every one of Jimmie's \$30 a week, and no man in the plant displays his bank-book and boasts of his home with more pride than Jimmie."

As we walked from the room I turned for one more glance at the street urchin that had become a useful worker and a home maker before he was seventeen years old, and I knew that to his mother and the city of Detroit this bit of human salvage had a price beyond rubies.

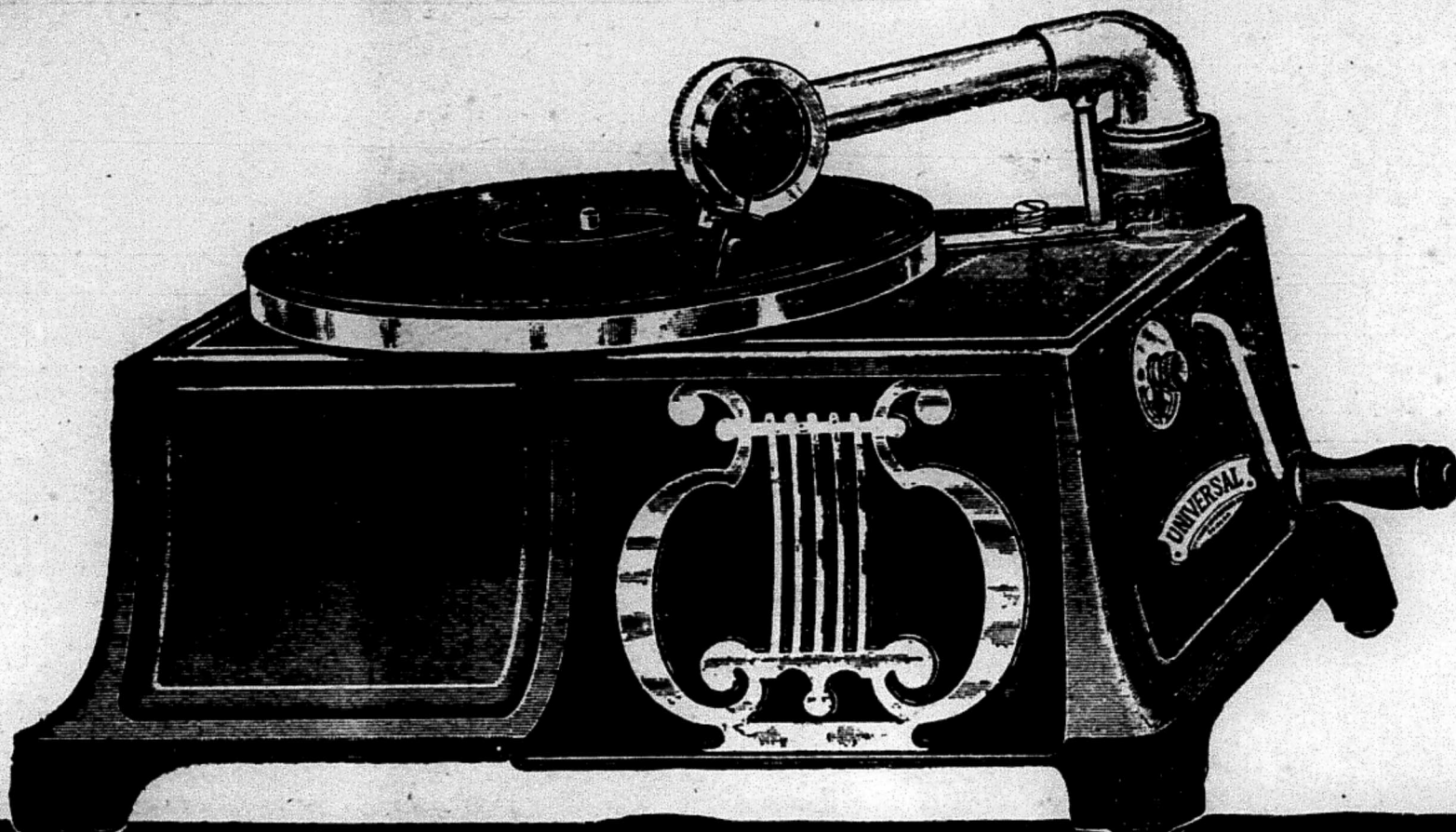
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Hiz Lettur

(W. S. Morgan)

Mister Editor: The time elapsin' between the writin' uv my last lettur and the writin' uv this one wuz full uv events—very full, espeshually enduring' uv the hollydays. I am jist a gittin' over the hollydays myself. I had a awful spell uv 'em. I commenced a taken uv 'em the day before Kristmus and kept a gittin' wurse until I got down in bed. The dokters put me on a limited diet and I am jist now a gittin' so I can taik a moderate drink of kold watter. I am a tellin' uv you this so that if the reeders uv the RIP-SAW detekt a tremblin' in my hand writin' they will know how week my voice iz. Uv korse you have hurd that Woodsaw iz

married. Not havin' bin invited tu the weddin' I aint got enny komments tu maik. Besides, what God and the president haz put together let no man pull a part, or kast a shadder over their lives. May all their trubbles be little ones, and not too menny uv them.

While the prezident wuz bizzy a gittin' married and a tryin' tu keep up hiz correspondence with the Kizer, John Bull, Fransis Joseff and uther royal disturbers uv the peece, I wuz appinted tu resseve a delegashun uv peece advokaters. I presided over the conference az prezident. They all thought I purformed the okkashun tu a gnat's heel. I coodent du utherwise; I furgot tu taik my kustomary amount uv red likker necessary on sich okkashuns and I didnt open my mouth tu say a wurd. I let 'em fite it out among themselves and I wuz dumfounded. The speeches were full uv edifying konglomerashun. I wuz kompletely buzz-fuzzed. The arguments were cyclonickly purcipitated and purferatingly purplexin'. Sumtimes eloquence had logick by the throte, and then logick wood grab eloquence by the hind laig and spank it till it wuz red in the face. Retorick and ridikule had 2 fites and a boxin' match. Once in a while satire wood cum in, shaik the whole thing up and maik a farce komedy uv it. Wunce I lost my balance and cum purty neert a fallin' off my chare. I kant remember all that wuz sed; if I cood I wood be in the loonytick asylum. But I kin repeat part uv it.

One old feller who had 2 wooden laigs and who wore a grey sute uv clothes and a skar on hiz cheek riz tu hiz feet, so tu speak, and sed: "Mr. Prezident, [that wuz me] I cum here in the

interest uv peece. I fought on the south side uv the Sivil War and lost 3 laigs and wuz utherwise shot up—".

"I rize tu a pint uv order," sed a little skrawney man over in the north-west korner uv the room, and sed he wuz a professer uv anatomy.

"Duz the chare understand that the gentleman wants tu order a pint?" sed I; "if so the chair [that's me] ain't got enny objectionshuns; but why not maik it a quart?"

"The Chair misunderstands me," sed the professor, "the gentleman who okkupize the floor haz staited that he lost 3 laigs a fightin' on the south side uv the Sivil war; if that iz troo the okkashun demands more than a pint or a quart tu presurve the equilibrium uv this assembly. I merely ask the gentleman tu explane."

"Shure," sed the battle-skared veteran who had fit on the south side uv the aforesed Sivil War, "one uv the laigs belonged tu my horse, and the horse belonged tu me."

The professor subsided tu hiz seet and the hereinbefore men-shuned veteran prosceeded with hiz speech.

"I'm agin war," hesed; "I want peece without havin' tu fite fur it. War iz too mortuary; I fought fur peece once and got shot into 3 peece, az you kin see. We air told tu luv our enemies; it iz better tu turn the uther cheek than tu have both laigs shot off or be kilt. A lite spankin', like our muthers use tu giv us when we wuz kids, iz better than a hail storm uv steel. They ask us tu fite tu save our homes and then steal our homes while we air fightin' tu save their bacon, and they call that patriotism. It iz a very interestin' game fur the rulin' classes. We du all the fightin' and them what ain't kilt cum home and go tu wurk tu pay all the bills inkurred and the rulin' class divides up the spoils. I've got enuff uv war. I'm goin' tu devote what iz left uv me tu sustainin' uv the peece and disarmin' the raskals." The old feller sot down and hiz speech wuz greeted with grait applaws.

Then another old man on the uther side uv the room riz tu hiz foot. He wore a soot uv bloo. He only had one laig and one arm and one uv hiz ears wuz a missin'. There wuz also a skar on hiz four-head that looked like a saber kut. He didnt wait fur surreymoney, but started rite off.

"I, too," he sed, "am a old ex-soljer; and I want you tu spell that 'EX' in big letters. I fought on the north side uv the Sivil War. I surved endurin' uv the war and wuz shot 4teen times. Once I wuz left on the battle feeld fur ded; but a wooman found me and had me taken tu the horspitable. The dokters kut off my laig; that's the kind uv peece that war brings. Then they tuk off my arm and sowed up the saber kut on my hed. I carry

4teen skars on my body and ten thousand horrible memories in my brain on akkount uv that fratrissyde and unnecessary struggle. I agree with the comrade who haz jist spoken. Mebby it wuz him who shot off my arm, and mebby it wuz me that shot off one or more uv hiz laigs. But that don't maik no difference; we didnt have ennything agin each uther then and aint now. Then what wuz we shootin' at each uther fur? Becoz sum dadgummed skoundril told us tu. On every shot we fired there wuz a profit fur the feller who maid the amminishun; on every shoo we wore out there wuz a profit fur the manufacturer uv the shoos. On the clothes we wore there wuz a profit fur the fellers who maid 'em. There wuz a profit on everything, besides the graft and uther stealin's. It wuz all paid fur in blud which drenched the ground uv the battlefeelds, but it wuzent the blud uv the fellers who got up the war. The peeples uv 2 nashuns have no more rite tu fite and kill each uther becoz one uv 'em happens tu skrouge a little, than haz 2 farmers when one's kow gits over the fense into the uther's korn-feeld. The law iz agin the farmers a fightin', and the law ort tu be agin the nashuns a fightin' jist the same." Then the old EX-soljer sot down and a wooman riz up and sed:

"Mister Chareman: I want tu know what you and the wurd think us wimmen air a raizin' uv boys fur? Iz it fur the sole purpose uv seein' uv 'em driven into a human slaughter pen and swallowed up in a hollykost uv deth belchin' forth frum the kannon's mouth that we do down into the dark valley uv the shaddow and bring forth innocents that air tu be sackrified tu the hellish lust fur gold and glory and power? Sir, I warn you now if that iz what we air a raizin' uv boys fur we aint a goin' tu du it; we'll quit, and then where will you git yoor men tu fite? There, now, put that in yoor pipe and smoke it." She sot down midst grate applaws.

It seemed tu me that that settled it. If the boy crop ran out there coodent be enny more war unless the wimmen wood fite, and I didnt think they wood; they have got too much sense. I wuz about tu cloze the meetin' by desidin' that the wimmen held the key tu the situashun when a feller who sed hiz name wuz Doopont riz tu hiz fete.

"My friends," he sed, "I, too, am fur peece. But you kant git it by argufyin' fur it. That haz bin demonstrated tu a tee-y-ty. You kant git it by prayin' fur it; the preechers have bin a tryin' their durndest tu du that, and nashuns have jined nashuns in their supplikashuns tu the Allmity fur a sessashun uf horstilities; but their prayers have been lost in transit or bin dumped in the waist basket, and the war goes on and

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A New Deal For Railroad Workers

By Eugene V. Debs

The eye-opening experience which the railway employees in the train service have had recently is having excellent results. They are no longer falling back on arbitration, but moving forward toward unity. It is high time. The several brotherhoods representing the employees in the train service have for years been the strongholds of craft unionism and not an inch would they budge from their narrow, selfish, outgrown attitude until they were hit so hard by the railroad corporations from without that they were threatened with mutiny from within if this attitude, which had been productive of nothing but humiliating defeat, was not abandoned and a more advanced position taken, expressing a larger unity, and giving promise of some measure of success.

Defeated utterly in the arbitration fiasco pulled off at Chicago which cost them over half a

million dollars, an arbitration controlled from start to finish by the railroads, the leaders found themselves compelled to do something to subdue the rising rebellion in their ranks and hence it was resolved to unite the employees in four of the unions in a movement demanding an eight hour day and time and a half for overtime. This movement was inaugurated in Chicago in December by the chief officials of these unions, but true to their craft union instincts and training, they have again gone about the matter in a way to give the corporations all the advantages and bring another crushing defeat upon their own members. First of all, they are giving the railroads three or four months' time to prepare for a strike, should a strike be ordered. This sort of strategy exactly suits the railroads. The brotherhoods virtually say to the railroads: "We are going to make a demand on you, but for fear that we may

have to strike to enforce it we hereby notify you that you are to have three months time to get ready to fill the places of the strikers and to defeat our strike."

In the next place, why is the Switchmen's union, the best little fighting organization in the bunch, excluded? What have the members of this union done to bar them? Have they ever scabbed on other unions? Never! Can the rest say as much for themselves?

But why not include all the railway employees in this movement for the eight-hour day instead of the train service men alone? Are the latter the only ones who desire the eight-hour day? The only ones entitled to it? If not, why are they not also included? Why is the line drawn so as to shut out three-quarters of the employees, thousands of whom, quite as deserving as the engine and train men, are working for far less wages and under far worse conditions?

A brief review of the record of these train service unions may be in order. P. M. Arthur who for almost a generation was the Grand Chief of the Brotherhood of Locomotive Engineers, wanted absolutely no alliance with any other labor union. His policy from first to last was, as repeatedly

expressed by himself, "Mind your own business!" This meant that the engineers were to get all they could for themselves and let all the rest go to the devil, and the railroad corporations shrewdly embraced the opportunity of playing the engineers against all the rest of the employees. All Arthur cared for was to get big wages for the engineers and incidentally a corresponding salary for himself, and the corporations, taking advantage of the mean

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Send cards at once for Kate O'Hare.—Max Fruchter, 23rd A. D., Brooklyn, N. Y.

Give us a Kate O'Hare date on the Texas trip.—W. I. Pool, Plainview, Texas.

We want Kate O'Hare back—give us a date.—J. I. Green, Dalhart, Texas.

Ann Arbor, Mich.—Our Debs meeting, January 17th, was a red letter day. We had to turn people away from the hall. It is needless for me to glorify Comrade Debs to those who know him as you do.—Ware Adams, Secretary Intercollegiate Socialist Society.

Bedford, Ind.—Drop by drop, the relentless logic of Debs slowly percolated through the hitherto hermetically sealed caskets of the non-socialists, and it was a joy to comrades who had labored so long and unceasingly against great obstacles to make the meeting a success, to gaze on the sea of appreciative faces drinking in every word that fell from the lips of the speaker. The meeting was the greatest success the party has ever had here.—F. G. W. Tozer.

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Send no money. Just your name and address on a postal card. Say "Dear Sam Katz: Please tell me how you stopped your catarrh and how I can stop mine." That's all you need to say. I will understand, and I will write to you with complete information, FREE, at once. Do not delay. Send the postal card or write me a letter to-day. Don't think of turning this page until you have asked for this wonderful treatment that it can do for you what it has done for me.

SAM KATZ, Suite N1033
2909 Indiana Ave. Chicago, Ill.

pay of the unorganized. In all its career this union never struck to help any other union, nor until recently ever so much as expressed a particle of sympathy with any other union out on strike.

P. M. Arthur was opposed to the firemen organizing and when they did organize in spite of him he gave them the cold shoulder and when their officials wrote to him appealing for recognition their letters went into his wastebasket and remained unanswered. His position was that the engineer was a skilled mechanic while the fireman was a common laborer; that the fireman must look to the engineer for what little he was entitled to in the way of consideration and that, finally, a highly paid skilled locomotive engineer could not afford to stand upon the same level with the common laborer and risk his far more valuable job in a strike or otherwise for inferior grades of workers. That was Grand Chief Arthur's doctrine and the policy that ruled his organization, and the writer has good reason to vividly remember both.

Here let it be said that I am in hearty accord with this latest movement of the railroad workers to establish the eight-hour day and to secure time and a half for overtime, and if a strike should ensue to secure these concessions, it goes without saying that I shall support it by all the means in my power. What I object to is the incompleteness of the movement and its unwise tactics in giving all the advantages to the corporations.

Since the newspapers have made announcement of this movement under scare-heads, such as "Great Rail Strike Threatened," "Railroad Traffic To Be Paralyzed," etc., I am advised upon what I believe to be good authority that the railroads are making quiet, but effective preparation to resist the demands of the employees and that the railroad managers have made up their minds to allow the brotherhoods to go out on a strike if they are so inclined. These officials are taking into consideration all the weak points in the armor of the train service employees. Some of these readily suggest themselves to my mind and I propose to set them down here for what they may be worth to the employees.

First of all, there is a large number of old engineers and conductors, amounting to a substantial element, that will never go out on strike, no matter what the majority may decide. They have good jobs and will stick to them. They have scabbed on each other in the past to hold their own jobs and they will do it again. When it comes to stepping from their engines and trains, look out for a considerable percentage of them to stay at their posts and bid farewell to their unions. Next, the utterly selfish policy of the railroad unions has not been calculated to win

to them the sympathy and support of other unions. They have "minded their own business" while other unions and even shop employees and others in the same service have been fighting for their lives and crushed and black-listed. They have hauled scabs all over a system again and again to fill the places of their own striking fellow-employees and if they are now to reap the harvest they have sown they can blame no one but themselves.

The Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen, the largest in this coterie of unions, has a record for scabbing that will not be lost sight of when the time comes for the final accounting. It was in 1892 that the high officials of this union in collusion with the general manager of the Chicago and Northwestern railway system had the 425 switchmen in the service of that company, members of the Switchmen's Mutual Aid Association, discharged in one fell swoop, the union utterly wiped from the system, and the places of its members filled with members of the Brotherhood of Railway Trainmen. Again and again have the switchmen brought the charge against the trainmen of scabbing on them, taking the places of their striking members, and attempting to annihilate their union, in all of which the B. of R. T. has had the faithful backing of the railroad companies, with whom it has ever been on the friendliest of terms.

In the Pullman strike of 1894, the chief officials of the engineers, firemen, conductors and train men co-operated actively with the general managers' association, representing the twenty-six railroads centering at Chicago, by scabbing on the American Railway Union, and filling the places of the strikers with so-called union men from their own ranks, and thousands of strikers whose places were then taken by the members of the unions that are now threatening to strike have not forgotten one of the principal causes of their defeat.

A high railroad official is reported to have said recently: "If they (meaning the brotherhood men in the train service) go out on their threatened strike they will get a dose of their own medicine." This official relies upon the thousands of railroad men who have been beaten out of their jobs as the result of the selfish policy of these craft unions to flock to the places vacated by the engineers, conductors, and other trainmen if they go out on strike. He was one of those officials who had been making the concessions to the train service unions to keep the rest of the employees at their mercy and defeat them in every strike, and now these once friendly railroad officials are chortling in gleeful anticipation of the opportunity of turning the weapon with which these craft unions furnished them against themselves.

Of course no true union man will ever scab, even though scabbed on a thousand times, but there is not a doubt that if the train service unions that have hitherto not only held aloof from the labor movement in general, but have been used by the railroad companies to break every strike of the other employees now go out on strike themselves, there will be no dearth of strike-breakers to step into their jobs, and it is this that the shrewd managers are now figuring on and therefore preparing to let the train service employees go out on their threatened strike.

These unions will do well to make their preparations accordingly. They can line up in a way, if they are so disposed, to launch a strike that will be absolutely unbreakable. They have but to make common cause with the whole body of workers in the railroad service. If they are all united and all go out together, if necessary, they can win hands down. If they strike alone they are taking the same chances to sustain a crushing defeat that they have been instrumental in inflicting upon the shop employees and others in past years.

Why not the shop employees, trackmen, telegraphers, clerks and other employees demand a place in this movement for the eight-hour day and time and a half for overtime? They are all equally entitled to it. Why not? What union man dare deny them?

If the shop employees, trackmen and others are wise they will realize that now is their opportunity. They will not wait to be invited. They are a part of the railroad family and just as necessary a part as the men in the train service. Without them no train would move and there would be no need of engineers and firemen, conductors and brakemen. They are now in position to command recognition, the recognition denied them all these years, and a place in the movement for a shorter work day and better conditions.

This is peculiarly a favorable time for a general movement of railroad workers. The railroads are waxing fat and prosperous and they can well afford to make the very reasonable concession of an eight-hour work day, the same as other industries, to the entire body of their employees without the reduction of a cent in their wage, and still pay millions to stock-holding parasites on watered investments.

Now is the time for the railroad workers to get together, TO FOOL THE RAILROADS FOR JUST ONCE, and make a united demand for a square deal for every man in the service.

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Used to Restore Tone, Elasticity and Strength to the Muscles

Here is great, good news for Rupture sufferers.

Perhaps you have almost given up hope of ever getting help.

Yet "Rupture can be treated with success," says Mr. Stuart, "when the method of treatment is scientific and in accord with good common sense."

Muscle-Crutches Useless

To successfully and permanently relieve this condition the treatment must restore the lost elasticity, tone and contractile strength to the weakened muscles. This a truss (call it by what name you will) can not be expected to do. On the contrary, the harmful pressure it exerts still further reduces the strength of the muscular tissues because it tends to retard the circulation of the blood.

Stop Using a Truss

If you should fall down and break your leg, you would not be satisfied to get a pair of crutches and use them to hobble around on for the rest of your life, without doing a thing for the fracture. Why, then, should a ruptured person resign himself to a lifetime of truss wearing, without doing anything for the weakened muscles, which are the real cause of the trouble?

Used for a Double Purpose

First: The primary and most important object of the PLAPAO-PADS is to keep constantly applied to the relaxed muscles, the medication called Plapao, which is contractive in nature, and taken together with the ingredients in the medicated mass, is intended to increase the circulation of the blood, thus reinvigorating the muscles and restoring them to their normal strength and elasticity. Then and not until then, can you expect the rupture to disappear.

Second: Being made self-adhesive, purposely to prevent the pad from shifting, they have therefore proven to be an important adjunct in retaining rupture that cannot be held by a truss.

Hundreds of people, old and young, have gone before an officer qualified to acknowledge oaths, and swore that the PLAPAO-PADS cured their ruptures—some of them most aggravated cases—and of long standing.

Continuous Night-and-Day Action

A striking feature of the Plapao-Pad Treatment is the comparatively short time it takes to get results.

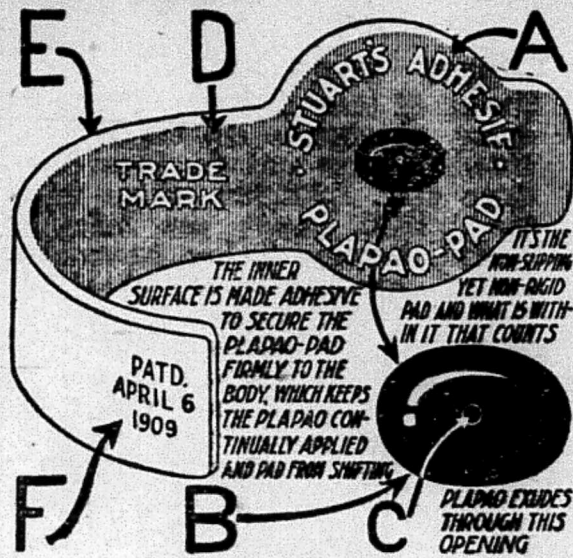
This is because the action is continuous—night and day, throughout the whole of the 24 hours.

There is no inconvenience, no discomfort, no pain. Yet, minute after minute—whilst you are going about your daily duties—even whilst you are sleeping—this wonderful remedy is invisibly infusing the abdominal muscles with the new life and strength they require to perform their rightful function of keeping the bowels in place without the artificial support of a truss or device of any kind.

The Plapao-Pad Explained

The principle upon which the PLAPAO-PAD works can be easily figured out by noting the illustration above, and reading the following explanation:

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"A" is the enlarged end of the PLAPAO-PAD, which overlies the atrophied and weakened muscles to keep them from giving away further.

"C" is the properly shaped Pad, to be applied in such a way that it blocks up the hernial orifice, and tends to prevent the contents of the abdomen from protruding. Within the Pad is a reservoir. In this reservoir there is placed a wonderful absorbent-astringent medication. As soon as this medication is warmed by the heat of the body it becomes soluble and escapes through the small opening marked "B" and is absorbed through the pores of the skin to strengthen the ruptured structures and weakened muscles.

"F" is the long end of the PLAPAO-PAD which is to be plastered over the hip bone—a part of the frame-work of the body, calculating to give the necessary solidity, and support to the PLAPAO-PAD.

Brings About These Benefits

Being successful in following this Treatment (as you can now prove for yourself free of charge) the results are wonderful.

The ruptured parts are sustained and held together.

The weak muscles recover their elasticity and strength.

The unsightly, painful and dangerous protrusions disappear.

That horrible "dragging down" sensation is banished, never to return.

You recover the vigor, vitality, energy and strength you have lost.

You look better, you feel better, and you are better in every way. Everyone's remarks upon your improved appearance. And relieved from the pain and discomfort of the rupture, and your dread of its consequences, your spirits rise, your health improves, you once more are able to enjoy life without fear of trouble.

Rupture Cured by the Plapao-Pads

which I send out means that you can throw away the painful truss altogether, as the PLAPAO-PADS are intended to cure rupture and not simply to hold it; but as they are made self-adhesive, and when adhering closely to the body slipping is impossible, therefore, they have proven to be an important adjunct in retaining rupture that cannot be held by a truss. NO STRAPS, BUCKLES OR SPRINGS attached—cannot slip, so cannot chafe or press against the pelvic bone. Soft as velvet—easy to apply—inexpensive. Process of recovery is natural, so afterwards no further use for trusses.

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Robert C. Newber, M.D.
 Editor—The "Therapeutic Record."

UPON THEIR OATH

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 (Signed) REV. JOHN MITCHELL.

State of MINNESOTA—ss.

This is to certify that Rev. John Mitchell personally appeared before me this 20th day of March, nineteen hundred and nine, and declares, under oath, that the statements in the above letter are true in every respect.

(Signed) G. D. SIGENDSON,
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Grateful Parent States Under Oath Regarding His Baby Boy Who

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"60 Days and Was Well."

Palmyra, Ark., February 19, 1911.

Plapao Laboratories, Inc.

St. Louis, Mo.

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We have never seen anything of the rupture, or anything wrong with him since. He is now a little over two years old, and a fine, healthy boy.

We are, of course, much pleased, and if my name is any good to you, use it.

Yours very truly,

(Signed) W. C. CONNER.

State of ARKANSAS—ss.

On this 4th day of March, 1911, before me personally appeared W. C. Conner, who executed the foregoing instrument and acknowledged that he executed the same as his free act and deed.

In testimony whereof, I have hereunto set my hand and affixed my official seal at my office in Rest, Ark., on the day and year written above.

(Signed) T. PRICE OWENS,
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Gratefully yours,

(Signed) S. A. FISH.

State of MASSACHUSETTS—ss.

This is to certify that Mr. S. A. Fish, personally appeared before me on this 15th day of March, in the year of our Lord, nineteen hundred and nine, and declares under oath that the statements made in the above letter are true in every respect and that he is still cured.

(Signed) WM. K. COLE,
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Sixty-six Years Old, and Declares Under Oath, "My Doctor Says I

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Yours truly,

(Signed) L. C. JONES.

State of WISCONSIN—ss.

This is to certify that Mr. L. C. Jones personally appeared before me on this 8th day of March, nineteen hundred and nine, and declares, under oath, that the statements made in the above letter are true in every respect.

(Signed) A. A. HELMS,
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Well, I didn't like that. I was afraid the horse wasn't "all right" and that I might have to whistle for my money if I once parted with it. So, I didn't buy the horse, although I wanted it badly. Now this set me thinking.

You see I make Washing Machines—the "1900 Gravity" Washer. And I said to myself, lots of people may think about my washing machine as I thought about the horse, and about the man who owned it.

But I'd never know, because they wouldn't write and tell me. You see I sell my washing machines by mail. I have sold over half a million that way.

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Now, I know what our "1900 Gravity" Washer will do. I know it will wash the clothes, without wearing or tearing them, in less than half the time they can be washed by hand or any other machine.

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It just drives soapy water clear through the fibres of the clothes like a force pump might.

So, said I to myself, I will do with my "1900 Gravity" Washer what I wanted the man to do with the horse. Only I won't wait for people to ask me. I'll offer first, and I'll make good the offer every time.

Let me send you a "1900 Gravity" Washer on a month's free trial. I'll pay the freight out of my own pocket, and if you don't want the machine after you've used it a month, I'll take it back and pay the freight, too. Surely that is fair enough, isn't it?

Doesn't it prove that the "1900 Gravity" Washer must be all that I say it is?

And you can pay me out of what it saves for you. It will save its whole cost in a few months, in wear and tear on the clothes alone. And then it will save 50 cents to 75 cents a week over that in wash-woman's wages. If you keep the machine after the month's trial, I'll let you pay for it out of what it saves you. If it saves you 60 cents a week, send me 50 cents a week 'till paid for. I'll take that cheerfully, and I'll wait for my money until the machine itself earns the balance.

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Kate Richards O'Hare

Cardinal O'Connell delivered an eulogy in St. John's Church, Peabody, Mass., after the frightful fire in the Parochial School there, in which he says: "The accident seems to have happened through the fault of no one."

"What can one say in the face of such things? You fathers and mothers know that what words fail to express, faith and hope make strong and clear. Search your Christian hearts, bring out today from that storehouse of confidence in God, in his all-seeing wisdom, His eternal Providence, the thoughts which in a moment like this must be your greatest strength, as they must also be the only answer to all your questions." Again: "Your little ones are with God. A moment and God has enfolded them in His loving arms, taken them home to Himself. . . . God's happiness claimed them for an eternity of bliss. Their sweet souls were unsullied: their innocence still angelic. In a moment of trial all the suffering of mortal life was over, and they were in the loving arms of their God—their Father; and not for all that earth contains would they now leave the heaven which they possess forever."

It seems to be one of the strangest kinks in human nature for people (particularly clergymen) to lay the blame for every catastrophe from war to syphilis on God.

The losses of Europe in the war up to May 31, as compiled by the French ministry of war, are as follows:

	Killed	Wounded	Prisoners
France	460,000	660,000	180,000
England	181,000	200,000	90,000
Belgium	49,000	49,000	15,000
Russia	1,250,000	1,680,000	850,000
Germany	1,630,000	1,880,000	490,000
Austria	1,610,000	1,865,000	910,000
Turkey	110,000	144,000	95,000

Totals 5,290,000 6,478,000 2,630,000
Grand total 14,398,000.

No human mind can grasp the horrors represented by these figures. Five and a quarter million slaughtered men means practically the same thing as if we sent out an army and killed every man, woman and child in the state of Illinois. Six and a half million more of wounded, mutilated, crippled men almost equal the total population of the state of Pennsylvania. The killed and crippled of this war number more than the combined population of all New England—Maine, New Hampshire, Vermont, Massachusetts, Rhode Island and Connecticut with the population of Delaware, New Jersey, Maryland and West Virginia thrown in. If you can imagine these ten populous states with everything in bloodsoaked wreck and ruin and with every human being, wounded, crippled or dead, you can have some conception of the horrors

of the European war. And every king, statesman, diplomat and practically every priest and preacher emphatically declare that "God did it."

Here is a little sidelight on the consequences following the "acts of God."

Salvarsan Supply Exhausted and "Red Plague" Victims in United States Will Die as Result of Lack of German Drug.

NEW YORK, Nov. 16.—Scores of men and women are dying, thousands are suffering untold agonies and the lives of more than 1,000,000 others in the United States are being racked, because it has become almost impossible to obtain salvarsan with which to battle virulent blood diseases.

These facts became known today when it was learned that negotiations have been begun by the state department in an effort to obtain from the allies permission for the shipment of salvarsan from Germany.

Several leading New York physicians describe the situation as frightful. They asked that their names be withheld for professional reasons, but declare the public should be awakened to the danger of widespread infection.

The British blockade has cut off the supply of salvarsan and neo-salvarsan (the newer form,) which comes to the United States only from Germany.

"Something must be done right away," said Dr. Paul Herzog, of a New York firm of importers, who have sole rights for handling the German product in the United States. "We have no more salvarsan or neo-salvarsan. There is none left in this country save a few ampoules still in the hands of some physicians."

On Dr. Herzog's desk was a stack of letters 18 inches high and several telegrams. They came from doctors and some from diseased victims themselves, begging for just a bit of salvarsan.

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A gruesome, sordid, revolting tale is it not, yet over every casket of every wretch who dies of syphilis some clergyman will declare "That God in His infinite wisdom removed the dear departed from our midst for reasons that our finite minds can not understand." "The Lord giveth and the Lord taketh away, blessed be the name of the Lord."

When we Socialists suggest that decent fire escapes, doors that swing outward or, better still, fireproof school buildings would have saved the lives of the children roasted in the school building at Peabody, Mass., we immediately become impious, irreligious and atheistic; when we insist that all the ghastly horrors of war are caused by the stupid, insensate greed and inefficiency of the capitalist system, the properly pious declare us to be blasphemers and heretics; when we seek to teach the world that the economic slavery of woman is responsible for prostitution and venereal disease, with one accord the "men of God" should that we are obscene, vile and licentious.

"GOD WILLS IT SO!"

Sure! blame it on poor God; He can't help Himself, and it so much easier to sit down and twiddle our thumbs and mumble "God's will be done," than it is to stand up like men and women, give God a square deal and rebuild society in a decent, sane, humane manner.

Tobe Spilkins

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will go on till the fools air all ded and the raskals who got it up will have tu du the fightin', if there iz enny fightin' dun, which in my opinyun they wont. Now the quickest way tu end the war iz tu let the fools kill each uther and then the raskals will subside. Then if there iz enuff sensible peepul left tu put the raskals down and out there wont be enny more wars, and if they don't du it there aint noboddy tu blaim but themselves. Now I am interested in the manufackture uv a furst class grade uv gun powder which iz warranted to projekt a shell or bullet from one tu 30 miles. I am shippin' this tu the war zone in very large quantities and it iz bein' ized effektivly tu bring about peece. Then there iz a legal faze tu this questshun," sed Mister Doopont, "that haz not bin men-shuned in its diskushin', and one that iz uv a very grave nature. Tu supply the demand fur this powder I have bilt large facktries and installed menny thousands uv dollars wurth uv masheenery. If peece iz established all over the world it wood stop the sail uv my powder and the bildings which I have bilt and the masheenery wood be rendered useless and this wood amount tu konfiskashun uv my property and that wood be unkonstitooshunal, and the supreme kort wood set aside enny sich ackshun and let the war go on. Az fur the wimmin stoppin' the baby boy industry and thus cuttin' off the supply uv soljers that wood be treezon, and a restraint

uv the trade uv the powder and gun makers, and I think we cood git out a injunkshun and stop 'em. Agin, if we shoold stop raizin' uv boys there wood be sich a overproduckshun uv gurls that we wood have tu establish poligymy by law and then there wood be fightin' shure enuff rite here at home."

When Mr. Doopont sot down there wuzent enny applaws. The wimmin looked at him purty hard but didnt say nuthin'. I wuz so bumfuzzled I didnt know what else tu du but request sum one tu maik a moshen tu adjurn. One uv the old soljers maid the moshen and the uther old soljer seekuned it and I pronounced the meetin' adjurned sign a die. I then slipped out the bak door and down tu a salune and tuk a liquid sustainer or 2.

Yours trooly,

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P. S. Jist az I wuz a signin' uv this lettur the male karrier cum in and handed me a lettur. It wuz frum my wife.

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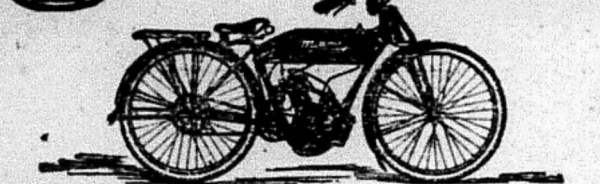
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Helen Keller on Preparedness

By Bruce Calvert

Carnegie Hall in New York City was packed to the doors to hear comrade Helen Keller, the wonderful blind and deaf girl, in many ways quite the most remarkable woman in the world, give out her warning message against the war madness now being fomented by the enemies of America. She made it perfectly plain who and where these enemies are. They are not in Germany, in England nor in France. They are right here amongst us, in Wall street; in the offices of the great munition factories; in congress; in the editorial chairs of lick-spittle newspapers, those hired lackeys of plutocracy who would plunge this nation into all the horrors of bloody war at the behest of their masters, the financial wolves who crack the whip over their servile heads.

To hear this inspired woman speak, this illuminated soul who has never heard human voice nor seen human face, who lives in the darkness and the silence, gives one a new faith in humanity and fills one even in the midst of the black clouds of danger hanging over us, with the hope that the race which could produce such a marvel of intelligence and clear thinking, such a superwoman as Helen Keller surely will not abandon all that the world has gained in the ages of civilization and all that we may rightly hope for in the future to turn back into the darkness and bloody regime of the past in order that the European investments of money mad exploiters of American labor may be protected!

The poor blind girl held that vast audience spell-bound at the wisdom of her thought, the beauty and power and vigor of her language and the irresistible logic of her argument. She made it quite clear that no enemy in all the world menaces us, but the enemies of democracy, the capitalistic highbinders of our own country. That preparedness for peace, that false slogan they are using to blind the American working men is and can be nothing else than preparation for war. That preparedness for peace does not consist of cannons, battle ships, torpedo boats, submarines, arsenals and great standing armies. That these things mean only one thing—war, red and bloody WAR! That peace preparations do not call for arms and munitions, but for the spiritual conception of peace in the hearts of the people; our good will towards all nations; the conscious rectitude of right thought, right word, right deed. These alone are the things that will insure the peace of the world. That preparations for peace will never be made in armor plants or munition factories. Peace means

universal brotherhood. There's no money in this, nothing in it for hungry capital. There is money—for the few who have our nation by the throat—in war, fabulous fortunes, but none in peace. Only the people profit by peace. Only the people lose all in war, no matter which side wins.

Helen showed that she is quite as well informed upon and quite as capable of judging the conditions of the war abroad as the editors who affect to commiserate her in her inability to get information direct. And she has above all, the attitude of intellectual honesty which none of her rabid newspaper critics possess. Here are other gems culled from her talk.

"To begin with, I have a word to say to my good friends, the editors and others who are moved to pity me. Some people are grieved because they imagine I am in the hands of unscrupulous persons who lead me astray and persuade me to espouse unpopular causes and make me the mouth-piece of their propaganda. Now, let it be understood, once for all, that I do not want their pity; I would not change places with one of them. I know what I am talking about. My sources of information are as good and reliable as anybody else's. I get newspapers and magazines regularly from Germany, England, France and Austria that I can read myself. Not all the editors I have met can do that. Quite a number of them have to take their French and German second hand. My magazines are printed in shorthand Braille for the blind. These journals are not censored because the censors cannot read with their fingers. I get the truth of the war in Europe. I know the people were stampeded into war by the hireling newspapers and hysteria leagues just as the same forces are now seeking to plunge us into the same horrors, for the same ends—greed, profits, blood money! "No, I will not disparage the editors. They are an overworked, misunderstood class. But let them remember that if I cannot see the fire at the end of their cigarettes, neither can they thread a needle in the dark.

"Yes, we are at the mercy of European and Asiatic enemies. We haven't a thing to protect us but the Atlantic Ocean on one side and the Pacific on the other! "If this war has proved one thing in warfare more than another it is the impossibility of transferring invading armies by ships. With full control of the Atlantic Ocean and the Mediterranean Sea the allies could not land enough men to defeat the Turks at Gallipoli. And then they failed again to land an army at

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One paper meanly prints an insinuation that Helen Keller is obsessed or hypnotized or under some kind of Svengali control—that she does not think for herself, and then proceeds in place of quoting a single word of the speech to devote a whole column to the claim that she is a very much overrated thinker and speaker.

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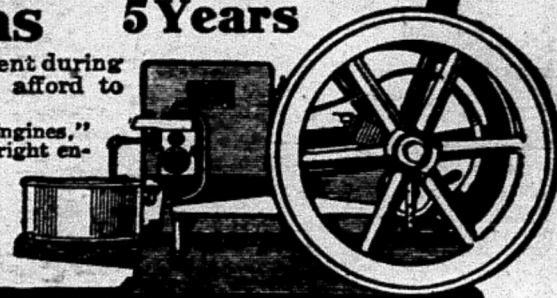
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Frederick Engels on the World War

(Translated from the New York Volkszeitung by Philip Egstein.)

What Frederick Engels thought about a future world-wide war is clearly shown in a part of the preface written by him in 1887 for a new edition of Borkheim's book, "Zur Erinnerung an die Deutsche Mordspatrioten" (A Memento for the German Jingo).

In this foreword Engels places the responsibility on the system of competitive armament, and declares this to be the factor which will finally bear fruit in making war inevitable.

The most remarkable passage written by Engels, almost thirty years ago, is, as follows:

"And finally, no other wars will be possible for Prussia (Germany) but a world war, a war so extensive and frightful as has been hitherto unthought of. Eight to ten million soldiers will murder one another and incidentally devour Europe as would a swarm of Locusts. The devastations of the thirty Years' War pressed together into three or four years and spread over the entire continent; famine, epidemics, a partial return to savagery on the part of the armies and the masses of the people, brought about by acute suffering; demoralization of trade, industry and credit, ending in general bankruptcy! An absolute impossibility to predict how it all will end and who will be the victor. One thing is absolutely certain, general exhaustion, and the bringing about of the condition which will be necessary for the final victory of the working class!

"This is what must be looked forward to when the system of competitive armament will have borne its inevitable fruits. To this pass, princes and statesmen, you have brought Europe, and if nothing else is left to you but to start the last great war dance, we may as well be satisfied with it. The war may, perhaps, force us into the background for the moment; may even take from us many a position we had conquered, but if you lose the forces which you are afterwards unable to control, things might as well go as they will."

Karl Kautsky makes the following comment on the above in a recent issue of the Neu Zeit:

"This is what Engels thought in 1887 about the coming world war. When the war finally broke out, many people derided the Marxian prophecies, for the reason that the beginning of the war did not bring about a general smashup and revolution. The views developed by Engels three decades ago have since been those of most Marxists. They did not expect an increased bitterness of the class struggle and greater social antagonism at the beginning of the war, but, rather, as its necessary consequence. Whether they were in error, only the future can show. We have always expected that we might be pushed into the background momentarily, while the war is on. There is no reason to be discouraged."

—N. Y. CALL.

Llano del Rio Co-operative Community

A group of California Socialists with the spirit of true and fearless pioneers in modern thought and action have made such a remarkable demonstration of the practicability of co-operative effort that the world is taking notice. This has been achieved in the brief space of a year and a half since the Llano del Rio Co-operative Community was established. The colony, which is located in the Antelope Valley, Los Angeles County, was founded by Job Harriman in the spring of 1914, and so rapid has been its growth that there are now about seven hundred persons living in the new town of Llano, and thousands are making their plans to go there.

Job Harriman, who is president of the company, has been prominent in the Socialist movement in America for twenty-five years. He was one of those who lead in the organization of the Socialist Party in its present form. He was, for many years, a member of the National Executive Committee. Harriman was the party's candidate for vice president, and made a strong campaign with Comrade Debs.

In 1910, Harriman was the Socialist candidate for Mayor of Los Angeles, and it is admitted that nothing short of the social cataclysm—the McNamara plea of "guilty," a few days before election—prevented the victory of the entire ticket which he headed.

Associated with Harriman in the Llano del Rio Co-operative enterprise are some of the men who have been close to him in the Socialist Movement for years. Among them is Frank E. Wolfe, vice-president of the company, who was a member of the National

Committee, twice "runner up" as candidate for city council of Los Angeles, first editor of the California Social-Democrat, and present editor of the Western Comrade. There are in the colony, scores of other comrades who, for years, have been on the firing line.

When Job Harriman first started in the enterprise, a number of the most active California Socialists rallied to this call. The marvels they have wrought during the brief period since the colony was first started has shown a marked progress that had only been hoped for in five years.

The plan of the colony is to establish a city of 10,000 inhabitants in this wonderful valley, which is situated in Los Angeles County. Here the colonists will cultivate thousands of acres of most fertile soil, bountifully supplied with water from the nearby mountains. They are clearing great tracts of land by the use of large tractors; levelling and planting hundreds of acres in alfalfa and grains; setting out hundreds of acres in orchards. Miles of irrigation ditches have been constructed; conservation and diversion dams have been built in the creeks. They have built substantial stone dairy buildings, an immense silo and in less than a year, were producing 70 per cent of their own food.

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well under way. There is a complete planing mill in operation; a machine shop with lathes, drill presses, shaper, planer and other appliances. There is also a steam laundry in operation. The colony also owns a number of automobiles and auto trucks.

There is a quantity of other machinery that will be set up as soon as additional power supply is available. A large, modern sawmill is on the ground. A tannery is being established and the colony shoe factory is expected to be in operation by spring.

The colony owns a complete printing plant and plans are made to do an extensive publishing business. Among other plans which are taking form are a glove factory, knitting mills, carpet weaving plant, photo engraving plant, motion picture production studio and a number of other enterprises.

Members of the colony cover almost every trade, occupation and profession. They are from nearly every state; from Alaska, Cuba, Porto Rico, Panama and other parts of the world. There are several nationalities, but the large majority are native born.

During the past few months, a number of northwestern pioneer farmers have joined the community. These men and women are considered valuable acquisitions, as they laugh heartily at

each week and the children are given full sway at their own dances.

Llano has a large and thriving Socialist local, a woman's club, a parent-teacher association, an arts and crafts club and other organizations. There are musical, artistic and singing groups—for Llano has brought back the "singing man." The music master has sixty pupils on various instruments. All instructions free.

The colonists plan to extend their land holdings, develop still greater water resources, increase their splendid dairy herd, enlarge their poultry department to 30,000 birds, expand the rabbitry and fur department, also the trout hatchery, establish industries and build their permanent city on the new site.

The plans contemplate 1000 full memberships. Of these nearly 900 have been sold and the remainder is expected to be allotted within sixty days. There are several hundred "absent members." These are paying for their memberships on an installment basis.

The founders of the community have held closely to their original plans to operate as a corporation under the laws of California. These laws are most rigid and they demand a strict accounting. This is considered a strong safeguard for the members of the colony.

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inconveniences that city bred mechanics have looked on as hardships. There is no unemployed at Llano. Every member of the community has continuous employment at whatever work he or she is best fitted to do. There is no wage scale for members; all receive the same wage, \$4 a day. There is a minor's scale that ranges from twenty-five to thirty-seven and one-half cents an hour. There is employment for all the young people who wish to work outside of school hours.

There are no saloons, gambling houses or other evil resorts, no policemen, courts or jails. There are no restrictions and no one is asked about his religion.

Educational features are emphasized. When the population of Llano was 600, there were 260 persons enrolled in schools and lecture courses. These ranged from the two-year-olds in the Montessori school to the 60-year olds in the lecture courses, or night school.

The Montessori school is the second one established in the west. It is under the direction of Prudence Stokes Brown, who has had many years experience in kindergarten work before she took special training under the personal supervision of Dr. Montessori, the founder of the system. There are about sixty children in this institution. There are four teachers in the grammar schools, three in the Montessori and two in the high school. In addition, there are six volunteer teachers in the night schools.

Social life at the colony is delightful. There are three dramatic organizations. All entertainments and amusements are free. There are two regular dances

The aim has been to proceed along the most practical business lines in the management. The visionary line is in the plans for the future beautiful city where there shall be no want.

There is no attempt to depict Llano as a tailor-made heaven. It is a settlement of bold, strong hearted comrades who have found their life work in a place where there is no exploiter; where they can make their homes in a delightful climate among congenial companions; where the children are the first care of all; where the joy of life may find its fullest expression; where all can live with hope and without fear. It is not a full blown Socialist commonwealth. Rather it is a demonstration of the power of co-operation which may show the world the way to happiness through collective effort.

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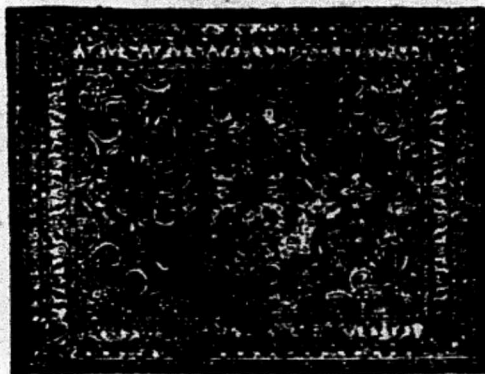
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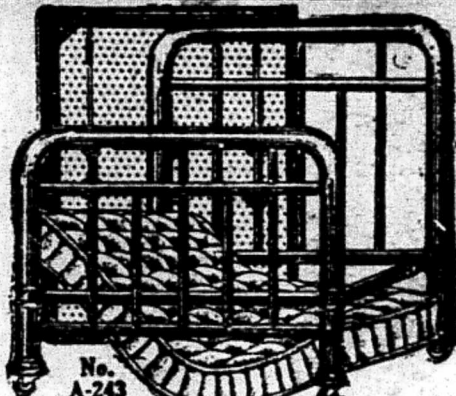
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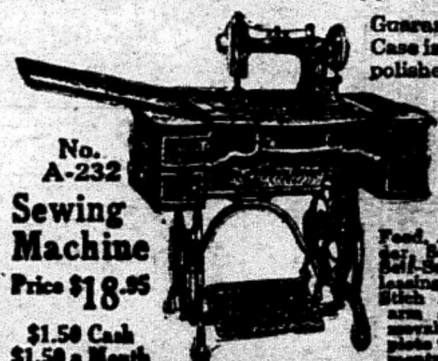
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