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Meliten v. Ously

The Socialists have for years contended that the system under which we are living is topsy-turvy and upside down and we have presented many fundamental reasons to prove our contention. But also for the immutability of the law, he is prone to hang to the tail of the tail. The average man has a static condition of the mind because our fathers fought wars for us right in Europe and then again because our fathers raised cotton we raise cotton in Texas and the south.

Occasionally a man steps in the cotton row and asks this question: "If we raise a 16,000,000 bale crop we are poverty-stricken, and if we raise a 10,000,000-bale crop we are prosperous." In other words, the more we produce the worse off we are.

The situation becomes more fogged when Professor Ously, of the A. & M. college stands for the cotton and at the same time he contends that the evil effects of producing too much wealth be alleviated by cutting the crop in half if necessary.

It is also for him, standing as he does as a Bailey politician, for the maintenance of this system, he is compelled to overlook the fact that the ignorant farmers, called landlords, demand a crop of cotton and inasmuch as the vast majority of the agricultural workers of Texas are renters, they must plant cotton or lose the places on which they have lived one year and then go down the tin can route.

It may be that The Rebel can throw a little light on this situation:

Mr. Landlord, which is now selling at \$1.25 in Chicago and Kansas City. The British government has ordered that 50 per cent of all cottons shall consist of grain. The British nation of Europe are going to keep on this fight for two years more, and even then they will be so exhausted that grain will be in still further demand.

Having taken these facts in your head, Mr. Landlord, consider this and in saying this I am appealing to the only God you possess — your pocket book.

From now on, this year and next year, don't compel your white pony to plant more than 30 per cent of the acreage on cotton. Raise grain and then I want to know how your renters will raise hell with you.

This is why: If you raise grain three people can work an acre where 15 work an acre of cotton. You will make money on the grain crop, but you will make tens of thousands of wheat tramps because of the above proportion. If you don't raise the grain and raise 10,000,000-bale crop then you will face you money the fact that cotton is the "dope crop."

What to do then? And here is where the candidate for governor E. R. Meliten, and Prof. Ously, of the University of Texas, and the Socialists say: "Let us have a state of free-holders, that can because of the ownership of the land, thoroughly diversify their crops and live at home. Give us anything for their needs, and through a system of rural credit they will demolish the banker monopoly."

NATIONAL HONOR!!

In Oklahoma.

President Wilson and his bride have made a ten day trip to New York and the middle west by speaking for preparation.

Preparation against what? Against Mexico? No, because in its distracted state it cannot take care of one of our own states. Against Japan? No, because Japan has her hands full. Against Germany? No, because she is now and will for years to come be engaged in a death grapple with her hereditary enemies. With England? No, because English capital would never allow the brazen threat of her cannons to menace the industries of this nation which she largely owns through blood, marriage and commercial opportunities.

What shall we prepare against? Let us see:

Less than 15 per cent of the people profit by the present system. The other 85 per cent will change it as soon as they learn the facts.

One per cent of the families receive as much income as another 50 per cent. The one per cent are the idlers. The 50 per cent are the workers.

There are 12,000 millionaires and 3,000,000 paupers in the United States.

The few have so much they cannot spend it. The many have so little they cannot live.

The income from possession is greater than the income from production. The more the workers produce the more the idle possessors absorb.

According to government figures 70 citizens of the United States together own \$100,000,000 and 30 others are worth among them not less than \$450,000,000.

According to another reckoning 10 persons in this country possess an average of \$100,000,000 each, and 100 others are persons as an average of \$25,000,000. This makes a total of \$3,500,000,000 for the 110 wealthiest individuals.

And even at the present time about 12,000 millionaires in the United States. Two thousand of them are found in the city of New York. There are 300 in Boston, 300 in Philadelphia and 75 in New York. In three villages near New York City dwell 25 men whose aggregate wealth is at least \$500,000,000. John D. Rockefeller is worth at least \$600,000,000 all by himself.

The situation of affairs as regards income in this country is many ways remarkable. For example, inquiry discloses the fact that 10 per cent of American families enjoy a total income equal to the total income of the remaining 90 per cent of the population.

Also it is discovered, on looking the matter up, that 1 per cent of our families receive nearly one-fourth of the entire income of the nation. Such being the case it is not surprising to learn that one-half of the people in the United States get only one-fifth of the total national income.

It is discouraging perhaps to find that one-eighth of the families of the United States receive more than one-half of the whole national income. But what shall we say when we are informed that the richest one per cent of our people than the poorest 50 per cent? Which means, of course, that the total product of the property and labor of 50,000,000 of people is taken for the support of 1,000,000 persons who dwell in luxury.

And with all this in front of us we might ask what national honor have we got, anyhow. Where does our honor show anyway when a cheap Shoney who is a dunder to the law is named national honor?

CUT THE "BUNK".

After fifty years of capital-ist rule in Texas 250,000 families amounting to 1,500,000 souls that may at present be ordered out on the public road without a place to shelter them except a wagon seat, and if 60,000 heads of families are held under mortgages that in the nature of things they cannot pay, and if the vast majority of workers in the cities of San Antonio, Fort Worth, Dallas, Waco, Austin and Houston, are getting palpitation of the heart on the first of each month for fear that they will be thrown on the sidewalk that the native landlord demand why we worry about German troops landing at New York or the Japs landing at Frisco?

Could the Japs or the Germans put us in a worse shape than we are in? Cut all bluff, balderdash and 'bunk and answer this question: "What is the matter with us?"

Isn't it a fact that the American working class has been the most unmercifully exploited working class in all the nations since the first of each month for fear that they will be thrown on the sidewalk that the native landlord demand why we worry about German troops landing at New York or the Japs landing at Frisco?

U. S. SENATORSHIP.

Hallettsville local Socialist party nominated T. A. Hickry for United States senator recently. The statewide press got hold of the fact and stated that "T. A. Hickry announced himself for United States senator" which is not correct as the party regulations forbid any man from announcing for office. However, Comrade Hickry has decided to accept the nomination of his local.

Simon Okagbeni, elected United States Senator from Colorado after he and John D. Rockefeller, Jr., have conspired to destroy life and property and pull down the United States flag at Denver and did so successfully.

What honor have we to show when in Texas after 50 years of Democratic rule a domain larger than Germany is locked up and three-fourths of her people are on the ragged edge of starvation and on the verge of revolt as a result.

What honor do we possess when we allow the bankers of the nation to take in twenty each year an amount equal in value to our two greatest staples, cotton and wheat?

What honor do we possess when our statehood reveals itself in such a light that 96 per cent of the citizens of the metropolis are homeless, 12,000 millionaires dwell in luxury and one per cent of our family receive one-fourth of the income of the nation.

The Rebel says, to hell with the "honor" that produces such national dishonor, Bats with its recipients. We should be "prowled" no doubt, but let us be prepared from within. The foe of our nation does not let across the Pacific or the Atlantic. Our foe is on the banks of the Potomac and the shores of the Hudson. We have felt his iron heel in West Virginia, in Illinois, in Colorado and California. He has grabbed our lands, our waterfalls, our most treasured resources. He is the Enemy Within. He knows no law. He is a predatory rascal and his skin is only good for the skinning. The word "honor" is unknown in his rotten heart and yet he owns our nation. I repeat he must be destroyed.

Why should we fight for his grant? As T. A. said: "God knows," but I know this and I say it bluntly, as editor of the Rebel, while I am within the landmarks are if I am ever ordered to the front I will use my rifle not on the enemy from across the waters but upon the skulking, whelping hounds like Rockefeller, Sr., and Jr., Morgan and other of the canine within.

National honor! How can a nation possess national honor that allows a few of its citizens to use the necessities of that nation to the everlasting detriment of the masses of the people?

What honor has England possessed when she unmercifully exploited Ireland and her ruling class debauched her own people to the point where, dwarfed and stunted in physique, mind and morals they have sunk so low that the military standards have sunk with in the past three generations from 5 feet 8 to 5 feet 2!

What honor has Germany whose plighted word signed and sealed is torn up as a scrap of paper? They have as much honor as the principal owners of this country had when they sold their private yachts to the government during the Spanish-American war at ten times their value and then bought them back at one-twentieth their value when the frame was over!

In the nature of things no nation possesses honor as long as the vast majority of its citizens are compelled to pay tribute to the owners of national necessities.

Rest, interest and profit must go, and then we can truly boast of National Honor because we have laid the basis therefor.

SEES THE LIGHT.

Mophilus Tex., Feb. 6.

The Rebel, Hallettsville, Texas.

Dear Sirs—

I send you check for \$1.00 and ask you to send Rebel to four towns in different parts of Texas. Am well pleased with The Rebel which I have read at different times. I would like to suggest that you preach long and loud about the way the Democrats did on the cotton question in 1911. I voted the ticket for over 30 years but the Democrats' action in that year disgusted me with the party. I don't think now, I shall ever vote with them again.

Yours truly,

A. C. Sanders.

MORE FRONAGE.

N. J. Ingram writes: "This year there are a lot of farmers in Navarro county (Tex.) who could not rent places. They hunted around and rented shacks to live in. There are a lot of big men in this county who lease the land and are running it with negro labor and at the same time are running schools and churches. Some are renting heavy tracts and are going to work them with day labor, or field hands."

May God Almighty, the Socialist party, and the Land League help the poor people of the South and then they may help themselves.

The landlord-owner general of Oklahoma has called a special session of the Oklahoma legislature to meet in Oklahoma City this month. The purpose of this session is to disfranchise the rebellious renters of the state who number 110,000 heads of families with 75,000 mortgaged farmers behind them that together rolled up a Socialist vote of 20,000 in the last election and threaten to carry the state at the next election.

The parasites of the state who know their graft, palaces, coaches and all that goes therewith have decided to prevent the workers from achieving political power by disfranchising them and already in the flurry of carpeted offices of the state legislature of Oklahoma the bills have been typewritten that will provide for a law that will demand:

1st. Registration by which voters will be compelled to disclose their politics to an inspector appointed by the machine.

2nd. A reading and writing test.

3rd. A cumulative poll tax law.

4th. A property qualification law.

Pat Nagle, editor of the Ten-ant Farmer, points out that these are the instruments that will be used to disfranchise the "poor white" trash of the South. Watch your representative and senators and see how they vote The Rebel says to Oklahoma readers.

The moral of all this is simply the courthouse parasites in Texas Oklahoma and in fact in the ten south are thoroughly organized and interlocked for gain. They now live upon the fish and bowl of the men, women and children who toil in the fields outside the courthouse squares. They are wealthy and live in the suburbs and they are the Democracy party. We should be prepared against them. They are far more dangerous to our lives and liberties than a million of the Austrians and Turks within our borders with swords and shotguns guns in their hands.

Inter-linked Parasites in the electric light towns must go. Such is the object of the Socialist party of the South.

The Democratic party of Texas is in a hot water seeking to explain away the high taxes. The excuse advanced is that Ferguson wanted to get the state on a "cash basis," and that next year the taxes would be lower. With such a penitentiary deficit, and with the schools running on shorter terms than ever and the teachers still having to discontinue their vicious and vicious rates, that "cash basis" appears a bit elusive as elusive as the promise of "lower taxes" next year. The only cash basis is the payment of official salaries. Better vote for a CLEAN SWEEP of those grafters and be done with it.

Cheap advice that changes with every new year, to the starving farmers of the south, on what to plant and how to plant it, and when to plant it, and the like, is the only thing the Democratic party can give them and ever worse off they get. Wake up.

